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Neighborhood Garage Sale Set for April 18-20

This year's Springmill Crossing Garage Sale will be held April 18-20, with Thursday and Friday hours set for 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday hours from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Ads promoting the sale will be appearing in the Indy Star, the Current in Carmel, and on Facebook.

Signs will be set out at both entrances that week, but participants are encouraged to add their own signage throughout SMX.

If you wish to set out your stuff a night early for a neighborhood-only sneak peek, you may do so on the 17th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Once again, we will be coordinating our garage sales dates and advertising with Springmill Ponds to maximize the number of shoppers in the area.

Attend the Annual Meeting or Sign a Proxy

During the Monday, May 13 annual meeting (7:00 p.m. at Strobel Pool Shelter), the Springmill Crossing Property Owners Association board will hold its board of directors election, which means we need your votes again.

Shane Kelly and Jason Perfetti are running for new two-year terms, but Jeremy Glowacki has decided not to run again for the POA board. Grounds Chair Brian Amick has generously offered to run for a board position to fill the vacancy, but please consider attending the meeting and running for the open seat, as well. We can add more than one new board member if there is interest in participating.

While Springmill Crossing has a very engaged and professional board, they are also looking for reinforcements. In addition to considering a board position, there are other ways that you can help out in SMX committees (social, grounds, pool, development control, tennis courts, treasurer assistant, newsletter, directory, and website).

If you are unable to attend the May meeting in person, please fill out the proxy form below and e-mail or hand deliver it by April 30 to a board member who will vote on your behalf.

ANNUAL BOARD ELECTION PROXY

I, _____, Owner of Lot # _____, and a Class A member of Springmill Crossing Property Owners Association Inc., an Indiana corporation organized under the Indiana Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of 1971 (The "Corporation"), do hereby appoint the Secretary of the Association as my proxy to cast my vote in accordance with my instructions set out below on those matters which may properly come before the Annual Property Owners Meeting to be held on May 13, 2024. Check one of the following: (a) ___ I instruct the Secretary of the Association to cast my vote for those members nominated to serve as Directors in accordance with his wishes or pursuant to my written instructions, which are attached hereto and signed by me. OR, (b) ___ The Secretary may not cast my vote for those members nominated to serve as Directors.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2024

Spring Reminder: Manage Weeds, Watch for Kids

Spring has sprung, and we are facing an especially tough season for dandelions. Please be aware that as part of your signed covenant as a member of the neighborhood association that you must “mow the lot at such times as may be reasonably required in order to prevent the unsightly growth of vegetation and noxious weeds, remove all debris and rubbish, cut down and remove dead trees, and keep the exterior of all improvements in such a state of repair or maintenance as to avoid their becoming unsightly.”

Warmer weather also means more walking, running, and bike riding by adults and especially kids. Speeding should never be acceptable in the neighborhood, but it is especially important to drive the speed limit and stop at all stop signs for the safety of our community.

Replace Your Mailbox During the Week of Special Pricing

Otto's Streetscape Solutions is the current authorized mailbox supplier to the neighborhood. As part of our exclusive vendor discount program, Otto's offers a week of special pricing the week of May 6. This is the best time to replace a worn-out mailbox and post, helping improve curb appeal in Springmill Crossing.

Although the Springmill Crossing POA will replace a damaged mailbox for free after a hit-and-run accident or vandalism the first time an incident occurs, maintenance and replacement from regular wear and tear is the homeowner's responsibility. Please maintain your mailbox's paint with auto wax and paint the post flat black. To learn more, [click here](#).

Swim Team Sign-up Coming Soon

We know summer camp registration starts early, so the Springmill Crossing Swim Club (SCSC) wanted to remind you to sign up for its June swim team season. Swim team is an activity that has a long history of being a fun and exciting experience for our neighborhood children and their parents, so if you've got young ones, consider it!

