

Hyde Park NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020 Edition

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Please join us in welcoming new residents to our neighborhood. Since July 2020, we have new neighbors at:

- 8 Delano
- 1 Hyde Park
- 21 Hyde Park
- 7 Sarah
- 11 Sarah
- 25 Sarah
- 47 Sarah

ANNUAL MEETING/SERVING ON THE BOARD

The Hyde Park Homeowners' Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at Lakeside Christian Church, 225 Toronto Rd. **Masks are required in the church and during the meeting.** If you're unable to attend the meeting, you can fill out a proxy form to allow another homeowner to vote for you in the board elections.

Why should you serve on the board? You get a chance to meet your neighbors, protect your property, correct problems, gain better understanding of the covenants and bi-laws, learn new skills, develop leadership skills, give back to your neighborhood and have fun!

Serving on the board and volunteering in the neighborhood is an important part of keeping our amenities up and running and keeping dues low. We hope you'll consider serving! If you're interested in serving on the board, contact a current board member or email hydeparkhomeowners@gmail.com.

WE'VE BEEN BOO'ED

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we're not able to host our traditional Halloween activities this year. However, Susan Waltrip, Hyde Park's new Social Committee Chair, has come up with a fun way for Neighbors to get into the spirit!



Susan is encouraging neighbors to create "We've been Boo'ed" baskets full of halloween/fall treasures, then deliver them to whomever they choose in the neighborhood, ding dong and leave the surprise. This surprise is fun for the whole neighborhood!

Once you've been boo'ed it's up to you to surprise another neighbor with Halloween goodies. Once a person has been Boo'ed they will be given a sign to hang on their door, so each house has an opportunity. Contact Susan at susanwaltrip@yahoo.com with questions.

Please read your emails from Hyde Park! It is the fastest, most cost-effective, easiest way for the board to communicate with you. Do we have your correct email address? If you haven't been receiving the emails, please contact us at hydeparkhomeowners@gmail.com to get things updated and corrected.

CITY FREE BRANCH PICK-UP FALL 2020: HYDE PARK NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The City of Springfield's residential 2020 **fall branch pick-up** begins Monday, October 26. The fall pick-up schedule is pre-set and crews will work in specified areas of the city each week. **Each neighborhood will have only ONE pick-up.**

HYDE PARK is in the Southeast area – on **November 9**, branches must be set out by 7:00 a.m. in the morning.

Branch piles are to be **placed in front of your own property**. Piles are to be no bigger than 3 feet high, 10 feet long and 4 feet wide. **Do not put** branch piles along North Cotton Hill. It is unsightly and against city code. The cul-de-sac at the south end of Sarah is where we put the branches from the common ground. Please do not put branches from your property there. For more information go to: www.springfield.il.us/Departments/PublicWorks/branchPickup.aspx

Remember, you can cut up smaller branches (less than 2 inches in diameter) and put them in yard waste bags for free pick-up. **NO STICKERS REQUIRED.** This is a different program than the Branch Pick-up. We are in the South Zone and our FREE YARD WASTE BAG pick-ups are the weeks of October 5th and 19th, November 2nd, 16th and 30th, and December 14th and 28th.

DRAINAGE DITCHES AND SEWER GRATES

The Board would like to thank whoever cleaned up the weeds around the ditch drain between Sarah and the farm field. Thank you for also getting the erosion rock back in place. It looks great back there.

The leaves are starting to fall. This means the drainage ditches and street sewer grates are getting filled up. If you notice a clogged grate by your home, please take a minute to clean it out. When raking leaves from your yards, please rake them out of the gutter as well.

In a few weeks, after all the leaves have fallen, all the drainage ditches will need to be raked out to avoid flooding. Areas that will need attention: ditches along North Cotton Hill, ditch between Sarah and the farm field, concrete ditches at the Sarah cul-de-sac and ditches between Sarah and Anna and between Sarah and Delano. We need volunteers to do this work. Clean-up days will be announced soon.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

**Saturday, October 31
4-8 p.m. - Leave your lights on!**

The City of Springfield strongly encouraged that anyone who would like to distribute treats should leave individually wrapped candy on a table on their front walkways, sidewalks, or any outdoor space that allows for at least six-feet of social distance from the door.

POOL HELP NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help move pool furniture inside of the pool house for the winter on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. (Backup day - in case the pool house floor paint isn't dry is Saturday, Nov. 7)

HYDE PARK BOARD

Sam Kloese, President, 20 Hyde Park
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