

SCA INSIGHTS

STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING GREAT NEIGHBORS IN A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

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2015 SCA SURVEY

COMMUNICATIONS
REPORT
BY
KATHLEEN HAUSSMAN

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT OUR RECENT QUARTERLY ASSOCIATION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11TH - THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CAME OUT!

IN MY REPORT I MENTIONED THAT WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CREATING THE 2015 SCA SURVEY AND PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE IT SOMETIME NEXT MONTH. I ASK EACH OF YOU AS RESIDENTS, TO PLEASE; TAKE THE TIME TO READ AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY - WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU, WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU AND WHAT CHANGES YOU WANT TO SEE MADE. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO US AS A BOARD TO HEAR FROM YOU!

AS IN THE PAST, THE SURVEY WILL BE SENT TO YOU ELECTRONICALLY.

COVENANTS

Submitted by
Patricia Vasys

Corner

As we prepare to say farewell to Winter and welcome Spring, it is important that we all begin planning maintenance needs for our homes and property. The Stonebridge covenants were established to ensure that homes reflect the standards of the upscale community for which we are part of. As the snow thaws, let's take some time to take a critical look at our properties:

1. Do we have plans to ensure our landscaping is maintained? When one yard in the neighborhood is not maintained, it makes the entire neighborhood look bad. Additionally, it causes weeds to spread from one yard to the other. Lets make sure we have plans for weed remediation, fertilizing, grass mowing, weeding and edging in place for this spring and summer.
2. Do our decks need repairs and/or re-staining? Is our back deck an eye sore from the golf course?
3. Does the exterior of our home need repairs? Painting, tuck pointing, DryVit repairs etc.?
4. Do our mailboxes need to be repaired or replaced?

To report violations, please email Jeanette Catellier at jcatellier@vanguardcommunity.com.

MARCH 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 15** - Basketball Hoops Allowed
Apr 15 - Board Workshop 6:30pm
May 15 - Deadline for Homeowners Classified Ads for June Issue of *Insights*
May 16 - Garage Sale
May 20 - Board Workshop 6pm and Neighborhood Rep Meeting 7:30pm



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Spring Crime Prevention Tips



Hopefully Spring isn't too far off. I'm sure you're tired of the cold like most everyone. So with Spring approaching it's a good time to review safety and crime prevention tips for the summer.

- Keep doors locked at all times. If you are working in the back yard, keep your front door and garage door closed and locked; and lock your back door when you are in the front yard.
- Always lock your doors when you leave, even if you only plan to be gone for a few minutes.
- During the spring weather, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and sliding doors when you go to bed or leave the house. Make a checklist and do it every time.
- Install motion-activated lights in your front and back yards, so when someone approaches your home, the lights automatically come on, illuminating that person.
- Put all ladders and other tools back into your garage after you use them. Ladders and other tools can be used by criminals to access your home.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman who shows up at your door unannounced, do not do business with that person. Our city requires solicitors to register and have a city permit. Ask to see it.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. Call their company for verification. Bad guys sometimes dress up like utility workers and no one pays attention to them.
- In warm weather months personal property thefts increase; there is a tendency to leave items, such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, weed eaters, and other yard tools and toys lying around in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property in your garage; it doesn't take long for someone to ride by and quickly take your property. An open garage door can be inviting, keep them closed **even when you're at home.**
- Always remember to roll up your car windows, take any valuables out of your car, and lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway. Clean out and park in your garage. It's safer for you and your car.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can identify activity that is not "normal" to their neighborhoods and alert the Aurora Police 911 or 630-256-5000 the non-emergency number.

THE MOD SQUAD REPORT

By Robert Gonzales

Can you believe that Spring is almost here? Well, with it comes the start of all those home improvement projects that have been planned over the winter months. Painting and planting projects are just waiting to get started. An essential part of that planning is submitting your modification requests for review and approval by the SCA. Our management company, in conjunction with the Modification Committee, is committed to getting your requests reviewed and approved as quickly as possible.

When beginning to plan those modifications, homeowners should review the information about modifications on the SCA Website www.stonebridge-sca.com where the information can be found on the links under Modification Docs and CCRs.

Homeowners are also reminded to make sure you obtain proper building permits for work performed on your home. The responsibility for obtaining a permit is the homeowner's. Please double check with the City of Aurora to verify the need for any permits or business licenses your contractor may be required to have. An approval from the SCA is not a substitute for obtaining a proper building permit from the City of Aurora. More information on building permits can be gotten by calling the Building and Permits office at 630-256-3130 or found at the city's Website at: http://www.aurorail.org/development_services/building_permits/permits.php.

