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DEERFIELD COMMUNITY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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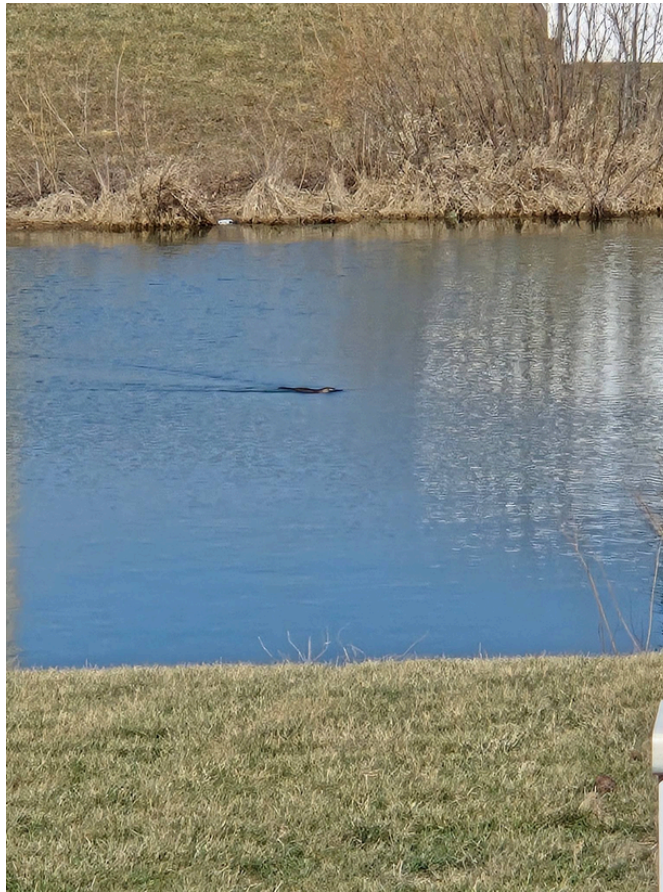
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Ponds/Muskrats



(Photo uploaded by a neighbor to Facebook on March 1)

Spring is here—and so is our annual reminder that muskrats are terrible contractors. While they’ve clearly taken a keen interest in “renovating” all four ponds, their specialties seem to include unauthorized digging, aggressive landscaping, and, most impressively, chewing through pond equipment like it’s a hobby.

In the coming weeks, all four ponds will be undergoing muskrat trapping as we kindly (but firmly) show our furry squatters the door. Unfortunately, their latest round of DIY upgrades left two bubblers and one fountain in need of repair—apparently, “rustic destruction” is part of their design aesthetic.

The good news is that once trapping and repairs are complete; all bubblers and fountains are scheduled to be back up and running by mid to late April —just in time for everyone to enjoy the ponds the way they were intended: muskrat-free and fully functional.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we wrap up this episode of Pond Makeover: Wildlife Edition and restore peace, order, and properly working water features —no hard hats required.

