

SPLAT— The Quarterly Newsletter



Creek in Nature Preserve - Picture by Judy Libby



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 at the side of the road not in the middle and facing the traffic so you can see approaching vehicles.

From The President:

The heavy winter snows have stayed in northern California, Washington, Oregon and other northern and eastern states over the holidays and dumped on DC January 3. A plus for our snow budget for 2021. Judy Palmer must have connections. Several people warned me not to say anything about snow because we mentioned it last year and we were slammed.

We thought our geese problem was solved with only a few stragglers which were rounded up. But, a few just came back the week of January 23. Aerators were installed in the lake and hopefully allows the organic material to break down and go downstream and not fill up the lake. Dredging was estimated a few years ago at \$250,000, an expense we need to prevent.

We plan to repave Tamarack and Cedar Springs, replace some curbs, and continue with the wood siding, brick walkway, and chimney repairs. The price of lumber is still more than double what it was at the beginning of 2021. This might prevent us from doing as many buildings as planned.

Your board had a zoom meeting January 28 to address the proposed development to our east. We have been working on this for more than two months. Steve Cracraft is our contact with our lawyer, who is negotiating with TMK Design's owner Thomas Kretz and his lawyer. We hope to have a proposed agreement ready to share with you by the end of next week. If we are able to reach an agreement with the developer, it will be submitted to the full membership for a vote at a special meeting called for that purpose. Full details of the proposed agreement will be provided in advance for this special meeting.

Many have asked why the fence and trees were removed along Tamarack and due north along our neighbor's road. The fence was owned by TMK Design/The Ridge on Williams Creek and the owner said he was going to remove it and the trees on his property and would be more than happy to remove ours. Since he plans to have more landscaping done along his road, we agreed.

This year the board has brought back committee chairs and co-chairs. However, you must still go through Ardsley to initiate any request for changing your landscaping or exterior or to report a problem. Sarah will share any request that involves the Architectural committee with Barb Banner.

Also, when planning your spring plantings remember the mulch must be slightly lower than the concrete block foundation. There are weep holes (about 3/8") every 2-3 feet in the bottom course of brick to allow condensation to drain and the sheathing behind the brick to stay dry. If the mulch is above or even with the concrete block you are inviting water into your crawlspace, which will be your responsibility to remove. Some of the water will evaporate, and the moisture will invite the growth of mold, which is a health hazard.

Seems our world hasn't made it back to pre-Covid days. So please stay safe.

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

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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 USPS.gov |
- 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.

Rules and Restrictions

Are you planning a kitchen remodel.... adding new or replacing existing landscaping.....replacing old windows? These are just 3 examples of projects that will require Board approval. You'll need to make sure before you start a project that you're following the rules and restrictions that are in your SPLAT 2020 Handbook.

The Rules and Restrictions were adopted by your Board to not only protect the architectural integrity and harmony of our community but also to promote the safety and welfare of our residents and to maintain an acceptable quality of life.

The Rules and Restrictions and Architectural Control standards and Architectural Control Form are in your SPLAT 2020 Handbook. Please make sure that you know what the rules, restrictions and architectural standards are as they apply to all co-owners, family members, visitors and guests and will be enforced by your Board.

If you do not have a 2020 SPLAT Handbook, please contact Sarah Leveridge or her assistant, Amy Rohrbach: sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com or amy@ardsleymgmt.com

Preventive Maintenance Suggestions

- Routinely replace furnace filters. Also a good idea to have your furnace and airconditioner checked annually.
- Occasional professional dryer lint removal
- Be sure your sump pump is operating. Consider putting an alarm on your sump pump .
- Consider a video doorbell for added peace of mind

Remember Mary Poppins movie and the song SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPI-ALIDOCIOUS?

Mahatma Gandhi, as everyone knows, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail, and with his odd diet, he suffered bad breath. This made him:

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Crime Watch Security Suggestion #1

Several neighbors have installed Ring Doorbells as an economical security measure. If you have Wi-Fi and a smartphone, you can install a Ring Doorbell for as low as \$59.99 -camara, \$29.99 - Chime (Best Buys). It is easy to install or have a neighbor assist and if all else fails, ask your grandson to do the job.

Click on this link for more information: <https://ring.com/products/video-doorbell-wired>

Crime Watch Security Suggestion #2

If you see unfamiliar people walking around your condo, it is suggested you try to get a photo of the person(s). If a vehicle is in the street belonging to the strangers, take a photo of the vehicle and the license plate. Share this information with your block captain.

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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Units for Sale
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Welcome New Neighbors

John & Ann Trimble
9543 Cedar Springs

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Corrections to Homeowners' List

Judy Malarney would like her e-mail address added:

jmalarne1@gmail.com

Ursula Roberts was inadvertently left on list by last name.

