

## SPLAT— The Quarterly Newsletter

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### **Book Club**

Are you interested in discussing books? Judy Malarney (jmalarne@butler.edu) and Nancy Snively (317-443-3051) would like to help those interested in book discussion start new groups. As those who like to discuss books, the size of the group is important. We would like to accommodate as many people as possible.

### **Bridge Club**

Or are you interested in playing bridge? Nancy Snively is the one to contact (317-443-3051). At this time they have a substitute list. However, if you would like help in forming another bridge club(s), Nancy would happy to help you.

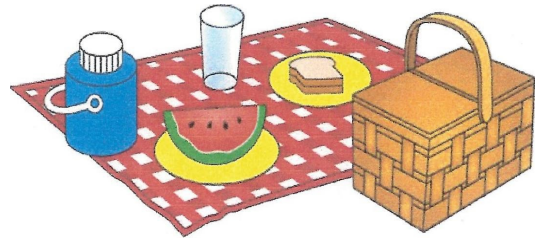
These are great ways to get to know your neighbors, especially those not next door.

### **Gate Remote Controls**

If you have lost or are having a problem with your 96th Street gate remote control, contact Max Oldham. He is now the person in charge of the remotes. It costs --- to replace a lost remote. If you have bought a unit that had only 1 remote, you may get a second one at no cost.

Max Oldham: 9443 Tamarack 317-908-6880 max.oldham@att.net

# *Springmill Lakes Annual Picnic*



When: **Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Where: Tamarack Drive by the Pond

Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person; guests welcome.

RSVP: Mail or deliver your check to Carolyn Magnes @ 9248 Spring Forest  
by **Saturday, September 3**

Checks payable to: Springmill Lakes at Tamarack or SPLAT.

***Join Your Neighbors And Make New Friends At A Delightful  
Evening By The Pond***

Dinner by Dashboard Diner food truck.

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***Questions?*** Please contact:

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Carolyn Magnes 317-669-6951, [cjmagnes@att.net](mailto:cjmagnes@att.net)

***Note:*** Tamarack Drive will be blocked off at both ends of the pond at 4 p.m. to set up for the picnic. Please leave areas at each end of the dock on Tamarack for handicap parking.



## From The President:

Glad for the rain since we have had serious irrigation problems due to the new underground electric lines being installed south of the lake. They have bored through irrigation lines, low voltage electric control lines and one 120v line feeding the control box behind 9299 Spring Forest Dr.

Good news! The maintenance on the outside of our condos is progressing on schedule.

Our boardwalk is being sealed after power washing and replace a few boards.

Our contract with KenCut does not specially include picking up sticks or blowing debris and grass off of patios. I talked with Michael McQueen, an owner of Property Pros, and told him that it makes no sense to mow over sticks since that dulls the blades. We agreed if there are limbs that need to be cut up to be removed, we would pay for that. We also agreed that our HOA would pay the costs to blow debris from patios that don't get grass clippings from mowing. Most of time will be walking behind the units, not blowing debris from patios.

Bernie Pierce has rounded up the following volunteers (including himself) to paint the posts holding the irrigation controls, electric boxes and assembling AT&T housings. Part of our "beautify SPLAT" theme. Our volunteers include: Alan and Emma Brown; Greg Harker; Dick Kitterman; Les Magnes; Doug Perry  
Here are before and after photos:



Still waiting on another bid for our curbs, storm drains and streets. The longer we postpone maintenance, the more expensive it gets. Asphalt mix prices increased 25% in January and will increase another 25% in November. There is a shortage of cement and therefore concrete and a shortage of concrete truck drivers.

Once we can get another bid, we will determine priority and extent of work and get it scheduled.

Hope to see you at the September picnic.

Courtenay Weldon,  
President, HOA Board

## Operations management

Ardsley Management

Sarah Leveridge

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Use the **24-hour emergency number** for time-sensitive damages such as a fallen tree/limb.

