

SPRING LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER



NEXT BOARD MEETING

*** * * NOTE – NEW DAY * * ***

Date: *WEDNESDAY*, August 18
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: RVC Bell School Center (Corner Bell School & Spring Brook Roads – Room 1)
Agenda: Dues Update, Pond/Lake Update, Security Update

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I cannot believe that I have only a few more "president's messages" to write. Time has really flown since I first took over as your president.

The Association has seen a lot of changes as old friends and neighbors have moved out while new friends and neighbors have moved in. As with all neighborhoods, we have seen changes, some good and some not so good.

What has happened to being a good neighbor and a good steward of your neighborhood? There has been a total disregard for the laws in this city along with just good manners. All summer long not a day has gone by where I have not received a call about motorcyclists blocking driveways or intimidating those who live in the area, ATVs being driven on city streets and in our parks, vandalism at our pond and parks, home invasions and various other issues.

The most disturbing trend is from the adults who feel that they can violate our rules and by-laws that have been in place for forty or more years. I am putting everyone on notice that we, as an association and a neighborhood, will no longer tolerate this total lack of regard for our laws and by-laws. I have instructed all of our security personnel and others that anytime they observe a violation, the Rockford police will be notified and violators will be prosecuted. I am sorry that it has come to this. Spring Lake Estates has always been a great place to live, and with your help we can continue to make it so.

June and July was a lousy time for both the Association and ourselves. Vandals struck at the pond and parks causing a significant amount of damage. As a result, a special meeting was held at the pond on July 1st to discuss what to do next. (See the report on this meeting on page 3.) Evidently the message has not yet gotten through. Just this morning I was called to both Weymouth and Haddon parks because of vandalism. At Weymouth Park, someone tried to steal the picnic table, and at Haddon park the grate to the catch basin was removed. If this hadn't been discovered early, the consequences of the removal of this grate could have been grave indeed.

We are pleased to announce that one of our own, Tim Koons, Jr., has enlisted in the US Army and is undergoing basic training at Fort Benning, GA. Please join us in wishing Tim success in all future endeavors.

The following is of a personal note. I want to thank all of our men and women who are currently serving in our armed forces and the veterans who gave of themselves so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. One of those basic rights they fought and died for is the right to vote. Please vote in the upcoming election. A MOST EMBARRASING FACT IS THAT MORE PEOPLE VOTE FOR AMERICAN IDOL THAN FOR THOSE WHO WE TRUST TO GOVERN US!

Bob

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2010 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 19, 2011 2:00 pm
Annual Meeting

The meetings will be held at Rock Valley College with building and room number assigned prior to each meeting.

ALDERMAN – FOURTH WARD

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ADDITIONAL POLICE NUMBERS

Emergency 911
Non-emergency 815-966-2900
Community Standards 815-987-5566
(Property and neighborhood violations)

TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

**A BLOCK CHAIR IS
NEEDED FOR AREA 12
(SPRING LAKE DRIVE).
ANYONE INTERESTED,
PLEASE CALL CAROL AT
815-904-9428.**

**OUR CURRENT
TREASURER, RAY
NILLES, WILL BE
RESIGNING AT THE END
OF HIS TERM THIS
YEAR. WE ARE
LOOKING FOR A
QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL
TO REPLACE HIM. THIS
IS AN IMPORTANT
POSITION, SO NOW IS
THE TIME TO STEP UP
AND VOLUNTEER.**

POND - SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting was held at the pond on July 1 to discuss the ongoing vandalism issues and the possible closing of the pond for the season. 78 residents attended the meeting. Bob Neumann opened the meeting by reading a prepared statement detailing the vandalism over the past two years. (Garbage thrown into pond, rock formation at water inlet destroyed, signs torn down, slide damage, pump house damage, damage to filtration system, picnic area and drinking fountain, etc.) Bob proposed that the bushes around the pond be cut down as a deterrent to vandals and/or to install security lights and cameras at the pond and parks.

The meeting was then opened for questions and comments from residents. Many good observations were made. Jim Barbagallo gave an impassioned presentation on why the pond should remain open as it and the parks are an asset to our community, raises our property values and makes our community a desirable place to live.

A vote was then taken regarding the proposals. It was voted to just trim, and NOT remove the shrubs. It was agreed to install the security lights and cameras instead. These security motion sensor lights and video cameras have since been installed at the swimming pond and the parks.

To date this has worked well, yet there are those who insist on testing us. As stated in the President's Message, in the wee hours of Sunday morning, vandals struck at both Weymouth and Haddon parks. In addition to the vandalism already reported, our signs were damaged and defaced. We will be reviewing the pictures and video and will prosecute those responsible.

As a result of the meeting our residents have started taking ownership of our community by volunteering to man lake and pond patrols. More than 2 dozen people signed up for these committees at the special pond meeting. The first committee meeting was held on July 15 at the home of Amy and Brian Watseka with 17 people attending. The Pond Patrol Committee will be chaired by Brian Watseka (815-423-0706) and the Lake/Community Watch Committee will continue to be chaired by Matt Macias (815-282-3556). If you want to volunteer for either or both of these committees or for more information, please contact Brian or Matt at the numbers listed.

