



SPLAT— The Quarterly Newsletter



Spring in the Nature Preserve

SAVE THE DATES

May 7 (Friday) & May 8 (Saturday)

Back by popular demand, there will be 2 Golf Cart Tours of the Nature Preserve. This tour affords our neighbors who are not able to venture out into the preserve an opportunity to see the preserve. 30-minute segments will be scheduled starting at 9 AM. For reservations, call Bernie Pierce at 317-418-2086 or e-mail at bpierceprc@yahoo.com



Sunday, September 12

We have high hopes that the neighborhood picnic can resume this year!!

So put the date on your calendar.

It will be great to see everyone again and catch up on all the news.



FOOD: Food Truck — Dashboard Diner

Important Phone Numbers and e-mails

2020 HOA Officers and Committees

President	Jim Funk	jwfunkjr@sbcglobal.net
Vice-president	Courtenay Weldon	courtenay74@cweldon.net
Treasurer	Judy Palmer	jgpalmer9440@att.net
Secretary	Martha Lamkin	marthalamkin@sbcglobal.net
	Barb Banner	barbbanner01@gmail.com
	Steve Cracraft	steven.cracraft@gmail.com
	Chuck Rutledge	crutledge2@yahoo.com.
	Jeanette Shallop	jjshallop@change-strategies.com
	Ron Watson	rwatson1411@gmail.com
Director of Communications	Carolyn Magnes	cjmagnes@att.net
Operations management	Ardsley Management Co	Sarah Leveridge 317-253-1401 sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com

Helpful Phone Numbers:

1. Indianapolis Star vacation hold/start 888-357-7827
2. IPL -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

Owner Repair and Lawn Care Requests

Our property manager, Sarah Leveridge, has asked that all requests for repairs and lawn care concerns/questions be directed to her and not handed to Ken-Cut workers or a SPLAT Board member. She can better manage the work's initiation and progress. It is preferred that Sarah be contacted by e-mail rather than telephone.

Sarah Leveridge
Ardsley Management
sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com
317-253-1401
Direct: 317-259-0383, ext 223
Amy Rohrbach (Sarah's assistant)
amy@ardsleymgmt.com
317-259-0383, ext 0

Use the **24-hour emergency number** for time-sensitive damages such as a fallen tree/limb.
317-259-0398

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 .

From The President:

Good day everyone. Hopefully, our recent snow is the last we will see for this Spring. As we head into the Summer season, your board has been busy planning for all the needed activities to keep our neighborhood attractive and up to the standards we all expect.

The reserve study is in final completion. The board will then have several meetings to review and assess immediate and long-term needs. These will then be planned into the budget. Lastly, we will have small group meetings to review all by mid-Summer.

However, we are not holding off on work just for the study. Our streets will soon be swept to get up all the gravel and dirt. Following that we will be working on crack sealing and pothole filling.

It appears we have somewhat of a handle on the geese population but only those by the lake know for sure. We have done two treatments which seems to have greatly reduced the population and will continue over the next few months. If they get mad enough, they may take us off their resident list for next year.

We are finalizing bids for the wood work and painting of the next set of buildings in the annual schedule. Work will begin soon. Not only will we look at wood, but also chimneys and related areas as those have now begun to create problems.

We have finalized the front patio rules and they will appear elsewhere in this newsletter. The board also discussed fire pits, and it is noted that on page 9 of the handbook it notes "no firepits on the property". By vote the board reinforced that rule. In addition, a prohibition is added for gas fired heat units on patios. These are known to cause a fire quickly if knocked over. Thus, we need to avoid this hazard.

The final item is the development proposed to our East. Several of the legal people on the board are researching all information regarding this property and have notified the new owner that we will expect cooperation and all work done according to codes. We will keep you posted as we learn more. So far not much has taken place.

Lastly, I want to thank Carolyn Magnes for her work with our newsletter and letting us know of events affecting our residents. And, a big THANK YOU to Bernie Pierce for his great work with the Nature Preserve and for being our Crime Watch captain. These guys are invaluable in keeping tabs on our neighborhood.