**317-259-0398**

You need to contact Sarah at Ardsley for any problems/concerns you have with your unit. She is the go-to person rather than a board member.

You must also talk with Ardsley before doing any work to your unit for which you will want reimbursement. Reimbursement cannot be guaranteed if the work is already done prior to notifying Ardsley. It is realized that there are emergencies when something needs to be done immediately. If that occurs, notify Ardsley as soon as possible .

### Helpful Phone Numbers:

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| 1. | Indianapolis Star vacation hold/start | 888-357-7827   |
| 2. | AES -in case of a power outage        | 317-261-8111   |
| 3. | Citizens Energy Group (emergency)     | 317-924-3311   |
| 4. | ADT—security alarm company            | 800-878-7806   |
| 5. | Republic Services (trash)             | 317-917-7300   |
| 6. | Ardsley Management- office phone      | 317-253-1401   |
| 7. | Mail hold/restart                     | Can be done online. Just be sure you use <a href="https://www.usps.gov">USPS.gov</a> |
- as there are others shown that charge fees.



The Springmill Lakes contact for ADT Services is: 24 hour customer care: 1-800-878-7806. You can also go to their website to view alarm activity, manage contacts, or pay for optional services: [MyADT.com](https://www.myadt.com)

It is **IMPERATIVE** that all units be connected to fire and smoke alarms per our insurance. If you were not inspected by ADT in Fall 2021, please arrange to have that done immediately. If you are on another system, Ardsley must have an alarm certificate on file.

Your ADT customer number, which is unique for your unit, is in your Homeowner's Handbook on page 10.

# You are invited!



## **What: Welcome to New Residents**

Meet neighbors that have moved to SPLAT during the last two years along with representatives from the HOA Board.

Learn important information you need to know about living in SPLAT and find out about neighborhood book and bridge clubs, volunteerism, and more.

## **When: Check first and/or/ choices that you prefer**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

August 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM \_\_\_\_\_

August 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. \_\_\_\_\_

*If none of these dates work, let us know some other options*

## **Where: Judy Libby's patio**

9365 Spring Forest Drive (west side of Tamarack)

You may either walk around to the back or come through the front door.

If it rains, we will move inside.

**Please RSVP to Judy Libby** 317-809-8314 or [judithlibby1@gmail.com](mailto:judithlibby1@gmail.com)

We will confirm your date with another email and look forward to seeing you.

Refreshments will be served



## June Social Gathering

If you missed our Social Gathering in June in the Meadow, you missed a great time. We had almost 50 people there! Greg Harker and his friend Charlie gave us an hour of wonderful music. Everyone sang along if they knew the words. People stayed after the music ended to socialize with those they hadn't seen for awhile and to meet new residents. Can't wait for next summer for our even bigger gathering.



## Springmill Lakes Crime Watch Assignments

Find your street and then look for your address to find your block captain.

Report any suspicious activity to your block captain and/or call 911. Keep your garage doors closed. Set your alarm when leaving your condo.

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## How to Help Your Memory

All people forget things at times. There are many different things that you can do to help your memory.

### General

Keep your brain active.

- o Working on crossword puzzles or games that make you think about finding words or current events helps to keep your brain cells active.
- o Learn a new skill. Challenge yourself to learn something new. Learn to knit, work with wood, play an instrument, or use a computer.
- o Practice paying attention. Teach yourself to remember details, like what color was someone wearing? Where were you when visiting with people?

Group the information.

- o Most people can remember between 5 and 9 things.
- o If you have to remember more than that, break it down into smaller groups.
- o Try to group like things together, such as numbers that form a special date or year or words that start with the same letter.

Get organized.

Write things down and make lists.

- o Use paper, a calendar, or an electric device to keep track of your lists. Cross things off when you finish a task.
- o Set an alarm on your phone or watch.
- o Put your keys, wallet, purse, and cell phone in the same place where you see them often.
- o Get rid of clutter. Clean, organized surroundings can help you stay focused and remember better.