With your help, we will once again make this a community of which we can be proud

POND – SEASON CLOSING

The pond will close at end of day, Labor Day, September 6. The pond will then be drained and closed for the season. Last year there were numerous incidents of people ice skating or playing hockey on the pond. AT NO TIME IS THIS ALLOWED ON THE POND OR LAKE AS BOTH ARE UNSTABLE AND NOT DESIGNED FOR THAT ACTIVITY.

ALSO, REMEMBER THAT ALL PARKS CLOSE AT DUSK. AFTER THAT YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TRESSPASSING AND SUBJECT TO ARREST.

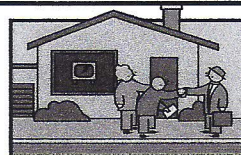
I want to thank all of you who helped me coordinate our neighborhood garage sale held on June 5 & 6. You helped make this sale a success. Thank You

Pam Osborne, Garage Sale Chair



HOMES FOR SALE

3165 Spring Lake Drive	Rea;tp – Dickerson & Nieman, Steve Ferrall	815-381-1113
3319 Conover Drive	Realtor – Tom McKiski Realtors, Larry Perry	825-885-3637
5702 Chadbourne	Realtor – Gambino, Jim Barbagallo	815-637-0160
5790 Clarendon Drive	Realtor – Gambino, Sengla	815-624-4187
5819 Thatcher Drive	Realtor – Warner Realty	815-897-3555
5822 Clarendon	Realtor – Doyle, Woodhouse & Moore Charlie Roos	815-222-2392
5892 Clarendon Drive	Realtor – Gambino, Karen Barbagallo	815-637-0709
5965 Old Millstone	Realtor – Whitehead	815-229-8000



WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Charles & Rigmores Alexander	3121 Raintree Lane
Sally Schrom	5548 Spring Brook, #201

**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT
RUNNING FOR A POSITION ON THE 2011
ASSOCIATION BOARD!**

**AS YOU KNOW, BOB NEUMANN WILL BE
STEPPING DOWN AS PRESIDENT AFTER
HIS CURRENT TERM EXPIRES. AMY
WETESKA, OUR CURRENT VICE-
PRESIDENT, WILL BE MOVING INTO THE
PRESIDENT'S POSITION. THIS LEAVES
HER POSITION AS VP/RECORDING
SECRETARY OPEN.**

**RAY NILLES, OUR CURRENT TREASURER,
WILL ALSO BE STEPPING DOWN, LEAVING
THIS POSITION OPEN. PLEASE, WE NEED
A QUALIFIED PERSON TO FILL THIS
POSITION.**

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

Along with Bob, I also will be stepping down as Newsletter Chair. Amy Watseka has a possible replacement. In the meantime, the advertising program will be suspended. The decision to resume this program will be made by Amy. If you wish the advertising program to continue next year, please contact her. I will be transferring to disk all past newsletters and information needed to continue.

Thank you for your support.

Carol Neumann

FINANCIALS AS OF 6/30/10

SPRING LAKE ESTATES HOMES ASSOCIATION				SPRING LAKE ESTATES HOMES ASSOC			
Budget / Expend Comparison		6-30-2010		TREASURER'S STATEMENT		6-30-2010	
	Budget 2010	Actual 2010	2009 carryover paid from reserve				
Income				Bank Balances - Alpine Bank			
Dues	\$79,488.00	\$65,618.17		checking			
Reserve	\$17,280.00	\$14,202.29		beginning balance	\$44,336.38	\$4,446.78	
Dues, prior		\$3,053.52		deposits		\$7,850.26	
Other		\$13.00		disbursements			
Insur reimburse		\$3,642.88		returned check			
		\$86,529.86		interest YTD			\$14.00
				ending balance	\$40,936.35		
Expense				pending disbursements / eom	\$3,165.00		
Business Office				additional disbursements			
Office	\$750.00	\$70.00		balance	\$37,771.35		
License / Fees	\$55.00			money market	\$12,835.21		
Legal	\$7,500.00	\$3,672.84	\$490.00	general Fund			
Communication	\$1,500.00	\$671.49	\$188.37	capital fund			
Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$3,185.00		lake restore fund			
Accounting	\$2,500.00	\$1,391.00		interest YTD			\$11.33
Other	\$1,000.00			CD	\$10,972.55		
	\$16,805.00	\$8,990.33		interest YTD			
Maintenance				Petty Cash	\$200.00		
Lake	\$10,700.00	\$5,851.00	\$2,500.00	Total	\$61,779.11		
Pond	\$12,000.00	\$5,871.17	\$908.25				
Parks	\$34,000.00	\$20,725.00	\$4,620.00	Receipts			
	\$56,700.00	\$32,252.17		dues 2010		\$65,963.17	
				reserve 2010		\$14,273.29	
Utilities				dues, prior		\$3,053.52	
Electric	\$3,500.00	\$607.80		legal recovery			
Telephone	\$400.00	\$223.64		other			
	\$3,900.00	\$831.44		overpay		\$13.00	
Reserve				Accounts Receivable			
Capital Expense				current year	\$26,551.19		
Lake Restoration							
	\$79,488.00	\$38,431.36					