Jim Funk
President, HOA Board

Front Patio policy:

1. Plans for front yard seating or patio areas must be submitted to Sarah Leveridge at Ardsley and receive approval by the Architectural Committee and Board.
2. A patio or seating area is defined as a seating area created using stone or brick and is separate from the driveway.
3. The patio plan must identify the type of material to be used and the size of the seating area.
4. The patio plan must be designed and completed by a professional contractor and blend tastefully with the front area of the unit.
5. The allowable size will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and additional landscaping may be needed to complement the work.
6. Furniture must consist of chairs and tables (only) which are tasteful, matching, appropriately sized, and noted on the architectural form. Furniture must be removed and stored inside for winter. No storage or other items are allowed.
7. All future maintenance of the area will be the responsibility of the unit owner.
8. No grilling is allowed in this area, and the driveway may not be used as a patio.



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

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 2020, please arrange to have that done immediately. If you are on another system, Ardsley must have an alarm certificate on file.

Mailbox Reminder

There have been instances where mail was taken from mailboxes during the night or early morning. It is best not to put mail that is to be picked up into your mailbox before noon on day of mail delivery.

SPLAT website—www.springmilllakesattamarack.com

The SPLAT website has lots of good information, such as the 2020 Co-owner's Handbook, 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

cjmagnes@att.net.

Units for Sale
9255 Tamarack Dr
9268 Spring Forest Dr

Welcome New Neighbors

Chuck & Janie Johnston
9295 Spring Forest Dr
Chuck: johnstonchuck@icloud.com 317-339-5630

Don Walters has moved to an assisted living facility. He wanted everyone to have his new contact information.

Don Walters
Traditions at North Willow
Unit #236
1703 W. 86th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Be a Good Neighbor

SPLAT is a great community. Neighbors are always looking out for other neighbors. Here are a couple of suggestions a neighbor recently gave to me. Many of you are already doing these.

- If someone you see outside regularly but you haven't seen for a couple of days, do check on them to be sure they are doing well.
- If a neighbor gets a newspaper delivered and several are seen in the driveway, again, check on that neighbor. We had a recent example of that when a newspaper someone thought they had cancelled for the time they would be in Florida kept being delivered. The homeowner was notified by a neighbor and got it fixed.
- PLEASE pick up after your dog. More and more messes are being seen as dog walkers are not picking up. Take an extra bag with you to give to someone who needs to pick up but didn't bring a bag.

Tamarack Nature Preserve Spring Flower Tour

The Spring Flower Tour was Saturday, April 24. The threat of rain did not deter 22 people and 1 dog from participating. It was reported to be very informative. Everyone enjoyed seeing neighbors again and meeting new ones.



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.

HOW CO-OWNERS SHOULD MAKE A MAINTENANCE OR GROUNDS ISSUE REQUEST

The SPLAT Board has established the following procedure to use as a co-owner when you have a maintenance or grounds issue or situation. The goal is to facilitate the most efficient response and resolution to your request.

When you have a maintenance or grounds issue or situation, please EMAIL the community manager Sarah Leveridge at sleveridge@ardsleymgmt.com. If you contact a Board member, that person will simply forward it to Sarah as our manager. If you give your request to an employee of a SPLAT-retained vendor, it will go to vendor management then to Sarah as our manager. Therefore, response will be more timely if you contact Sarah first by email.

An email request is preferable to a phone call because it creates a dated written record. If, however, the situation is an 'after-hours' emergency (i.e., a tree has fallen through your roof), call Ardsley at (317) 259-0398.

Sarah will acknowledge your request within two business days of receipt or by Monday if received on Friday and sooner if an emergency situation. If you do not receive an acknowledgment by that time, please resend your request to Sarah. If, within a second two-business-days period, you've still not heard back on your request, then bring the issue to the attention of the President of the Board.

Every effort will be made to resolve your request as soon as possible. Often resolution involves getting competitive bids on larger jobs and vendor scheduling situations as well as weather or materials delays. Sometimes the Board has to review a request before action can be taken where HOA responsibility may be in question.