As contractors begin their work, they often will want to place a sign on the homeowner's property advertising their business. Please do not allow them to do so. Contractors are not permitted to place signs advertising their activities or business on any property within the Stonebridge

community. Please remind your contractor that the best advertising is "word of mouth" or advertising their services in this newsletter.

While your Modification Committee's members make every effort to review and respond to your requests quickly, we remind you to submit your requests as early as possible in advance of the date you want to begin your project. This will allow time for committee members to review requests and follow up with you should additional information be needed. When submitting modification forms, please include all of the needed information, including drawings, material lists, color samples and your contact information. Don't forget to get approvals from your sub-association if your neighborhood has one. We will not be able to approve any project missing one or more of these items. Having this information all together at one time will help move the review process along much more quickly.

Homeowners are reminded that all modification requests should be submitted directly to Associa Chicagoland, the property management company. Submissions can be made in person, via fax or by email. Once Associa Chicagoland has received the submission, they will forward it onto the committee for review and action. Typically, modification requests are in the hands of committee members in 2 to 3 business days after being received by the management company. Once assigned, a committee member will review the application and be in



contact with the homeowner about the project. Most projects are reviewed and responded to in only a few days. A few items to keep in mind when planning your project:

- No materials, equipment, dumpsters, porta-potties, supplies, etc. may be placed on or stored on the sidewalk, on the area between the sidewalk and the street curb (including on the section of driveway), nor on the street. The contractor must utilize the resident's driveway or private property for storage of materials, supplies and equipment, and any required staging areas, etc. Please do not allow the contractor to place materials in the street or on the area between the sidewalk and the street.

- All work must be carried out so that dust and waste materials are contained and then removed from the property and are not a nuisance to either the property owner or their neighbors.

- If a neighbor's property has to be utilized for access, the neighbor must be contacted and agreement obtained. It is highly recommended that any such agreement be made in writing.

- At completion, all property must be immediately restored to its original condition, including irrigation systems and turf.

SEMI-ANNUAL STONEBRIDGE GARAGE SALE

The semi-annual Stonebridge Garage Sale will take place this coming year on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Again this year there will be a neighbors-only, unadvertised sale on the preceding Friday, May 15th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, May 17 (8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.)

Please take this time to rid your basements, closets, attics and garages of unused items. For those new to the community and as a reminder, this is the only garage sale signage permitted in Stonebridge.

The Stonebridge Community Association covers the advertising expenses for the annual garage sale. As in the past, ads will be placed in the local newspapers to promote the event and signs will be placed at the entrances to the community on the day of the event. Participating homeowners are asked to attach a balloon(s) to their mailbox the day of the sale to identify your household as participating in the sale.



Keeping Stonebridge Beautiful!

This Winter has been mild compared to last year, and I am sure everyone can appreciate that! Hopefully our newly renovated entrances will survive better than the harsh polar vortex of 2013-2014.

During the summer of 2014, the Grounds Committee completed a long list of preventative maintenance items. Some of these include the repair and/or replacement of all fencing as well as epoxy painting of the fences. Every entry monument was tuck pointed to protect the brick work. Additionally, all of the limestone was sanded and sealed to enhance their lifespan. Ten neighborhood entrances received completely new landscape and hardscape products.

Much to our disappointment, over 100 trees were removed due to the Ash Borer, age or drought from the 2012-2013 seasons. We continue to monitor our trees and work with our vendor Bartlett Tree Service to control pests and fertilize our trees properly. We understand our trees are one of most valuable assets in the SCA!

2015 has started off with a blizzard, but hopefully Spring is right around the corner. The Grounds Committee plans to renovate approximately ten monument entrances this summer season, so be on the look out!

Hopefully our residents are satisfied with the appearance of our community as it is my pleasure to volunteer my time.



The President's Street

By Michael Schroeck

The past few months have been very busy for the SCA Board as we have successfully closed the books on 2014 and are finalizing and executing our plans for 2015.

In summary, through the efforts of the entire Board, working closely with Associa Chicagoland and our vendors/suppliers, I am pleased to report that we finished the year with an operating surplus of \$59,168 that will be transferred to our Reserve Account. At the same time, as reported throughout 2014, the Board authorized \$106,588 in additional capital expenditures for projects such as repairing the monuments, completion of the remaining entrances, etc. as we continue to invest in long-term improvements to extend the life of our assets and improve the beauty and quality of our community. (See Paul and Roy's articles to read more about our finances and landscaping, respectively).

A few days ago, I was with one of our residents and he said, "Mike, I read *Insights*, so I know that everything seems to be going very well for our community, but as the new President, what do you worry about?"

