



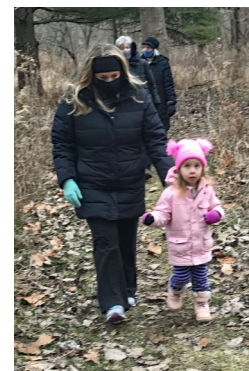
SPLAT— The Quarterly Newsletter



Third Annual First Day Walk in the Preserve

The First Day Walk turned out to be the Ninth Day Walk as it had to be postponed due to weather. A good crowd turned out for the 10:00 walk through the Preserve. Everyone was very impressed with all the work that has been done. A nice spread of hot beverage and snacks was provided. As seen in pictures below, both young and old enjoyed the walk and fellowship. Thank you to the Board of Directors, Tamarack Nature Preserve.

Who are these masked people?





Important Phone Numbers and e-mails

2020 HOA Officers and Committees

President	Jim Funk	jwfunkjr@sbcglobal.net
Vice-president	Courtenay Weldon	courtenay74@cweldon.net
Treasurer	Judy Palmer	jgpalmer9440@att.net
Secretary	Barb Banner	barbbanner01@gmail.com
	Steve Cracraft	steven.cracraft@gmail.com
	Martha Lamkin	marthalamkin@sbcglobal.net
	Bob Lowe	lrobertlowe@outlook.com
	Chuck Rutledge	crutledge2@yahoo.com.
	Jeanette Shallop	jshallop@change-strategies.com
Director of Communications	Carolyn Magnes	cjmagnes@att.net
Operations management	Ardsley Management Co. Sarah Leveridge	
	317-253-1401 sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com	

Owner Repair and Lawn Care Requests

Our property manager, Sarah Leveridge, has asked that all requests for repairs and lawn care concerns/questions be directed to her and not handed to Ken-Cut workers or a SPLAT Board member. She can better manage the work's initiation and progress. It is preferred that Sarah be contacted by e-mail rather than telephone.

Sarah Leveridge
Ardsley Management
sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com
317-253-1401
Direct: 317-259-0383, ext 223

Use the **24-hour emergency number** for time-sensitive damages such as a fallen tree/limb.
317-259-0398

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 immediate-



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

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 2020, please arrange to have that done immediately. If you are on another system, Ardsley must have an alarm certificate on file.

From The President:

Welcome to Winter. Although we have been into the cold season for a few months, the weather has been kind to us so far. I hope all are staying well. With the vaccine now available, I am hoping for the best for all as we go forward.

Just to update you, the board did break tradition and hold a January meeting. This allowed us to plan for the Spring needs and prioritize how we will proceed with the necessary services for our community.

We are on top of the geese situation and hopefully our plan will work.

We have commissioned an independent reserve study which we should have in the Spring and can review immediate and long-term needs, and the finances that go with those needs.

We will begin the wood repair and paint cycle and are in process of inspections and obtaining bids. We will announce later which units are included.

As to finances, we know we had some savings in 2020 which will be added to our reserve balance. But, the exact status cannot be determined until the work of our auditor is completed. Soon after, we will plan small group meetings to review the projections from the reserve study and level of finances.

Please stay well!

Jim Funk
President, HOA Board

SPLAT Policy for e-Mail Blasts

A number of requests have been made for e-mail blasts which benefit the requestor and not the neighborhood. Therefore, the HOA board has come up with a policy for use of the e-mail blast. It is requested that the SPLAT Homeowner Telephone/e-mail List not be used as a mass e-mail list.

Items from residents that can go out as an e-mail blast:

- Lost pets
- Passing of a resident
- Found item such as watch, wallet, keys, glasses
- Reminders to follow HOA rules and regulations
- Scams to be aware of

Items from residents that should not go out in e-mail blast:

- Items for sale/give away
- Solicitations
- Request to find handyman, painter, cleaning service, etc

Please note that the resident list is for use for resident to resident contact and not to be provided to others for sales or solicitations

Welcome New Neighbors

Irwin & Eileen Prince 9276 Tamarack
iprince5@hotmail.com 317-503-2349 (Irwin)
noitall142@gmail.com 317-502-2384 (Eileen)

Additions and Corrections to Homeowner List

Eleanor Bookwalter 8140 Township Line Road, Apt 21301, Indpls, 46260 Tel 317-857-1832
Unit in SPLAT—9467 Spring Forest Dr.