Celebrating Special Occasions

If you have a special occasion coming up and would like the neighborhood to know so we can celebrate with you, please let Carolyn Magnes know. This includes anniversaries, birthdays, birth of grandchild/great-grandchild. At the appropriate time an e-mail will go out so others can celebrate with you. We can even include a picture if you wish. Those occasions can also be included in the quarterly newsletter.

Trimming vegetation hiding house numbers

Several units have the house number covered by vegetation. It is important that the numbers can be seen easily. In the event of an emergency, your numbers may be very important to responders. This overgrowth is actually the resident's responsibility.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual HOA picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022. We hope to see everyone who was there last year there again plus those who missed the 2021 picnic. More details will be coming as we get closer to the date. If there is anyone who would like to help pull this together, we accept all volunteers. Call Jeanette Shallop (317) 373-7005; Judy Libby (317) 809-8314; Jan Pierce (317) 696-7466; or Carolyn Magnes (317) 669-6951.



MUSICIANS WANTED

Do you play a musical instrument, including keyboard, or like to sing? We are looking for residents who would like to share their talents with the rest of SPLAT. Greg Harker gave 2 concerts/sing-a-longs last year. We are hoping to do that again this year. If you wish to be a part of the SPLAT Musicians, contact Greg Harker, 317-691-9737, gharker828@aol.com.

Harvesting Black Gold By Grace Worley

January is the month for resolutions. If you are looking for ways to help the planet as well as improve your landscaping/gardening health, consider composting. Living in the SPLAT community you may not think this is an option, but it is. Earth Mama is a Zionsville-based compost hauling and distribution service established in 2012.

Every other week Earth Mama picks up your garbage goodies and converts them to black gold for gardens, compost.

Your free starter kit includes:

- 5-gallon bucket with easy-off lid (free extra bucket if needed)
- 8-gallon compostable liner (Earth Mama replaces)
- 2.5-gallon countertop bin
- 1 roll of 3-gallon liners (you replace subsequent liners)

As a bonus for gardeners, each spring Earth Mama clients are welcome to pick up a 4-gallon bucket of quality compost. They also donate compost to an urban farmer that is dedicated to feeding the food to insecure families in our community.

To get started:

1. Call 317-332-846-5317, email into@EarthMamaCompost.com, or sign up at <https://earthmamacompost.com> to get started! Pick up is every other week (which reduces the carbon footprint of hauling it away!) for a monthly fee of \$20.
2. On your first day of pickup, Earth Mama will deliver your starter kit.
3. Fill up your bucket with food scraps. (See "What Can Be Composted" on the web-site.)
4. On your assigned pickup day, leave your bucket outside your home in the agreed upon location.
5. Earth Mama picks up your bag of compost and bin between 8:00am- 8:00pm and replaces them with a new 100% certified compostable liner so you're ready to keep composting without missing a beat!

I've used this service for several months and have been pleased with its efficiency as well as the productive contribution my garbage is making!

A left turn lane at our 96th St entrance is being planned for 2024

In 2015/2016, SPLAT residents experienced several personal injury accidents because of rear end collisions at our 96th St entrance. At that time, the SPLAT board petitioned the Carmel engineering department to install a left turn lane into our neighborhood. Carmel agreed that there was a need for a left turn lane and made plans to complete. In 2021 Carmel repaved 96th St. and we expected to see a left turn lane completed. This did not happen due to the lack funds. We all have probably experienced near miss accidents on 96th St and we recently lost our neighbor, Steve Zimmerman, to a fatal accident at Copley and 96th St. Therefore, the board renewed their effort in contacting the Carmel engineering department. This time their response is very promising. Recently, Carmel has applied for federal funding to construct the left turn lane. They feel they have a good chance of getting that funding with the new federal infrastructure funds that are available. Currently, the plan is to complete the project in 2024. Carmel has committed to getting the job done using federal funds or if needed, other funds. While 2024 is a way off, we are confident that Carmel will fulfill their commitment. In the meantime, be cautious when entering and leaving the 96th St. entrance.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes

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.

SPLAT website—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

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

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Trash along 96th St. adjacent to SPLAT



L-R: Bernie Pierce, Victor Chen, Betty Yan, Courtenay Weidon, Greg Harker, Les Magnes, Bob Lowe, Don Willing, Doug Perry

**96th St. Trash Pickup Event
February 1, 2022
Thank you!**



Greg and Courtenay hauling the big stuff



Victor and Betty loading up the trash bag



Crew working along the roadside

Thanks again to volunteers for a great job! This is a good start in support of our 2022 campaign to make our neighborhood special. I hope we will have more opportunities to get together and make a difference.

Projects on the horizon for 2022

- Paint the irrigation control centers--a fresh coat of green paint
- Button up the utility boxes--cable and phone
- Renovate the boardwalk. --the association will power wash and paint/stain. We may have to do minor repairs.
- Landscape utility box areas. Maybe the association will buy the plants 😊