First, he was correct; things continue to progress very well for our community thanks to the hard work of our Board, Associa Chicagoland, our vendors/partners and the residents. At the same time, his question did cause me to step back and think and so here are a few things that I worry about relative to the SCA.

• **The age of our community.** Stonebridge recently celebrated it's 25th

anniversary. While there is much to celebrate and most of our homes are in excellent condition, the fact is that our houses and common areas are going to need more attention and investment to maintain the high quality standards associated with Stonebridge. Also, some of our assets (e.g. irrigation system, monuments, pavers, trees, etc.) are aging. We have already refurbished and/or replaced some of these, but others will require additional investments in the future.

• **Many new residents.** Over the past few years, we have added many new residents to our Stonebridge family. This has been wonderful as we continue to improve the diversity of our neighborhood. At the same time, we are losing some of the original homeowners, as they retire and move to warmer locations and/or downsize. These "early Stonebridge settlers" were instrumental in establishing the culture and high quality standards that we see throughout Stonebridge. It is important that our current and new residents become familiar with our rules and regulations and continue to maintain and improve the quality of our homes and landscaping, which becomes even more important and challenging as our community ages, as noted above.

• **Lastly, from a more tactical standpoint, I worry that our residents and homeowners reps are not as actively engaged with the Board as I would like.** We could attribute this lack of involvement to: 1) things are going well, so there is no reason for the residents and reps. to get more involved, or

2) that our residents are busy and don't want to get involved. Regardless, as the President, it is very important to know/confirm that the Board and I are working on those items that are the highest priorities for all of our homeowners. To this end, each and every homeowner will have an opportunity, and really an obligation, to tell us what you think through the upcoming resident survey. Kathleen and her team are working very hard on this year's survey which is conducted every three years and is an easy way for you to provide your input and ideas to your Board. So please take the time to complete the survey as this will help set the direction for our policies and investments in the coming years.

So, these are just a few of the things that we all need to be aware of and continue working together to address.

Hopefully, you have received your 2015 Homeowners Directory. In addition to listing all of our residents and other important SCA information, the directory is a great reference guide and contains important contact (e.g. emergency, school, utilities, etc.) information. The directory is published due to the generosity of our advertisers, so please patronize these companies who continue to actively support our community.

In closing, it continues to be an honor to serve as your President and please continue to let me know what I can do to help you.

Have a wonderful Spring.

**VANGUARD
HAS A NEW
NAME!**

**As of
January 1,
2015,
Vanguard
Community
Management
will now be
Associa
Chicagoland.**

**Please be
advised your
association
and
management
services will
not be
affected by
this name
change.**

**All addresses
and contact
information
will remain
the same.**



CHANGE to Aurora Waste Hauling Program

The new waste hauling program will be rolled out to each community, and the new pricing will begin on July 1, 2015. Here is the new pricing:

- **Senior Orange Bag program for those 65 and older** - - \$1.40/bag and a 35 gallon recycling cart with \$1 discount on the environmental refuse disposal fee (on City water bill); bags can be purchased at Jewel stores, Customer Service Center at Fire Station 8 (3770 McCoy Drive), the Prisco Center, and Ace Hardware on Lake Street.
- **35 gallon carts** - - weekly pickup of trash/recycling for \$10.30 plus \$3.70 environmental refuse disposal fee (on City water bill) totaling \$14.00/month
- **65 gallon carts** - - weekly pickup of trash/recycling for \$13.25 plus \$3.70 environmental refuse disposal fee (on City water bill) totaling \$16.95/month
- **95 gallon carts** - - weekly pickup of trash/recycling for \$19.05 plus \$3.70 environmental refuse disposal fee (on City water bill) totaling \$22.75/month
- **35 gallon cart 24 week service** - - every other week pickup of trash/weekly pickup of recycling for \$8.80 plus \$3.70 environmental refuse disposal fee (on City water bill) totaling \$12.50/month

If you have additional questions, please call the Customer Service Line at 630-256-4636 to sign up for the program also.

Pet Tales

By the Naperville Area Humane Society



WHO
RESCUED
WHO?

Hi... I'm Maxine!



With the way I look and act you would never guess I'm 11 years old. I'm very playful and I especially love soft, squeaky toys (though I'm sure you can tell by my picture). I am nervous around new people, and it takes me a while to get comfortable. Once I know you though I'm all about the attention. I do need to be the only pet in the home and children should be older and have experience with dogs. Stop by the shelter and say hi soon! P.S. Since I am an older gal, my adoption fee is waived!

Contact Terri Hancock at 630-420-8989 x117 or via email at thancock@napervilleareahumanesociety.org.