Mary Alice Hines maryalicehines@yahoo.com

Jeanette Shallop jjshallop@change-strategies.com

Mary Stanley Butler & Bill Butler Mary recently married Bill in January!
marysb2021@gmail.com 317-431-4417
billiebutler@comcast.net 317-445-0458

Units for Sale

9255 Tamarack Dr

Helpful Phone Numbers:

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| 1. Indianapolis Star vacation hold/start | 888-357-7827 |
| 2. IPL -in case of a power outage | 317-261-8111 |
| 3. ADT—security alarm company | 800-878-7806 |
| 4. Ardsley Management-- office phone | 317-253-1401 |

Mailbox Reminder

There have been instances where mail was taken from mailboxes during the night or early morning. It is best not to put mail that is to be picked up into your mailbox before noon on day of mail delivery.

SPLAT website—www.springmilllakesattamarack.com

The SPLAT website has lots of good information, such as the 2020 Co-owner's Handbook, 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.

Please visit our SPLAT Website to review SPLAT documents and past newsletters at
www.springmilllakesattamarack.com

cjmagnes@att.net.

Follow these recommendations for your safety

- Keep your garage door(s) closed -- Security and Association declarations requirement. Do not leave your car keys in the car even in the garage.
- Lock the door from the garage into the condo. It is a good idea to keep all your doors locked even when you are at home.
- Do not leave jewelry and other valuables out in the open.
- Keep an eye out for strangers in the neighborhood.
- When shopping be alert to someone following you.
- When leaving a store or mall be alert to someone following you home.
- When you go to the bank, be aware of someone following you home.
- When you arrive home, immediately close your garage door.
- Do not place outgoing mail in your mailbox the night before pick up.
- When you arrive home take your purse and other valuables into the house away from the garage entrance door.
- Do not let service providers stay alone. Stay with them to avoid problems later.
- Remember, no service provider will come to your door without an appointment.
- If you have overnight guests, make sure their car is locked.
- Set your alarm
- When you leave your home set the alarm to the "Away" mode. This arms all sensors, doors, and motion detectors.
- When you are home set the alarm to the "Stay" mode. This allows you to move about the inside of your home and sets the sensors for your doors. Pets will not set off the alarm.
- Report any suspicious activity by calling 911 and your block captain.

Be a Good Neighbor

SPLAT is a great community. Neighbors are always looking out for other neighbors. Here are a couple of suggestions a neighbor recently gave to me. Many of you are already doing these.

- If someone you see outside regularly but you haven't seen for a couple of days, do check on them to be sure they are doing well.
- If a neighbor gets a newspaper delivered and several are seen in the driveway, again, check on that neighbor. We had a recent example of that when a newspaper someone thought they had cancelled for the time they would be in Florida kept being delivered. The homeowner was notified by a neighbor and got it fixed.
- PLEASE pick up after your dog. More and more messes are being seen as dog walkers are not picking up. Take an extra bag with you to give to someone who needs to pick up but didn't bring a bag.

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 need to repaint an old fence or paint a new one, you need to use SPLAT Gray.

HOW CO-OWNERS SHOULD MAKE A MAINTENANCE OR GROUNDS ISSUE REQUEST

The SPLAT Board has established the following procedure to use as a co-owner when you have a maintenance or grounds issue or situation. The goal is to facilitate the most efficient response and resolution to your request.

When you have a maintenance or grounds issue or situation, please EMAIL the community manager Sarah Leveridge at sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com. If you contact a Board member, that person will simply forward it to Sarah as our manager. If you give your request to an employee of a SPLAT-retained vendor, it will go to vendor management then to Sarah as our manager. Therefore, response will be more timely if you contact Sarah first by email.

An email request is preferable to a phone call because it creates a dated written record. If, however, the situation is an 'after-hours' emergency (i.e., a tree has fallen through your roof), call Ardsley at (317) 259-0398.

Sarah will acknowledge your request within two business days of receipt or by Monday if received on Friday and sooner if an emergency situation. If you do not receive an acknowledgment by that time, please resend your request to Sarah. If, within a second two-business-days period, you've still not heard back on your request, then bring the issue to the attention of the President of the Board.

Every effort will be made to resolve your request as soon as possible. Often resolution involves getting competitive bids on larger jobs and vendor scheduling situations as well as weather or materials delays. Sometimes the Board has to review a request before action can be taken where HOA responsibility may be in question.

