

SPLAT— The Quarterly Newsletter



Going to be away?

If you are going to be away for a weekend, a week, a month, please let a neighbor and/or your Crime Watch block captain know. There have been a few instances where papers were on the driveway for several days plus a full mailbox. No one knew if the person(s) were away or in their unit needing help. Giving someone a key is also helpful. Again, there have been instances where the “emergency key” has been used. Thankfully all of these times the outcomes have been positive. But, needless to say, there were some worried people for a while. **There is a form in the Homeowner’s Handbook to fill out and give to your block captain and a neighbor.** Forms do not need to be used if only going away for a night or a weekend. Just let a neighbor know you will be gone. If you do not know who your block captain is, contact Bernie Pierce (317-418-2086; bpierceprc@yahoo.com).

Make sure someone has access to your unit in case of an emergency and can remove newspapers from your drive. Be sure to stop your paper and put mail on hold.

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.



Important Phone Numbers and e-mails

2020 HOA Officers and Committees

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317-253-1401

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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 .

Helpful Phone Numbers:

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| 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 |
| 5. Republic Services (trash) | 317-917-7300 |
| 6. Ardsley Management-- office phone | 317-253-1401 |
| 7. Mail hold/restart | Can be done online Just be sure you use USPS.gov as there are others shown that charge fees. |

From The President:

Recently, Chuck Rutledge elected to resign from our board of directors. I thank Chuck for his time and efforts while a member of our group. I am happy to note that Bernie Pierce has joined our board and will fill the term ending 12-31-2022.

I want to thank all of the residents who took the time to join us in the group meetings regarding future funding and needs of our neighborhood. From all of the comments received, the board will make a couple of recommendations that will be voted on at our annual meeting of December 8. It will be at 7:00 at the Drury Plaza Hotel on 96th, just East of Meridian Street. You will receive material in advance of the meeting for review.

I especially want to thank our hosts for the meetings and welcoming neighbors into their homes: Martha and Ned Lamkin, Jeanette Shallop, and Barb Banner. It was great to see and meet so many of our neighbors.

As of this writing, we are still experiencing problems with the North gate. The moving truck really messed us up. We are attempting to get all corrected. Basically, the gate opens and will not close at times. We are well aware of the situation as is the gate company.

All of the wood replacement and painting should be complete. We will begin in the Spring with the next group of residences on the schedule. This is a multi-year project for completion in order to spread our operating funds budgeted for each year. Not only are we looking at wood repair and the follow up painting, but the chimneys on these units are also being inspected.

Two projects remain for this year. First is the replacement of some of the small trees that did not survive as well as removal of some dead ones. The last project will be the gutter cleaning, once all of the leaves have dropped.

This will be my last newsletter as your president. It has been my privilege to serve our community and I believe we made progress, especially in the area of future financial planning and positioning for our needs. I truly thank all of the board members who served with me. Overseeing our community is a group effort.

Best wishes to all for the upcoming Holidays!

Jim

President, HOA Board

ANNUAL MEETING—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year's HOA annual meeting will be:

Wednesday, December 8

7:00 PM

Drury Plaza Hotel—96th and Meridian

It will be a combination of in-person and Zoom. More details will be coming.

Trimming vegetation hiding house numbers

Several units have the house number covered by vegetation. It is important that the numbers can be seen easily. In the event of an emergency, your numbers may be very important to responders. This overgrowth is actually the resident's responsibility.



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 2021, please arrange to have that done immediately. If you are on another system, Ardsley must have an alarm certificate on file.

Your ADT customer number, which is unique for your unit, is in your Homeowner's Handbook on page 10.

KUDOS!

We would like to thank Doug Perry, Jeffrey and Wendy Brown, and Ron and Kristi Watson for the work they have been doing on the common area between their units on Spring Forest Drive and Tamarack. Doug started the clean up several years ago and the Browns and Watsons have joined in the effort. Dead trees have been removed. Honeysuckle has been cleared. This is all being done at no cost to the HOA. The area is lovely. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

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.

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

Units for Sale

None

Welcome New Neighbors

Richard & Carol Darlington, daughter Sarah
9268 Spring Forest Dr
317-753-3932 (Richard)
317-691-8301 (Carol)
caroldarling@sbcglobal.net



What a wonderful gift! This bench was donated to the Nature Preserve by Don and Kathy Willing. It is so nice to have places to sit and relax in the Preserve. Piper Libby is admiring the bench and wishes she could use it also.

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.

2021 HOA Picnic

After having to cancel the 2020 picnic due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we finally had our picnic. It was great time with residents meeting new residents and everyone catching up with everyone. The weather couldn't have been nicer for early September. A food truck was tried this year with great success. We even had live entertainment with one our residents, Greg Harker playing his guitar and singing songs everyone knew. There was a group around Greg who sang along with him. At the end, everyone looked under their chair to see if they had won a pumpkin centerpiece which were made by Jan Pierce. There were almost 80 people enjoying the fellowship, food, and good weather!



The many people having a good time



Greg Harker and his guitar



Karen Jacobson and her pumpkin

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Winter Preparation

- Empty and disconnect outdoor hoses from faucets (*to prevent freezing pipes*).
- Empty and store outdoor planting pots
- Test your sump pump (*slowly pour several gallons of water into the sump pump pit to see if the sump pump turns on*).
- Have your furnace inspected, tuned, and filters changed
- Bring in and store outdoor furniture; or cover with heavy-duty cover
- Change direction of ceiling fans—should create an upward draft

STAYING YOUNG

To be young is not a matter of years. Youth lives forever, in love for the beauty that is in this world, in the mountains, the sea and sky; and in lovely faces through which shines the kindliness of the inner mind.

It is the tuning into the orchestra of living sound, the sighing of the wind in the trees, the whisper and flow of the tide on wide beaches, the pounding of the surf on rocks, the chattering of brooks over stones, the pattering of rain on leaves, and the joyous lilt of sweet laughter.

Youth lives without counting the years in a fluid mind which is open to new theories, fresh opinions, changing impressions, and in the willingness to make new beginnings.

What is it to stay young? It is the ability to hold fast to the old friends, and make new ones, to keep forever our beloved in dear remembrance, and to open our hearts quickly to a light knock on the door.

Youth is to remain faithful to our beliefs, to preserve our enthusiasm, to trust in ourselves, to believe in our own courage, and to follow where courage bids us go.

This is written by Cordelia Rogers, a friend of Carolyn Magnes's late grandmother. It is true no matter how old this is.