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Welcome to Spring in Tuttle Estates!

Hopefully, the cold weather is behind us and we have turned a corner on the pandemic. I know everyone is looking to return to some type of normalcy. Your Board of Directors has been busy this past year and we are thankful for the support the community has shown as we have managed through this difficult pandemic year.

Easter Bunny visits Tuttle Estates

The Easter Bunny visited the streets of Tuttle in April. We wanted to give a special THANK YOU to our bunny team of Julia Gawron, Tina Gawron, and Suzy Bell.

The Easter Bunny toured through the streets of Tuttle, taking pictures with some of our younger residents, socially distanced and making it as safe as possible. He did share that he hopes to have an Easter Egg Hunt in 2022, our fingers are crossed this can happen!



Portable Pool Rules and Insights

Tuttle Estates allows portable pools and inground pools. Above ground structural pools are not permitted. On our website there is a great reference guide, it is shown under the "FAQ's and Rules" section.

Portable pools can be set up after May 15th and must be taken down and removed from the yard no later than October 1st. Fences are required for all pools. If we can answer further questions, please email us!



Mailboxes are looking great! Can we talk about fences next?

Thank you to all our residents who improved their mailboxes this past year. Five-gallon pails can't be used to secure/place your mailbox. We announced this rule change a year ago and are happy to have every mailbox meeting this new standard.

We have received a few inquiries about fence maintenance and would like to share some insights with you. Most of the fences in Tuttle Estates are in good shape. Some are starting to show significant wear. This could be broken pickets, or fence gates/doors that are bent, or fences leaning. These are all signs of fences entering disrepair.

We would like to ask ALL homeowners who have a fence to please make it a priority to review your fence and if it needs repair, please have it taken care of this summer. Having properly maintained fences are an important part in our properties maintaining and growing in value.

Board Meeting/Elections

The Board met virtually on April 7, 2021. We had hoped to meet in person for an annual meeting earlier in the year, but due to the pandemic and State of Illinois non-essential meeting rules, we were not able to do so. The minutes from this meeting can be found on the Tuttle Estates website. With the annual dues statement (sent out in December) we asked for those interested in the Board to let us know. This past year no one responded. All directors who were up for re-election ran unopposed and were elected at the April 7 meeting. If you are interested in helping with a TECA activity, please drop us a note, we would be happy to have you. Tuttle Estates Board of Directors are all volunteers who live in the community. Our goal continues to be to make Tuttle Estates a great place to live, and to keep our residents informed of events and activities in the community.

Children Safety – Checklist - Driver Awareness

Everyone has been cooped up this past year, and now that Spring is here, and summer is around the corner we have a lot more children outside playing. Please be aware that with young children playing outside, they may not remember to look both ways before chasing a ball into the street. A two-year-old can go from the garage to the street in about 10-12 seconds. A few things to consider for safer play outside:

1. Park a car across the end of your driveway in the street
2. Review/talk/share with kids the rules for not going into the street
3. Always be outside with young children, if you must go inside, take them with you.
4. Talk often about the importance of safety with your kids.



Support the Plainfield Micro Food Pantry

This self-serve food pantry has been helping residents for a couple of years. Located outside, to the immediate North, of the Sherwin Williams store (119th and Route 59), this micro pantry helps those who are in need.

They can use our help. This is a great opportunity to help our children understand the gift of giving. Please consider dropping off a non-perishable item or two. Soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, etc. Every little bit helps, and it goes a long way to helping our friends in need.

The Micro Food Pantry started out as a Service Project for an Eagle Scout and continues to be a great service for the community



Community Wide Garage Sale - May 20-22

Tuttle Estates will be having a community wide garage sale on May 20-22. Walkers Grove is also scheduled to have their community wide garage sale at the same time. If you want to participate, please feel free to tie 3-4 inflated balloons to your mailbox. The hours are 8am to 3pm each day. If you want to open later or close earlier, just remove your balloons and lower your garage door. If you have additional questions, please email our volunteer garage sale leader, Melissa Jeska at eo4school@gmail.com Thank you.

Landscaping Update

A couple years ago we had an arborist review our landscaping related issues. Disease, over-planting, poor plant selection, were a few of the items that were identified. We have used the recommendations to work on our plan, taking into consideration our budget.

We continue to make progress with our landscaping plan. As many of you know, we have lost more than 50 trees so far due to insects and disease. Our plan has been to remove and update our landscaping within our budget. In this past year we also had to update the sprinkler system and lighting. This Spring we have started replanting shrubs and bushes. This Fall, we are planning to add a few trees as well.

Recently, we had a Tuttle Estates resident offer us 20-24 small maple saplings of various sizes. We gladly accepted this offer and will be relocating these shortly. This sapling relocation enables TECA to grow saplings for a two to three years and then use them in our landscaping areas. This could save TECA several thousand dollars. THANK YOU so much to our resident for the offer!

Four-Wheelers, Mini-Bikes & Small Motorcycles - Prohibited

Recently there has been four-wheelers and small motorcycles being driven within the Tuttle Estates community. This activity is illegal in the Village of Plainfield. Further if your child is operating this vehicle and an accident or property damage occurs you can be held responsible under Plainfield Code (Section 5-12b).

Why are we sharing this? Last week a family of four was bike riding and a small (not street legal) motorcycle raced around a corner and nearly hit two of the bike riders. This event occurred just off Meadow. The young motorcycle driver continued driving and had no idea how close he came to having a serious accident.

Plainfield Police Invitation

Every Spring and Summer we see an increase in speeding on Meadow Lane as well as other streets within the subdivision. This presents several significant safety issues for our residents including younger family members. We have invited the Plainfield Police department to use Tuttle Estates as an area to train and work with their teams on traffic safety and speeding. The speed limit in the subdivision is 25 miles per hour.

We view this additional presence as a very positive thing. Safety is a top priority in any community. If we have drivers who are using Tuttle Estates as a "cut through" we want them to do so at the posted speed of 25mph or less. If you have drivers who tend to go too fast or have recently received their driver's license, we encourage you to share this with them. We want to have our community safe, and this will help us.

Construction Debris/Disposal

If you are going to be doing construction on your residence, please check with Waste Management about what they can and cannot take as part of our normal garbage service. In some cases, a separate dumpster or soft sided dumpster will be needed. The end of the driveway can not be a staging area for project waste.

Please do not place construction debris such as toilets, windows, etc. at the curb for pick up prior to Wednesday evening. Having these items at the edge of the street invites opportunity for items to be broken which Waste Management will not clean up. Better to store these in the garage until Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.