All children who are 14 years or younger as of June 1, 2024, can participate. SCSC starts at age 4, if your swimmer can jump off the side of the pool, put their head under the water, swim, and not show signs of

being afraid. If your child cannot meet these requirements, then SCSC recommends swim lessons before swim team.

Registrations will open on May 1 and close on May 28 on the team's website (scsc.swimtopia.com), where you can learn more about the season, practice schedules, and dates of meets.



Pickleball and Tennis Season has Begun

The tennis and pickleball nets are back up. Contact our tennis chairman [Tony Trent](#) (Lot 98, 317.945.5656) for a key to the courts. A \$10 key deposit is required. When you use the courts, please remember to lock the gates tightly when you're done, and remove your trash.



COVENANTS REMINDERS

NO TRAILERS, BOATS, RVs...

In Springmill Crossing, no boat, RV, or truck (one ton or larger in size) is allowed to be parked overnight or longer on any lot or street in the development, unless it is not visible to the occupants of other lots in the development (such as in a garage), or the users of any street in the development. The same goes for trailers. Please store them elsewhere.

THE PIPELINE IS PRIVATE PROPERTY...

Please note that the pipeline area that cuts through the middle of the neighborhood is not “common area.” Do not walk your dogs, ride your motorcycle, hit golf balls, fly your drone, or any other activity along the pipeline, unless you either live there or are an invited guest of one of the owners.

HIDE YOUR GARBAGE CONTAINERS...

Put your trash and recycling containers away on non-pickup days. It's part of POA bylaws and also a way to help keep Springmill Crossing an attractive place to live. Also, try to keep them out of the street. Learn more about [Republic's schedule here](#).

MAKE SURE YOUR YARD LIGHT IS WORKING...

One of the specifics mentioned in our covenants is ensuring that you always have an installed, dusk-to-dawn yard light in your front yard. If you have no yard light or one that needs to be replaced or repaired, the Development Control Committee asks that you would work to rectify this. If for some reason this is not feasible, please let us know.

PAINT YOUR MAILBOX POST...

For those who are not replacing their mailbox and post this year, please consider applying car wax to the painted metal box or to spray a clear coat to refresh the paint. Even more important, a lot of mailbox posts are showing wear and tear and are in desperate need for repainting with flat black paint. Thanks for your help in this effort to keep Springmill Crossing from looking its age. [Learn more here.](#)

EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS REQUIRE APPROVAL...

Thinking about updating the exterior of your house or putting in a fence or pool? At least 20 days before starting an exterior renovation or painting project, please [submit your plans](#) to the Development Control Committee Chair [Shane Kelly](#) for approval. New fences also require majority POA board approval at a monthly meeting. Full guidelines for this process are available under the [Architectural Guidelines and Declaration of Restrictions](#) tabs at www.springmillcrossing.org. Remember that renovation signs are not allowed at any time and please provide the POA Board with a heads up and timeline if you will require a POD or other temporary storage container on your property.

HOW TO REPORT A STREET LIGHT OUTAGE...

Back in 2015, SMX added street lights throughout the neighborhood. We pay Duke Energy to maintain these lights, so if you notice one burned out, please note the approximate address of the light's location and [report it to Duke](#).

Did You Know? Free Water Shutoff Locator Service

Carmel Utilities will come out at no charge to help locate and elevate the main water shutoff valve to your house. This could come in handy if your pipes ever freeze and burst or if you have other water leaks around or inside your house that need to be repaired. Call Carmel Utilities at 317.571.2442 to learn more.

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Homeowners are encouraged to attend monthly Springmill Crossing POA board meetings, held during the winter at 7:00 pm via Zoom ([link available here](#)) and at the Strobel Pool Shelter during warm-weather months.

The next three meetings are:

- Monday, May 13 (ANNUAL MEETING)
 - Monday, June 3

- Monday, July 1

Meeting minutes, approved the month after each meeting, are [posted at here](#).

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