

BOARD MEETING

October 26th

3053 Suffolk Place

7:30 PM

HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 28th

Weymouth and Haddon Parks

3:00 PM

Note from the President

The annual Pond Party was another great success! Thank you to everyone involved in running this consistently successful event. We had a great garage sale this year. The date was selected by a vote on the Nextdoor app. Look for this voting process again next year. It is a good way to get this kind of input. We also had our first movie night in Weymouth Park. It was very well attended. We had a great cleanup effort and no complaints about noise. Thank you to Gloria and Eric for donating the snacks and all the help setting up and cleaning up. It was another great team effort. We are always looking for a few extra hands for every event. If you feel like helping out, contact me, show up to any event a half hour early, or hang out afterwards and help with the cleanup.

You can now reserve Weymouth Park in the same manner as the swimming pond. To verify one of the locations is open on the date of your event, contact Paula Reiter. Her contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter. The reservation is for use of the grill and tables and their immediate vicinity. We will not limit access by other residents to the pond and park, so expect that you would have to share. See the Park Committee update for more information.

Please remember that pets are not allowed within the fenced area of the swimming pond. They are allowed on the grass area outside of the fence. It is very important that we follow this rule. This requirement comes from the health department. If you have any questions please give me a call.

There have been many questions about buildings and fences being installed in the neighborhood. Please help get the word out to new residents that we have a process for getting any new construction approved by the architecture committee. I am including the original architecture committee guidelines in this newsletter. Please take a minute to read it.

Carlos Angeles
815-685-7839

Lake Committee Update

Growth on the Dam

We still have a few residents that have not fulfilled their responsibilities for keeping trees and shrub growth off the dam. In addition any pot holes need to be filled and seeded. These conditions lead to destruction of the dam. Direct your questions to Terry Bomkamp, Lake Chairman.

Algae

McCloud is the contracted service that the board uses to treat the lake. Regular treatments are made each month and on an as needed basis. A major source of the algae issue is related to lawn treatment chemicals that drain into the lake with the storm water. We would ask that residents that border the lake to not treat the area approximately 5 yards from the lake shore.

Grass clippings and debris

Reminder: Do NOT dump grass clippings into and/or near the lake. This contributes to algae growth and clogging of the overflow that drains the lake during heavy rains. The dumping of grass clippings into the concrete spillways or in the street gutters also ends up in the lake since some of the street gutters drain into storm drains that eventually drain to the lake.

Environmental Consulting Firm Update

We continue to discuss the best approach of maintaining a clean and beautiful lake.

Wildlife \ Sightings

Coyotes have been seen so do not leave your small pets outside especially at night.

Parks Committee Update

Upgrades

The sinking bench overlooking the Lake in Weymouth Park has been removed and a new one has been installed in its place. We will be removing the existing basketball hoop in Weymouth Park and replacing it with two new ones at opposite ends of the court. This will allow for more than one group to play at a time. Our goal is to have them in place this fall. A Porta-Potty was installed in Weymouth Park last month. We have several ideas for further improvements to both parks and look forward to sharing them once we have more details finalized.

Park Reservations

Both parks are available to residents to host parties. As many of you may have noticed, we have had several parties in Weymouth Park this summer. Some have had inflatables, Knocker Ball was played, large tents set up for shade and plenty of space to host large groups of people. Although you can reserve the park for a large gathering, the park will not be closed to the other members.

- To reserve the park contact Paula Reiter
 - o Preiter1228@yahoo.com
 - o 815-494-8529

The parks are to be left as they were found. Pick up any trash and debris you have and take down all tents, games, inflatables, etc.

Halloween parade

October 28 at 3pm

We will be having a costume parade starting in Haddon Park by the tennis courts and proceeding to Weymouth Park. There will be trick or treating stations along the way and fun and games at Weymouth Park. The event will start at 3pm Saturday October 28. There will be costume prizes for best costume, most creative, and best family theme.

The parade will start at the tennis court and go through Haddon Park exiting onto Montlake. We will then head toward Weymouth Dr. and into Weymouth Park.

If you'd like to help with the event or have any questions, please contact Rory at springlakeestates@yahoo.com

Play Group

We are looking to form a Child and Guardian play group. Please email springlakeestates@yahoo.com if you are interested. A time and place will be set after participant input is yielded (age of children, time desired, etc.). This is a great chance to bring everyone together and meet families in the neighborhood!

Pond Update

The pond is now closed. We had a great season. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped out with the pond party. There is a lot of work that goes into that event. The fun at the pond continues when the water freezes. Look for the announcement that the ice is thick enough to skate. This winter we hope to have a home-made Zamboni to help keep the ice surface smooth.

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. We'd like to hear from you. Business owners, clubs, leagues... let us know if you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter.

I just returned home from the most wonderful trip of my life. I went to Washington on the Vets Roll trip along with 199 other military veterans. I heard it was a nice trip and it was unbelievable. The organization and the treatment we received by everyone on the bus and at the hotels and all along the trip was unbelievable. My brother Bill from Poway California was also on board, which made things even nicer. It was wonderful to see all the memorials WW-2, Korea, and Vietnam, and Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where we got to see a ceremony for a soldier that was to be buried. It was also very interesting to see the air museum at Dayton Ohio but you really need a whole day to see everything. Can't say enough about the crew on our bus and all of the volunteers who took care of all the needs any veteran may need as some of the vets were quite elderly. We actually had WW-2 vets on board. The whole trip was arranged by Finnegan's RV in Beloit Wisconsin and was at no charge to the veterans. I am a Korean War veteran and very grateful to them for the trip of a lifetime.

Sgt. Richard Haselton US Army COE.

Please support your neighborhood businesses

Pete's Skate Shop
New Life Construction
EBR Lawn Care
Heaven Rest
Higgins Home Inspection

Let us know if you would like to include the name of your business on this list.

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>
- Next-door App – location based message board
<https://nextdoor.com/>

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