Sarah will query you by email or phone when a work order is completed to determine if the work was acceptable or any issues remain.

Refer all work request concerns, suggestions or complaints involving vendors to Sarah. Ardsley upper management will be monitoring the adequacy of complaint resolution.

At each monthly Board meeting, Sarah provides a community work order status report so the Board can monitor work completion and community maintenance trends.

Your request is important. Be assured your manager and the Board understand this. Help us help you by following this request procedure.

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.

SPLAT Free Library

By now many of you have utilized the Free Library. There is a nice variety of books to choose from. Books you no longer want can be placed in the library. You don't have to leave a book to take a book. You can take as many books as you care to read. Books can be kept or returned to the box. If a book lingers too long it will be donated to a charity as we plan to keep the library current and tidy. Please don't leave any books outside the box and don't overstuff the collection. Volunteers have signed up to monitor the collection each month. Contact Judy Malarney (317-846-3509) or Nancy Snively (317-218-3507) if you have any questions.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

This program is still continuing. If there is anything you need or want (medicines, groceries, etc.), don't hesitate to call someone on the list. Addresses are included so you know who lives near you.

Liz Brainard	317-847-8525	9273 Spring Forest Dr
Emma Brown	317-668-2413	9266 Tamarack
Donna Cracraft	317-250-9043	9458 Tamarack
Mary Crevey	317-490-7381	9454 Tamarack
Beth Critser	573-239-3188	9439 Tamarack
Betty & Charlie Culp	317-432-2935	9251 Spring Forest Dr
Winnie Goldblatt (May 1 -Jan1)	317-848-6435	9534 Tamarack
Judy Libby	317-809-8314 (cell);	317-218-3801 (home) 9365 Spring Forest Dr
Carolyn & Les Magnes	317-669-6951	9248 Spring Forest Dr
Nancy Martin	317-626-7025	9507 Tamarack
Julio & Pilar Morera	317-746-8060 (Julio);	317-760-9680 (Pilar); 317-853-8159 (
	Home)	9316 Tamarack
Mary Oldham	317-432-4397	9443 Tamarack
Judy Palmer	317-445-2432	9440 Tamarack
Nancy Snively	317-443-3051	9536 Cedar Springs
Betty Yan	317-383-9100	9248 Spring Lakes Dr
Kristie Watson	317-294-7206	9265 Tamarack

Why SPLAT removed the Bradford pear trees

Invasive plants are wreaking havoc on Indiana's ecosystems. The Bradford pear tree, loved because of its beautiful white blooms and stately appearance, is one of Indiana's worst invasive species.

As the trees bloom earlier than other trees, the flowers are part of the problem. The birds eat the small fruits, then fly and deposit the seeds elsewhere. The seeds are dropped elsewhere where there aren't any native competitors. They can take over entire meadows this way. When the tree chokes out native plants, those plants can't support native insects and pollinators. Those insects, in turn, can't support the wildlife that eats them, and the impacts snowball from there. The loss of biodiversity (lots of different plants) destroys the habitat and food sources for the birds you love.

There is also the fact that Bradford pear trees are famously fragile in the face of strong winds and storms. Residents who have lived here during the Bradford pear tree replacement have seen first hand the falling of large limbs due to high winds. Thankfully, no one was ever injured.

Here are some native and non-invasive alternatives to Bradford pear trees, according to experts:

Dogwood tree: Like Bradford pear trees, Dogwoods are covered in white blossoms in the springtime.

Eastern Redbud trees: Redbud trees are known for their flashy pink flowers in the springtime, and could be a non-invasive option for those looking for springtime blooms.

Serviceberry tree: As an added plus to Serviceberry trees' white flowers, their berries are also delicious.

Cherry tree: Cherry trees native to Indiana provide fruit and food for wildlife.

Oaks and maple trees: Native oaks and maples can support hundreds of types of wildlife and insect species, far more than some other ornamental trees can.