Stray Cat Issues

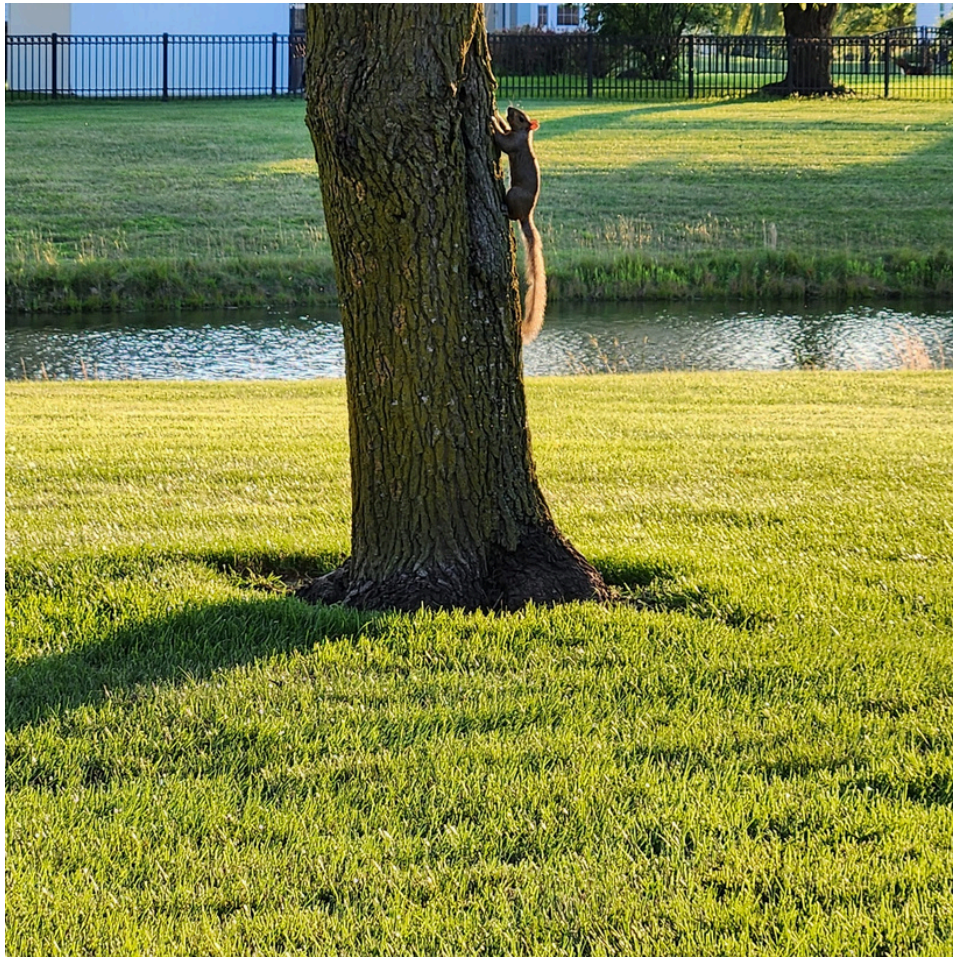


The board has received multiple complaints about stray cats being fed and cared for, and the cats coming onto other properties causing damage. While we understand it's difficult to see these animals suffer, especially during the recent cold weather, if you are feeding and providing shelter for these animals, you could be cited by the city if they are causing damage to other homeowners properties.

Per the Piqua City Code, Section 90.03, Section C:

- (1) No owner shall allow his or her dog, cat or other domestic animal to become a public nuisance. Excessive barking, whining or howling, molesting passers-by, chasing vehicles, attacking other domestic animals, and damaging property shall be considered a nuisance under this section.
- (2) The owner or person in charge or control of any animal which scratches, digs, urinates or defecates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property (other than the property of the owner of the animal) shall immediately repair any damage and remove all feces deposited by the animal and dispose of same in a sanitary manner.

Reminders



Complaints regarding noise, trespassing or anything else that is not governed by the HOA Board need to be reported directly to the Piqua Police Department, not the HOA.

The Deerfield ponds allow fishing for HOA residents ONLY. You may not give someone permission to fish in the Deerfield ponds. The ponds are private property. Please be considerate of the environment and pick up trash after pond use. Thank you!

Any questions about approval for patio covers, fences, outbuildings or any other improvements, repairs or restorations should be sent to the HOA email: DeerfieldHOADirect@Gmail.com.

A board member will respond to your inquiry.

Invoices were sent to all residents for the annual dues.

If you have not paid the dues, please do so immediately. Late fees will be assessed.

The Board is accepting nominations for new Board members. Please consider serving your community by serving a term on the HOA Board. Nominate yourself or a neighbor by emailing: deerfieldHOAdirect@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, April 29-- 6:30PM

Deerfield HOA Annual Meeting at the Salvation Army in Piqua
-129 S. Wayne St.

Friday, June 12 & Saturday, June 13-- 9AM-3PM

Join us for our annual garage sale either as a seller or a buyer or both! Thursday is completely optional, but some prefer to have their sale open that long.

Stay tuned for spring cleaning around our community!
If you are new to Deerfield, look out for a welcome committee welcoming you to the neighborhood!

Need fun ideas for things to do? You can check out www.mainstreetpiqua.com for Piqua only. This Local Life Magazine is entertaining the Northern Miami Valley with festivals, bike trails, road trips and more!

Their website is: www.thislocallife.com.

THIS Local LIFE **THIS WEEKEND**
APRIL 17-19

- Hug the Earth Festival in Troy
- Spring Market in Sidney
- Darke County Wine Festival in Greenville
- Collectibles Show in Troy
- Ohio Country Antique Show & Flea Market in Springfield
- Always Jovi in Versailles (Bon Jovi Tribute)
- Zack Attack at The Social in Piqua
- The Children's Sale in Covington
- Children's Clothing Sale in Sidney
- Spring Fest at Rip Rap Roadhouse in Vandalia
- Healthy Kids Day in Troy
- Buzzin' Around the Park in Vandalia
- Bill Purk in Arcanum
- The Next Generation Leahy in Greenville
- Adult Skate at the 36 Skate Club in Piqua
- Mayberry Spring Market in Wapakoneta
- Community Garage Sale in Fort Recovery
- Oddities & Curiosities Expo in Columbus

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