Spring is Coming!

News from the Naperville Garden Club!

Our Wednesday, March 25th General Meeting will feature a program by Sheryl Poremba, owner of "Rehab Connections" in Homer Glen. She will teach us how to garden more comfortably, showing us ergonomic tips and tools to make gardening an enjoyable activity. We begin with registration and refreshments at the White Eagle Golf Club at 8:45a.m., followed by a business meeting, and then the program. Paid reservations, \$14 payable to The Naperville Garden Club, are due to Deb Tritt by March 19. Mail your check to her at 4143 Royal Mews Circle, Naperville, 60564-7176. Contact her at 630-717-9616 or debtritt@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Would you like to join The Naperville Garden Club?

Our membership chairperson is Gale Glawe! She would be very happy to discuss the benefits of joining our garden club and help you decide to join us. Dues are \$35 and we are currently accepting new members. Contact Gale at 630-898-9560 or ggred@hotmail.com.



By Marilyn Krueger

Friday, March 20 is the first day of Spring! Hopefully Old Man Winter will be well on his way by then as many of us are well on OUR way to spring break vacations. Busy with planning and packing, sometimes our houseplants are neglected. One of the advantages to being a member of The Naperville Garden Club is receiving our monthly newsletter. One of February's articles told us how to use diapers to help our plants- outdoor as well as indoor - grow. Open and place a disposable diaper in a large bowl. (No baby is needed for this project, LOL!) Pour about four cups of water into the diaper and allow it to be absorbed. Once absorbed, pour off the remaining (if any) water and pull out the hydrogel. Mix with an equal amount of potting soil. Plants growing in this mixture can go much longer between waterings. This is also useful in case of over-watering. The excess water is absorbed by the hydrogel and released as it is needed. If you want to use this material in a plant that is already potted, just make a small hole in the soil and put in a couple of spoonfuls and mix with the existing soil as best you can. When planting in your garden, put some of the hydrogel around your plants, especially those that require more water. This is usually effective for a season or two.

You can also use this gel to help a bouquet of fresh flowers last longer. After mixing the packet of floral preservative that comes with a purchased bouquet, add some of the gel. Coming from diapers, the gel is non-toxic as it comes in contact with our babies. It will look like your bouquet is resting in crushed ice. If you like, add some food coloring to further enhance your arrangement.

If you want to purchase this product sans diaper, it is available in several products, one of which is "Soil Moist Flower and Garden Plus Additive." It is available at The Growing Place and other garden centers may carry this or a similar product. Most are non-toxic and biodegradable. Christian, my gardening son in Arizona, has found this product to be very helpful and I think you will, too.

TREASURER'S & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT



For me, each year seems to go by faster and faster but then I believe I first heard that from my parents years ago. Since my stepmother passed away in January, I have had the opportunity to reflect on much of the advice they gave throughout the years and I remembered that they told me they viewed the success of a year not on what income they made, but what was left over after paying for all of the corresponding bills. The one exception would be if funds were needed for major capital improvements (home, car, college tuition). If I'm using that as the criteria for me to reflect on the 2014 SCA financial statements, then this past year has been a success!

The operating fund is projected to have a surplus over \$59,000 which will be transferred to the reserve balance. However, 2014 was the year the board of directors approved to spend over \$262,000 of capital improvements for major repairs at entrances, new landscaping at many neighborhood entrances, and other electrical and irrigation repairs as needed so there was actually a deficit of approximately \$86,000 in the reserve fund before the transfer of the operating surplus. The bottom line - yes, SCA had a good year in 2014 when we take into consideration the amount of repairs that were completed during the year. We are still

re-evaluating the proposed capital projects that need to be completed in the next few years as well as doing more research on new items that are constantly being discovered.

Included in this issue of *Insights* is the pre-audit balance sheet for 2014. Please keep in mind once again that the operating fund was in the black for 2014 but the board elected once again to transfer the surplus to the replacement fund, bringing the replacement fund balance to over \$724,000 by the end of 2014.

The SCA board of directors is here to serve all of the residents of Stonebridge and the only way we can fulfill that goal is to receive input from every area of Stonebridge. While the board of directors has a number of workshops throughout the year, no final decisions are made at these meetings. We rely on the quarterly meetings to discuss and approve all business requiring a board vote - February, May, August (annual meeting), and December (budget). We had nine neighborhood representatives at our most recent quarterly meeting - please continue to come consistently, we appreciate your feedback and need your involvement!

As always, please email me at cpamd.pwa@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions.

Bottom Line, continued...

STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET REPORT • DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Balance Dec 31, 2014</u>	<u>Balance Nov 30, 2014</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets			
Operating Funds			
1006 - Pacific Premier Bank #2767	69,959.62	116,798.52	(46,838.90)
1650 - Due (To)/from Reserve	(13,985.00)	55,560.11	(69,545.11)
Total Operating Funds	55,974.62	172,358.63	(116,384.01)
Accounts Receivable			
1500 - Residential Assessments Receivable	20,625.42	28,689.42	(8,064.00)
1510 - A/R Repairs & Maint	331.52	331.52	0.00
1530 - Allowance for Doubtful accounts	(23,633.39)	(23,708.39)	75.00
1652 - A/R Late Fees	9,714.00	10,949.00	(1,235.00)
1653 - A/R Legal Fees	9,106.36	9,411.91	(305.55)
1654 - A/R Violation Fees	450.00	900.00	(450.00)
1655 - A/R Collection Fees	1,485.83	1,010.83	475.00
1657 - A/R Late & Fine Difference	(10,164.00)	(11,849.00)	1,685.00
Total Accounts Receivable	7,915.74	15,735.29	(7,819.55)
Prepaid Expenses			
1600 - Prepaid Insurance	7,064.46	565.38	6,499.08
Total Prepaid Expenses	7,064.46	565.38	6,499.08
Other Current Assets			
1799 - Clearing Account	(190.00)	0.00	(190.00)
Total Other Current Assets	(190.00)	0.00	(190.00)
Total Assets	70,764.82	188,659.30	(117,894.48)
Liabilities			
Liabilities			
2000 - Accounts Payable	17,424.30	10,360.70	7,063.60
2050 - Resident Refunds	0.00	430.00	(430.00)
2495 - Other Accrued Expenses	9,078.63	14,566.36	(5,487.73)
2550 - Prepaid Assessments	44,261.89	14,494.46	29,767.43
2595 - Deferred Revenue	0.00	66,759.18	(66,759.18)
Total Liabilities	70,764.82	106,610.70	(35,845.88)
Total Liabilities	70,764.82	106,610.70	(35,845.88)
Operating Income / (Loss)	0.00	82,048.60	(82,048.60)
Total Liabilities and Owner Equity	70,764.82	188,659.30	(117,894.48)

STONEBRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Please submit all classified ads by the 15th of February, May, August and November to be published in the following month's newsletter. Stonebridge homeowners can use this column free of charge to list your classified ads.

FOR SALE, LOST, FOUND, FREE AND WANTED ADS

Classified ads are to be emailed to

Kathleen Hausmann at blingkat828@yahoo.com.

To place a paid commercial display ad, contact our publisher found in this newsletter.

FOR SALE - The Village home for sale by owner. Golf course view, first floor master, 2600 sq.ft. townhouse, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Serious inquires call 630-802-4009.

FOR SALE - Are you ready to downsize, but want to stay in Stonebridge? Then, you must see this Dynamite Club 2-story home in Stonebridge with largest backyard lot in Lakeside. 2-story entry with vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room, spacious family room with ceramic and gas log fireplace, first floor office or guest bedroom, double door entry master, master bedroom with deluxe bath upstairs plus 2 bedrooms and additional full bath. Full basement with rough in plumbing for bathroom. Maintenance-free. All new stainless steel appliances, new furnace and air conditioner, New Harding wood siding and new roof. Approximately 2,200 sq. ft. Priced at \$324,900.0 Monthly maintenance assessments \$165 for Lakeside. There is another assessment of \$215 quarterly for Stonebridge Community Association. Call 630-800-0271 for private showing at 2061 Brookside Lane in Lakeside of Stonebridge or visit the virtual tour at 2061brooksideln.com

FOR SALE The Fairways for sale by owner! This one-of-a-kind, custom, single family home is fully updated from top to bottom, well-maintained and move-in ready. Enjoy maintenance-free living in the convenient first floor master suite. New roof and gutters, new cedar deck, new Marvin windows, new AC/furnace, fireplace, refinished hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, loft office with built-ins and a full-finished basement with home theater make this an incredible place to call home. Call 630-815-9572.

Be a Good Neighbor... *Scoop the Poop!*

One of the most common complaints from homeowners is seeing pet droppings on their lawns and in the neighborhood.

Pet waste left on hard surfaces, such as grass near streets and sidewalks is less likely to decompose. After a heavy rain, it can get washed into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow into our local waterways without being filtered.

The EPA estimates that just 2 or 3 days of droppings from a population of 100 dogs could

contribute enough bacteria and nutrients to temporarily close a small bay with a 20 sq. mile watershed to swimming. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that foster algae growth.

