

SPRINGMILL LAKES AT TAMARACK

SPLAT— The Quarterly Newsletter



First snow of 2026 by Richard Darlington

GOOD NEWS

No Gate Remote Needed when Exiting onto 96th St.

Recently, the SPLAT Board of Directors voted to allow residents to leave SPLAT at the 96th security gate without a remote. Once your car gets about 3 feet away the gate will open automatically. You will still need to use your remote to enter the property off 96th St.

Residents on Cedar Springs felt there were too many non-SPLAT vehicles getting to the gate and realizing they could not get out and there was an excess number of cars turning around on Cedar Springs. So they petitioned with the board and paid for the gate change to be made. This change has been made by vendor Gatekeepers.

The board did state that if there is now an abundance of traffic coming through SPLAT and exiting onto 96th St. or the gate sees any damage then they have the right to have the gate switched back to full remote.

Notes from COA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

As your new COA President, I'd like to thank you for the opportunity and take a moment to share updates on current and upcoming projects in our community. The Board is committed to maintaining the safety, appearance, and long-term value of our neighborhood, and we appreciate your continued cooperation and engagement.

Chimneys

- *All chimneys must be inspected by a licensed chimney inspector*, regardless of whether you plan to use the fireplace.
- If you have not yet submitted the *SPLAT Fireplace Inspection Form* to Kirkpatrick, please do so as soon as possible. If you do not plan to use your fireplace, check the first box concerning not using your fireplace. Completion of this form is required.

Landscaping & Tree Removal

- Trees located in various common areas will be removed as weather and site conditions allow.
- Some trees have been identified as posing a potential risk to nearby building structures. Co-owners responsible for those trees have been notified and asked to arrange for removal.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work through these projects together. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the Board or Kirkpatrick with questions or concerns—we're here to help and value your input.

Warm regards,

Katie Betley
President

Welcome to our newest residents

Mike & Maggie Daniels
9271 Spring Lakes Dr
317-605-7708 (Mike) 317-460-4590 (Maggie)

Units for sale

9263 Spring Forest Dr
9321 Spring Forest Dr

Welcome to Our New Board Members

We would like to welcome our 2 new members to the COA Board of Directors.

Eric Gillispie

Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Eric has been a resident of Indianapolis since 1982 and been retired since 2017. He came to Indianapolis, after completing his MBA from the University of Michigan, to work for Eli Lilly and Company. He did his undergrad at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. His major at Wright State and Michigan was Accounting and Finance. Eric had a number of roles at Eli Lilly in the finance and accounting areas, in both the domestic and international groups. He also worked for May's Chemical Company with his final position being Vice President and Corporate Controller. He is also a CPA.

Eric is an Elder at their church, Covenant Community Church, and serves as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

He and his wife, Patricia, who is from Indianapolis, have been residents of SPLAT for almost 2 years. They have enjoyed meeting the neighbors, exploring the neighborhood and really appreciate the natural environment and beauty of SPLAT.

They have one son who lives in Houston, Texas.

Andy Bratton

Andy was raised in Anderson, IN. He received a business degree from IU and master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan.

He retired from Arrow Electronics in 2018. Arrow Electronics is an international distributor of semiconductors and computers. He was VP of Sales in the IBM division for 6 years and VP/General Manager of the Hewlett Packard Division for 8 years. Andy was responsible for the Federal Government Division for 4 years.

Board activities include:

- Current Treasurer of Ulen Country Club.
- Past Board President of Cardinal Ritter High School.
- Board member of Country Club of Indianapolis.

Andy and his wife Jenny have been married for 44 years and have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He enjoys sports, reading, volunteering and his children/grandkids.

Architectural Control Form Submissions

To ensure that your request is on the agenda, your form must be received by the Kirkpatrick Management Company at least 7 days prior to the COA Board meetings, which are on the third Monday of the month. This will allow Board members time to review your request before the meeting. The Architectural Control Form and instructions for completing and sending the form can be found on page 15 in the 2023 Handbook. You **MUST** submit an Architectural Control form and get board approval **BEFORE** the project begins.

Snow Shoveling Policy

Please note that KMC and the snow guys at Lemcke are ready to roll once snow starts. When a snow does come, we just ask that everyone be patient and stay inside if you don't have to go anywhere. The snow guys have other properties to plow so we won't be able to pinpoint when they will be at SPLAT and chances are they might have to come at least twice if we get large amounts of snow. Calling or e-mailing KMC about your driveway will not speed things up. Also, please remove your cars off the driveways once the snow starts or the plow guys will not plow your driveway for liability purposes.

