
Important Dates:**October 12th 7:30 PM Board Meeting 3053 Suffolk**

September 2nd End of summer event at the pond

City of Rockford offices:

Neighborhood Standards 779-348-7444
Public Works, lights, potholes 779-348-7300
Police Patrolman in our area 779-500-6675
Alderman's Email: kevin.frost@rockfordil.gov

Note from the President

The garage sale event was a great success. The egg rolls on the east block of Clarendon were a big hit. I hope you had a chance to get some. The pond party was a great time. If you missed it, please join us next year. What a way to start the summer! Thank you all who were involved.

I am determined to keep some focus on Haddon Park. I feel it has been neglected for a while now. Mike Thompson is a new resident in Spring Lake Estates. He is helping us out with some of the work in both Haddon and Weymouth Parks. The path lighting has been repaired. Look for more improvements coming soon. I wanted to make repairs to the tennis court this year, but I am still in the research phase. Finding a solution that is cost effective, and the right people to perform the work, is taking longer than expected. My schedule is usually pretty busy, so I could really use some help with this. If you are interested, please contact me. Carlos Angeles 815-685-7839 cell.

One of our new social events this year is on Labor Day Weekend. The event will be an extended swim at the pond. It is my hope that we can grow this event into a larger event at Weymouth Park in the future.

Remember to drive slowly through the neighborhood. At city hall, you can pick up free "Kids Matter" signs, reminding drivers to slow down in residential areas.

We will soon transition from paper newsletters to a website and email as our main methods of communication. We will have an outdoor bulletin board to post a copy of the newsletter and other announcements. Please let me know if you will still want a paper newsletter delivered to your house.

We are always looking for more help. Don't be shy. Help your neighborhood continue to be great.

Activity passes and Annual payment:

Activity passes were handed out at the pond party. If you did not pick yours up, it should be included with this newsletter. If you have a balance due, the activity pass will not accompany your newsletter. If you have not made your annual payment yet, mail it to 5950 Thatcher. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Nilles, treasurer.

Treasurer: Ray Nilles
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Phone: 815-633-0836

Meet Your Neighbor

Introduce yourself. Tell a story. Make a statement. Here is a chance to get to know a little more about our neighbors and to promote more interaction within this community. Anyone interested can send me (Carlos Angeles) information via any of our many methods of communication.

Mike Thompson

Hi, neighbors! I am Mike Thompson of 5757 Haddon Pl here in Spring Lake Estates. I moved here from Loves Park in March of 2016 with my beautiful wife, Missy, my 12 year old son, Cameron, my daughter, Payton, who will be 10 by the time you read this, our 4 year old black lab, Maci, and our 1-1/2 yr old male black lab, Lambeau. Yes, he IS a Packer backer!!

I own New Life Carpentry, a full-service remodeling company capable of breathing New Life into just about any dream you've had for a space in or out of your home.

Missy works at the high school campus of Rockford Christian Schools where she is the Varsity Cheer Coach, Assistant to the Principal, National Honor Society Chair, and Director of Camp Vertical Extreme, among other things!

We are beyond excited to have found this gem of a community tucked away here in Rockford, Illinois and are looking forward to getting busy helping out however we can. We wish to be constructors of, not detractors from the area we call home, and we are looking forward to meeting you.

Lake Committee Update

Beaver Activity: They're back! A beaver was spotted in Spring Brook late this spring. Please report any activity to Terry Bomkamp so we can monitor steps to avoid any damage to the dam and trees.

Spring Lake Clean-up: The annual spring clean-up was conducted in late April. Thank you volunteers for your time. And thanks to everyone who has helped throughout the

year to keep our lake clean and beautiful. The amount of trash picked up this was much less than last year.

Growth on the Dam: Residents on the dam are responsible for keeping plant life including shrubs and trees removed. This plant life damages the dam. Most are now compliant but at least 2 owners have been presented with legal papers and will be charged additional fees for the removal of problem plants.

Algae: We apologize for the late start on the treatment of the lake this year. It appears the lake is in much better condition now that the first and follow up treatments have been completed. Regular scheduled treatments will take place throughout the season plus any as needed treatments. McCloud is the contracted services that the board uses. A major source of the algae issue is related to lawn treatment chemicals that run off through boarding lawns and storm water that drains directly into the lake. Please see related information in article provided by OES. We would ask that residents that border the lake to not treat the area approximately 5 yards from the lake shore.

Environmental Consulting Firm: The proposal from Rebecca Olson, owner of Olson Ecological Solutions (OES) that includes Five Phases to increase the water quality of our lake was presented at the annual meeting in February. The feedback from the residents has been very favorable and the board has approved the start of the project. Phase 2 of the project would expect to start summer or early fall 2017.

Wildlife \ Sightings: A bald eagle was again seen this past spring. Other sightings include: coyotes, a very large snapping turtle, mink, muskrats, and a variety of waterfowl with 2 species of herons, fox, and white tail deer.

Fish Stocked: 300+ Large -mouth bass (fingerling size) were stocked late last fall along with 200+ blue channel cat. It appears the stocked fish survived the winter since there are reports of the fingerling size bass being caught. Remember the fish caught in the lake are catch and release with the exception of the small blue gill which could be planted in your flower beds or gardens for fertilizer. Blue gill fishing off the fishing pier remains to be very good with a catch on every cast.

Fish Cribs: 2 Fish cribs (fish habitat) were built and sunk in the lake near the fishing pier last week. Residents along the shore are encouraged to build their own and sink off their pier. Just be sure they are sunk completely below the surface of the lake. The Department of Natural Resources recommended better habitat for our fish population.

Geese Population: Please do not feed the geese. They have been an issue for all of us and they will continue to come to our lake if we continue to feed them.

Communication

Here are a few ways to communicate with the board as well as with other members in the neighborhood.

- Spring Lake Estates Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/SpringLakeEstatesRockfordIll>
Also available for iOS and Android smartphones
- Next-door App – location based message board
<https://nextdoor.com/>
Also available for iOS and Android smartphones

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