There is an Aurora ordinance on pet waste and you can be fined. Pet owners must pick up after their animals. Please be courteous to your neighbors... Stoop, scoop and don't forget to take those little baggies home and drop them in the trash.



CLOSINGS IN STONEBRIDGE

Stop by and welcome your new neighbor!

SELLER	BUYER	ADDRESS	NEIGHBORHOOD	CLOSING
Sugimoto	Claeys	2359 Woodglen Drive	The Village	1/29/2015
Scheetz	Parekh	1067 Stockton Court	Westgate South.....	2/27/2015
Freddie Mac	Chagarlamudi/Alapati	1161 Biscay Court	The Meadows	3/26/2015
Simmons	Chuah	1205 Arborside Drive	The Arbors.....	2/26/2015

Out & About...

March

Saturday, March 14 - The Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise, in cooperation with West Suburban Irish, is hosting a 5K Race, Run, or Walk on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.. Participation in this event is a great way to join in the St. Paddy's Day Spirit. Proceeds from this event will be used to provide health related services to those in need. Registration \$25-\$40. For more information please visit: www.stpaddysday5k.org.

Saturday, March 14 - Enjoy the popular St. Patrick's Day Parade, hosted by the West Suburban Irish, starting at 10am. The parade launches from Naperville North High School, heads south on Mill street through the heart of Downtown Naperville. For parade details, visit www.wsirish.org. FREE.

Saturday, March 14 - Join People's Resource Center as it celebrates 40 years of neighbors helping neighbors. Enjoy cocktails, dinner, raffle and auctions, and dancing to the live music of SWAY. We welcome special guest Marcella Raymond from WGN TV News as our emcee. Event begins at 6:00pm at the Chicago Naperville Marriott. For more information www.peoplesrc.org.

March 18 through April 26th. - Les Miserable - This monumental novel comes to life in one of the greatest musicals of all time. It's the story of ex-convict Jean Valjean and his journey for redemption. On that road, he encounters the unwavering love of a mother, the innocence of a child, the steely determination of a hunter and the passion of youthful freedom fighters. Nominated for 12 Tony Awards, taking home 8 including Best Score and Best Musical, Les

Miserables is a truly enthralling spectacle with brilliant imagery, magnificent orchestrations, stirring lyrics and a story of heroic human commitment that you will not soon forget. Whether you're new to Les Mis or have seen it before, you will want to see what Paramount's creative team brings to life in our grand production. Tickets \$41-\$54. Rated PG. For more information visit www.paramountaurora.com.

Saturday, March 21-22, 10:00 a.m. - The Naperville Home and Garden Expo returns to the Players Sports and Event Center on March 21st & 22nd! This massive event provides the ultimate in convenience to homeowners in the Chicago Area by highlighting hundreds of home improvement displays for thousands of inspiring ideas and the latest and greatest products and services to remodel, repair and beautify their homes. Attend one of the hourly Seminars by experts such as Normandy Remodeling, shop through our Exclusive Marketplace for unique items and take-home treasures, and so much more! From Interiors to Exteriors, from Décor to Outdoor, find the best solutions for all of your home improvement needs ... ALL under one roof, with Free Admission and Free Parking! For more information, visit www.FreeHomeshow.com.com or call 630-953-2500. Price: Free

April

Saturday, April 11th, 9:00 a.m. - Foodie 5k DuPage County - Over 1,500 runners, walkers and volunteers gather for this community event featuring a post-run festival with entertainment, food trucks, and a kids zone. Price: \$30. For more information visit www.solvehungertoday.org.

Saturday, April 11th, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Annual Giving Hope through Stories Event. Please join us on Saturday, April 11th from 6:30-10pm for a fun and inspirational night. Event includes open bar, full dinner, silent & live auctions and is set at the beautiful Cress Creek Country Club. The event will feature a presentation of the impact I Support Community is having on local nonprofits, children and the culture of "giving" in our community. I Support Community's mission is to connect people to charities in order to increase giving and volunteerism in our community. We do this through our monthly educational and volunteer events and through our website which provides the community with a trusted on-line resource for connecting to our 20 + charity partners through video. (Partners include organizations like Naperville CARES, KidsMatter, Naperville Area Humane Society and DuPage Pads.) Learn more at isupportcommunity.org. Tickets are \$100 in advance and \$120 at the door with all proceeds benefiting I Support Community. Purchase your tickets at <http://www.isupportcommunity.org/events/ghts>. Questions? Please contact the Founder & Executive Director, Marion Ruthig, at marion@isupportcommunity.org or 630.352.9089.