Sarah will query you by email or phone when a work order is completed to determine if the work was acceptable or any issues remain.

Refer all work request concerns, suggestions or complaints involving vendors to Sarah. Ardsley upper management will be monitoring the adequacy of complaint resolution.

At each monthly Board meeting, Sarah provides a community work order status report so the Board can monitor work completion and community maintenance trends.

Your request is important. Be assured your manager and the Board understand this. Help us help you by following this request procedure.

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 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 facing the traffic so you can see approaching vehicles.

SPLAT Free Library

By now many of you have utilized the Free Library. There is a nice variety of books to choose from. Books you no longer want can be placed in the library. You don't have to leave a book to take a book. You can take as many books as you care to read. Books can be kept or returned to the box. If a book lingers too long it will be donated to a charity as we plan to keep the library current and tidy. Please don't leave any books outside the box and don't overstuff the collection. Volunteers have signed up to monitor the collection each month. Contact Judy Malarney (317-846-3509) or Nancy Snively (317-218-3507) if you have any questions.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This program is still continuing. If there is anything you need or want (medicines, groceries, etc.), don't hesitate to call someone on the list. Addresses are included so you know who lives near you.

Liz Brainard	317-847-8525	9273 Spring Forest Dr
Emma Brown	317-668-2413	9266 Tamarack
Donna Cracraft	317-250-9043	9458 Tamarack
Mary Crevey	317-490-7381	9454 Tamarack
Beth Critser	573-239-3188	9439 Tamarack
Betty & Charlie Culp	317-432-2935	9251 Spring Forest Dr
Winnie Goldblatt (May 1 -Jan1)	317-848-6435	9534 Tamarack
Judy Libby	317-809-8314 (cell);	317-218-3801 (home) 9365 Spring Forest Dr
Carolyn & Les Magnes	317-669-6951	9248 Spring Forest Dr
Nancy Martin	317-626-7025	9507 Tamarack
Julio & Pilar Morera	317-746-8060 (Julio);	317-760-9680 (Pilar); 317-853-8159 (
	Home)	9316 Tamarack
Mary Oldham	317-432-4397	9443 Tamarack
Judy Palmer	317-445-2432	9440 Tamarack
Nancy Snively	317-443-3051	9536 Cedar Springs
Betty Yan	317-383-9100	9248 Spring Lakes Dr
Kristie Watson	317-294-7206	9265 Tamarack

Recycling Information

For those using Republic's curbside program, we have good news! Now in addition to #1 and #2 plastics, Republic is accepting #5 plastics.

Sadly, 30% of what goes to Republic's recycling plant is not recyclable - stuff like plastic bags, garbage, yard waste, contaminated materials, batteries, and toxic waste. If Republic gets a cleaner input waste stream, it makes recycling cost less, helps them produce a "better product" and may eventually reduce our costs as well. To that end, please visit their website to view some helpful videos and brochures at www.recyclingsimplified.com.

Here are some tips to make you an effective recycler:

1. When in doubt, throw it out. If you think it may not be recyclable, just pitch it in the trash.
2. Although Republic accepts all plastics 1-7, currently there is only a market for #1, #2, and #5 plastics - things like plastic water bottles (1), opaque plastic milk bottles and jugs (2), and prescription medicine bottles and yogurt cups (5). It is best to discard the rest. Be sure to check the number inside the recycling triangle logo to make sure it is a 1, 2, or 5.
3. Don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card because it gets caught in their machinery and creates problems; this includes bottle tops.
4. Bottles and cans must be clean, especially things like peanut butter jars and ketchup bottles; if it is dirty it can contaminate paper products and cause them to have to be trashed.
5. Don't crush containers; uncrushed bottles and cans are easier to process.
6. Don't bag your recyclables; they are easier to process if they are loose in your bin.
7. Magazines and paperback books ARE recyclable.
8. Milk cartons, juice cartons, and soy milk containers ARE recyclable.

The following are NOT recyclable:

1. Plastic bags and wrapper; if you can poke your finger through, it not recyclable
2. Styrofoam
3. Greasy pizza boxes (you can recycle the top if you want to tear off the clean parts)
4. Aluminum foil and pie pans
5. Soiled paper or food
6. Yard waste
7. Clothing and shoes
8. Shredded paper (unless you contain it in a thin plastic or paper bag)

Me: This show is boring.

My Boss: Again, this is a ZOOM meeting.

Instructions inhibit creativity!