Talk about it.

- o Say names and things you need to remember out loud.
- o Connect the item with a story to help you remember.
- o Use word associations to help you remember.

Use all of your senses.

- o Underline important facts.
- o Keep a notebook to write down ideas you want to remember.
- o Associate ideas with color, sounds, or smells.
- o Make a picture in your mind of what you are trying to remember. If you have a doctor's appointment, picture a thermometer in your head.

Try different memory techniques.

- o Take the first letter of each word to make a different word. If you need to remember to buy milk, orange juice, and pickles at the store, keep saying the word "MOP" in your head or out loud.
- o Try rhyming to remember a name. "Ed likes the color red."



Be social.

- o Volunteer. Spend time helping other people.
- o Spend time with family or friends.

Take good care of your body.

- o Don't smoke. If you are a smoker, ask your doctor for help in quitting.
- o Don't drink beer, wine, and mixed drinks (alcohol).
- o Find out what a healthy weight is for you and eat a variety of foods to keep a healthy weight. Leafy green vegetables, fruits, salmon and tuna, lean meats, and whole grain breads or cereals are good choices. Avoid sugar.
- o See your doctor on a regular basis. Ask your doctor what you can do to manage your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar.
- o Exercise often. Even a short walk each day can help.

Sleep well.

- o Try to get 7 to 8 hours of sleep each night.

**When do I need to call the doctor?**

Call the doctor if you or a loved one:

- o Forgets the names of close friends or family
- o Cannot keep track of drugs and may take too little or too much
- o Is not aware of a problem with memory loss
- o Cannot recall common words or uses odd words in place of a common word
- o Gets lost in places often visited or is not able to find the way home
- o Puts things in odd places
- o Has rapid mood swings
- o Has trouble making decisions
- o Has worry about memory loss or memory loss is causing problems each day

### **Feeding animals**

Do not feed any of the animals that roam our neighborhood. Some of the animals can carry diseases (even the cats) that can be passed on to people. They can also forget how to forage for their food.

### **Repair Feedback**

SPLAT HOA board and Ardsley would like to have feedback after a repair has been done in or around your unit. This helps them to know if they should rehire the company doing the repairs.

## Personal Property Inventory Tips

### What Needs to be Taken Inventory of?

The home is a warehouse of important goods. Whether they have value from their price tags or simply because they are cherished goods, there are many important items in your home. Anything and every- thing of personal or monetary importance should be taken inventory of:

Personal records and items like ID's, social security cards, bank statements, birth certificates, insurance and any other item that has confidential information.

Jewelry, gold, silver, and any item that has value.

Personal belongings, valuables, memorable home items, heirlooms.

Automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles, watercrafts, tools, electronics, artwork, antique furniture, books, and basically any item of value that could be stolen, damaged, re-sold and/or is high in value.

### How to Take Inventory?

The process of taking inventory might not be as exciting as the result. In order to get the job done properly, you will have to take some time, because you need to be as meticulous as possible to collect all the proper information.

Start the process by going through your home using a cellphone, tablet or just old-fashioned pen and paper, and take notes of your valuables. Go room by room and nook by nook taking notes on the descriptions of your items, their serial numbers, and the value of those you remember.

Take photos or videos of each item and write down anything that could be an identifier to distinguish it from similar products. Are there any dents or blemishes? Every detail, no matter how small, can be useful. Brand, model, serial number, year, value. If you have documentation on these items, including receipts, have this information also backed up. Remember to take pictures of the entire rooms as well.

Write down all the information of each item. If an item does not have a serial number, you will need to create one, once you have decided on them, imprint your own unique "serial" number on it by labeling, etching, using ultraviolet markers, permanent markers, etc. You should post signs alerting intruders that these deterrents are in place.

### Important things to remember during this process:

Keep copies of your inventory forms and photographs of your valuables in a safe place, accompanied by your insurance policy, and any other valuable documents that you may have.