Saturday, April 11, 8:00 p.m. - the Official Blues Brothers Revue - Fermilab Arts & Lecture Series Presents...The Blues Brothers and the eight-piece piece Intercontinental Rhythm & Blues Revue Band deliver a knock-out performance - Wayne Catania, who plays Jake Blues, and Kieron Lafferty, who plays Elwood Blues, delivers strong performances throughout the show - In all, an evening of foot-stomping, hand-clapping fun punctuated by two gorgeous backup singers and strong performances by everyone." -Robert Boyer, NEWS HERALD. On a historic night in August 1978, backed by one of the hardest, leanest, meanest

bands ever assembled by man, Jake and Elwood Blues sauntered onstage at the Universal Amphitheater in Los Angeles, California. Then -- quick as a man can turn himself upside down and land on his feet -- they blew the audience out of its seats. The lineup may have changed since then, but the music has never stopped. Don't miss it! Price: \$30

Sunday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. - The Great Midwest Train Show is the world's largest monthly train show with an average of 180 exhibitors at each show featuring trains of all scales and gauges. Whether you're a serious collector or just looking to get started with the hobby, this is a show you don't want to miss! Price: \$7, kids under 12 are free. For more information visit: www.greatmidwesttrainshow.com.

Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. The first annual Raising the Rook 5K fun run/walk is being held on the last Saturday in April in Aurora, IL. Top three finishers in each category will receive awards. Proceeds are donated to the building missions of Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity. Race day registration available; t-shirt guaranteed if registered by 4/13/2015. Prior to April 13- \$25 Adult and \$10 Child (Children 12 and under) Day of Event- \$30 Adult and \$15 Child (Children 12 and under) Includes T-shirt, drink and food ticket, and post-race celebration. For more information visit: www.foxvalleyhabitat.org.

May

Friday, May 1, 6:00 p.m. - Annual fundraising event for Metropolitan Family Services DuPage. The evening features dinner, entertainment, raffles, auctions and fun for all. Dominic & Joyce Imburgia will be awarded the Roger K. Johnson Leadership Award for their enduring support and efforts on behalf of Metropolitan DuPage. Price: \$150. For more information visit: www.metrofamily.org.

On Sunday, May 3rd, 360 Youth Services will be hosting the 16th Annual 360 Spring Ahead "Let's Celebrate Mom" 10K, 5K and two NEW events: Kids Obstacle Course and a High Heel Dash. The funds raised for this event will be used to support the programs and services of the agency. Long Sleeve Tech Shirts are available for adults, while supplies last, breakfast will be served, and award money will be given for the top male and females winners in both the 10K and 5K Runs. A gift certificate will be awarded to the winner of the High Heel Dash. Easy in and out parking available. Register at www.360springahead.com. Come and bring the family to celebrate Mom! The mission of 360 Youth Services is to provide life-changing services to youth and their families through prevention education, counseling and shelter. Price: \$25 - \$40. For more information visit:

www.360springahead.com.

Friday, May 15th All day - BIKE BALD 24 HOUR SPIN A THON. Starting at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 15th, Open to the community, you are invited to take part in Bike Bald's 24 Hour Spin a thon at the Dandelion Fountain on the Naperville Riverwalk near the intersection of Webster Street and Jackson Avenue. Participants can spin in one-hour segments on stationary bikes to raise money to benefit childhood cancer awareness programs. For more information, visit www.bikebald.com.

Sunday, May 31st 4:00 p.m. – Naperville Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk. You can help the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) fulfill our mission and meet our goals by participating in one of our nationwide fundraising walks. "Take Steps, Be Heard for Crohn's & Colitis" is also CCFA's largest fundraising event which raises awareness for the more than 1.4 million American adults and children affected by digestive diseases like Crohn's and ulcerative colitis--that's one out of every 200 people! The funds you raise through Take Steps will help support patient programs, enhances professional education efforts, and propels critical research for cures. In the past four years, we succeeded in bringing together over 100,000 people and raised close to \$32 million to help further our mission. Sign up to walk and donate today at www.cctakesteps.org/naperville For further questions about volunteer opportunities please contact Colleen Murillo at cmurillo@ccfa.org. Price: Free



“Can you help me, Doc? My nose is running.”

50/50 Parkway Tree Program • City of Aurora

In an effort to encourage the replacement of some of the parkway trees that have been cut down due to Emerald Ash Borer, the City of Aurora is pleased to introduce a pilot 50/50 Parkway Tree Program. The program will provide residents with a guaranteed replacement tree at half the cost and the option to choose from a variety of available selections.