The main objective is always to get SPLAT roads open first followed by the driveways and walks. They may have to come back and drop some salt on the hills and intersections if things get slippery. They DO NOT salt individual driveways and walks so we ask that you be prepared with your own salt if needed for your walks and driveways once the snow is all removed and ice forms.

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Going to be away?

If you are going to be away for a weekend, a week, a month or longer, 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 Les Magnés (317-294-0800, lmagnes@iu.edu).

Brave people out in the cold and snow



Donna Cracraft, Judy Libby with Piper,
Katy Betley with Coco



Betty Yan

More Nature Preserve pictures by Richard Darlington



ADT

The Springmill Lakes at Tamarack 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. ADT comes every Fall to check the fire alarms in your unit. If you are on another system, KMC must have an alarm certificate from that company on file.



All representatives **must** confirm your verbal password before assisting you in order to confirm your identity.

If you have forgotten your password, you can request it be mailed to you at your account address.

You may also change your password by logging onto www.MyADT.com:

- Sign into your MyADT.com account (or register if you haven't already).
- Select the **Account** tab.
- Select the **Profile** tab.
- Click the **Edit** link and enter your Verbal Security Password, then press **Save**.

Speed Limits, Stop Signs, and Walking in the Dark



Unfortunately, we need 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 at dusk or 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 and the driver knows you see them.

MAILBOXES

In 2025 a number of mailboxes plus the posts were damaged and had to be replaced. Please be very careful when backing out of a driveway. If you happen to see someone hit a mailbox, see if you can either get a picture of the vehicle/person or note license plate number and report to KMC. The person responsible for the damage will need to pay for the replacements.

SPLAT Website

Please visit our SPLAT Website to review SPLAT documents, Homeowner's Handbook, past newsletters, COA Board meeting minutes, and other information at:
www.springmilllakesattamarack.com

All the documents on our website contain important information. However, the most important document is the Homeowner's Handbook. It has concise information concerning rules and regulations.

Please be sure to note important contact information on pages 9, 10, and 11.

**KIRKPATRICK MANAGEMENT
SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING
WINTERIZING TIPS**

With winter in full swing, we are seeing low temperatures and low temperatures mean frozen pipes.

Please winterize outside water faucets as listed below:

1. Disconnect hose from outside faucet;
2. Shut off water supply to outside faucet;
3. Turn on outside faucet to drain, and;
4. Store hoses for winter.

In addition we realize that some residents will be out of town for the winter leaving their homes vacant for a period of time.

Listed below are a few suggestions to prevent freezing pipes while your unit is vacant;

1. Shut off water main;
2. Set thermostat to a minimum of 55-60 degrees;
3. Open cabinet doors around sinks, dishwasher and wet bars;
4. Shut off water heater or set to minimum setting. If you choose to drain your water heater, please be sure to turn off power prior to draining;
5. Install anti-freeze in toilet stool and tank; and
6. Leave a key and your contact phone number with a neighbor in case of an emergency.

Your Community **may not** be responsible for burst pipe damage resulting from failure to comply with the above.

* Also- keep in mind that chimney flues are required or recommended to be cleaned on an annual basis.

* Dryer vents also need to be cleaned out at least once a year to prevent buildup and help with the performance of the dryer.

* In addition please check all washer fittings and hoses to make sure they are attached properly and the rubber is not worn out.

We hope the above list will be helpful.

KIRKPATRICK MANAGEMENT COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION

Street Address: 5702 Kirkpatrick Way
Indianapolis IN 46220-3925
Hours of Operation: M-F 9:00am-5:00pm
After Hours Emergency: (317)-570-4358

Main Phone line: (317) 570-4358
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For any problems/concerns you may have with your unit you need to contact Dan Courtney at KMC. He is the go-to person rather than a board member.

You must also talk with KMC 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 KMC. It is realized that there are emergencies when something needs to be done immediately. If that occurs, notify KMC as soon as possible. Marissa Brock can be copied on e-mails sent to Dan Courtney as she assists him with the "easier" tasks.

Helpful Phone Numbers:

1. Indianapolis Star vacation hold/start 888-357-7827
2. AES -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. KMC-office phone 317-588-8736
6. Mail hold/restart Can be done online. Just be sure you use USPS.gov as there are others shown that charge fees. It is also a good idea to use the yellow hold/forward cards provided by the post office. Those can be given directly to the post office or put in mailbox for carrier to pick up. This ensures that the post office actually gets it.

Springmill Lakes Crime Watch Assignments

Find your street and then look for your address to find your block captain.
Report any suspicious activity to your block captain and/or call 911. Keep your garage doors closed. Set your alarm when leaving your condo.

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