All important information and documents should be kept in an easily recoverable location. The best approach is to have a safe box, either at home or in the bank; which is also more likely to survive a disaster.

If you keep receipts, scan them and store them digitally on a memory card, hard disk or USB, and have multiple copies. It is good to keep a physical inventory, but remember it could be damaged, destroyed or lost. Having digital and physical records is the best approach.

A good idea is to create a digital file (Word, Excel, etc.) and email it as an attachment to yourself from your own email. That way you could recover the file from any computer in case yours is lost, damaged or stolen.

You could also use online cloud-based tools, as physical digital storage could be damaged or lost. We suggest keeping record in all three places, local storage, physical digital storage and online.

Update your inventory annually, or whenever you add new and/or important to your possessions. Have a system that allows you to update information easily and in real time without any hassle.

The more structure the process has, the easier it will be for you to manage it. List inventory items under specific categories that can quickly distinguish items. Technology allows to make this process simple, so use it to stay organized.

### **Benefits**

There are many reasons why you would like to keep records of your valuables and personal property; especially if you ever need to file a Police Report or a claim on your homeowners or renters' insurance. You will appreciate having proof and detailed descriptions available of whatever it is that you might have lost.

If you ever need to file an insurance claim, the process will be much smoother having enough and in-depth information about the items you own and their value. You will also need to make sure your insurance policy reflects the true value of your insured possessions.

### **Pictures for Newsletter**

We know there are a lot of good photographers in our community. If you would like to share any of your pictures in the newsletters, send them on to me. I can even use them in our website. They can be of anything in SPLAT.

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**Units for sale**  
9521 Tamarack (Susan Muller)

**New residents**  
Pam & Greg Greene  
9539 Cedar Springs  
ibgreene94@comcast.net  
Pam—317-640-1536; Greg—317-801-0477



### **Speed Limits, Stop Signs, and Walking in the Dark**

Unfortunately, we have to remind everyone again that the **speed limit is 18 MPH** and there are stop signs in our neighborhood and in Tamarack 17. For the safety of everyone—walkers, pets, and drivers—please observe the speed limit and stop at the stop signs. It is difficult to get service vehicles to observe the speed limit and stop signs, but we can do our part by reminding family and visitors. Thank you.

Please remember to wear light clothing, clothing with reflective tape, or carry a flashlight when walking at dusk or in the dark. It is very difficult to see people wearing just dark clothing until the vehicle gets close. Hopefully it won't be "too close." Even though the walker can see the cars, the driver can't necessarily see the walker. Also, you should walk at the side of the road not in the middle and facing the traffic so you can see approaching vehicles and the driver knows you see them.

### **SPLAT Paint Numbers**

If you need to do any painting on your unit, you can go to a Sherwin-Williams store on Michigan Rd and 86th St or in Carmel on Rangeline Rd. They have the information to get the correct color(s) for you. You can also get a discount as a co-owner because it is listed on the SPLAT painter contract, R.A.F. Be sure to tell them you are a co-owner at SPLAT to get the R.A.F. discount. These are custom color matches.

RAF SPLAT Green:	A89W00153
RAF SPLAT Gray:	A89W01151

If you have or share a privacy fence, it is your, and neighbor if share part of the fence, responsibility to maintain it. If you need to repaint an old fence or paint a new one, you need to use SPLAT Gray.



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### **SPLAT website—[www.springmilllakesattamarack.com](http://www.springmilllakesattamarack.com)**

The SPLAT website has lots of good information, such as the 2020 Co-owner's Handbook (see pages 19-20 for mulching guidelines), the minutes for the HOA Board meetings, newsletters, by-laws, rules and regulations, upcoming events. It can be accessed from any computer or your cell phone.

Questions or Comments? Email: Carolyn Magnes at [cjmagnes@att.net](mailto:cjmagnes@att.net)  
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