“While the City has done its best to replace trees, the rising costs and sheer quantity of trees that have been removed, it would take years to balance” said Mayor Weisner. “We all know the devastating effects that the Emerald Ash Borer has had on this area. By partnering with residents, this pilot program will allow us to replace more of those trees while giving the residents a greater choice of the types of trees that will beautify their homes.”

The discounted fee, which ranges from \$150 to \$225, includes planting and mulching. Residents can choose from one tree per household from the following 10 trees for Spring 2015 planting in either 2” or 3” varieties (exception HOAs):

Prospector's Elm

An extremely fast growing hybrid elm, resistant to disease and insect attack; a good choice for shade as a street tree. Up to 40' in height, dark green leaves and golden in the fall. 2" = \$175 and 3" = \$225

Black Maple

Resembles the Sugar Maple. The most significant difference is the 3-lobed leaf of versus the 5-lobed leaf of the Sugar Maple. Fall color ranges from bright yellow, orange, or a red-orange. Mature height is 80'. 2" = \$175 and 3" = \$225

London Plane

Red-brown scales flake to show cream-colored inner bark. Large distinctive leaves with lighter undersides. Fast growing, resistant to anthracnose. Prefers moist, well-drained soil and full sun to light shade. Grows to 75' to 100', 80' spread. 2" = \$175 and 3" Not available

Red Oak

It has an incredibly large natural range, and proves to thrive outside of that range in landscapes across the globe. Reds are a good street tree, tolerate pollution and compacted soil. The leaves have waxy lobes leaves which come to a point and commonly have darker bark. Bristle-tipped leaves turn red in the fall. 2" = \$175 and 3" = \$225

Bur Oak

A tree with many striking features, including crooked branches, large leaves and big acorns. It is a highly adaptable species of oak tree and a member of the beech family. The burr oak gets its name from the fringed cap that grows on its acorns, which is somewhat spiny. 2" = \$175 and 3" = \$225

Swamp White Oak

A beautiful native tree with lustrous heavy textured leaves, grows rapidly and flowers in spring, while leaves turn golden to purple in the fall. 2" = \$175 and 3" = \$225

Little Leaf Linden

The Littleleaf Linden is a wonderful shade tree with a pleasing form and lustrous dark-green leaves. This tree produces bright yellow flowers that are very fragrant and attractive against the dark green leaves. Grows in sun or partial shade, will tolerate alkaline soil if it is moist, and it transplants well. 2" = \$150 and 3" = \$200

Treeform Service Berry (under wires)

Colorful tree that is attractive to the eye and wildlife. Spring flowers give way to small berries. Dark green foliage turns red-orange in the fall. Mature height is 20'- 40'. 2" = \$150 and 3" = \$200

Japanese Tree Lilac (under wires)

A large or small tree with stiff spreading branches developing an oval-rounded to vase-shaped crown. Large showy flowers. 2" = \$150 and 3" = \$200

Thornless Hawthorn

Display thornless branches from a small tree or large shrub. Single white flowers appear shortly after the dark green leaves unfold. Dark red fruit ripens in summer and persists into winter. Beautiful rusty-orange fall color. 2" = \$150 and 3" = \$200

Tree Orders

The city contracts the planning of parkway trees twice a year.

Spring planting will take place in March and April. Tree orders from the mentioned selections must be placed no later than March 13, 2015.

Fall planting will take place in October and November. Tree orders must be placed no later than September 25, 2015. Tree types and pricing to be determined at a later date and will be posted on city's Website.

Due to budgetary constraints, tree supplies are limited. Residents are encouraged to apply early.

Three Easy Steps To Place An Order

1. To begin the Approval process, call the City of Aurora's Customer Service Center at 630-256-INFO to request a tree. Customer Service Center hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
2. Once the request is received, a City staff member will conduct a parkway review to determine tree spacing, soil condition and existing utilities. All of these factors impact planting a new

tree.

3. After the parkway review, the resident will be contacted regarding approval status. If request has been approved, instructions will be given on how to complete the payment. Payments must be received prior to planting.

Tree Planting Guidelines

All trees purchased through the 50/50 Parkway Tree Program are required to be planted within the area of the right-of-way in front of or on the sides of the purchaser's property. The right-of-way area available for planting the trees varies at each property. The parkway review will assess the area to make sure that the following guidelines are adhered to:

- Trees do not conflict with existing utilities
- Trees are located at least 30 to 50 feet from any other tree and have adequate area for a tree to grow healthy.
- Trees are at least 25 feet from an overhead light or fire hydrant
- Trees are at least 50 feet from any intersection.

The City of Aurora will continue to plant free parkway trees where trees have been removed. However, City officials report that this process can take years because of the cost of trees and the quantity that need to be replaced. For more information and to request a tree, please call 630-256-4636.