

# SPRING LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2007



### NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, November 20

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Special Guest:** Michael J. Schirger, Attorney for Spring Lake Estate Homes Association

**Please check your November newsletter for further details.**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

80 degree weather to start October!! Isn't it great? Of course in a couple of months we will be wishing for these days to return!

I am pleased to announce that we have 97% compliance in dues collections. The other 3% have had judgments placed against them with additional legal action to follow. I cannot stress enough the importance of paying your dues. We can no longer tolerate any non-payment of association dues. They are less than \$200.00 per year, yet you get so much in return.....two parks that include tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, baseball fields and playgrounds; a swimming pond with picnic area; and a fishing and boating lake. Please do your share in ensuring that we can continue to enjoy these valuable assets.

The Association is responsible for the maintenance of the dam area. The homeowners whose property includes the dam/berm must keep this area clean and the creek free from obstruction. Those homeowners whose area requires clean-up will be given seven days to bring the area into compliance, then the Association will have it cleaned and bill the homeowner for the work. All outstanding balances are subject to an interest charge of 1½ % per month.

***FYI: The Association does not redeposit NSF checks. If your check is returned for NSF, it will be turned over to our attorney for collections.***

Leaf season is here along with the rains. It is important to keep the street gutter drains flowing freely to avoid flooding. You can help by keeping the drains in front of your homes free of these leaves. Thank you for your cooperation.

Streetlights: Our application for the streetlights was delayed due to a personnel change in the city Planning Department. Our alderman, Carl Wasco, assures me that the application is now at ComEd. The installation of the streetlights is expected in the spring.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 SLE Board of Directors. If you feel the urge to serve, please fill out and submit the attached form no later than December 15, 2007.

As the holidays approach, please remember those who have no voice and support your local animal shelter. I know I do.

As a personal note, I want to thank the residents of our association for your support and ideas this past year. Here's hoping 2008 will be as good as 2007.

Bob

### THANK YOU!!!

The best part of being the president of the association is the opportunity to work with some fantastic people, and in this issue I would like to spotlight two of them: **Jim Stewart** and **Dixie Simons**.

Jim as our Treasurer and Dixie as our Recording Secretary have been a tremendous asset to the Board. Together Jim and Dixie completed a very thorough forensic accounting and record finding project. The picture that was presented was not a very pretty one. The extremely high percentage of unpaid, late, under-paid, and even some over-paid association dues had our financial picture a mess.

Dixie spent considerable time sorting through the existing notes and minutes from past meetings to bring into focus the current status of projects and what was proposed at past meetings. It was labor intensive and some of the results we didn't like. But today we are on the best financial footing in years.

Special thanks to both!

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### ADDITIONAL POLICE NUMBERS

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

### 2008 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov 20, 2007	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb 23, 2008	2:00 p.m.
2008 Annual Meeting	
Tuesday, May 20, 2008	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug 19, 2008	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov 18, 2008	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb 21, 2009	2:00 p.m.
2009 Annual Meeting	

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



## NEW LUMINARY FUN!

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m., together we light our luminary, dim our entry lights, and warm our neighborhood hearts again. This lovely annual

event brightens winter days ahead with awesome neighborhood memories. Plan your display now and collect your supplies early! For a traditional display, here's what you'll need:

1. White, weather resistant luminary bags; use approximately 1 per every 2 feet of your path.
2. White luminary candles; use 1 per bag.
3. Sand or kitty litter; approximately 2 cups per bag.
4. Long lighter; like the one to start grills.

These supplies can be found at Zanocco Ace Hardware at 1605 N. Alpine in the Edgebrook Shopping Center. (Also available elsewhere.)

To assemble the luminaries:

1. fold bag tops down about 2" to anchor the bag shape
2. put 2 cups of sand or kitty litter in each bag
3. after placing your luminary bags along your drive or pathway, securely mount a candle in the center of the sand within the bags. (Take care that the area is free of any debris or obstruction.)

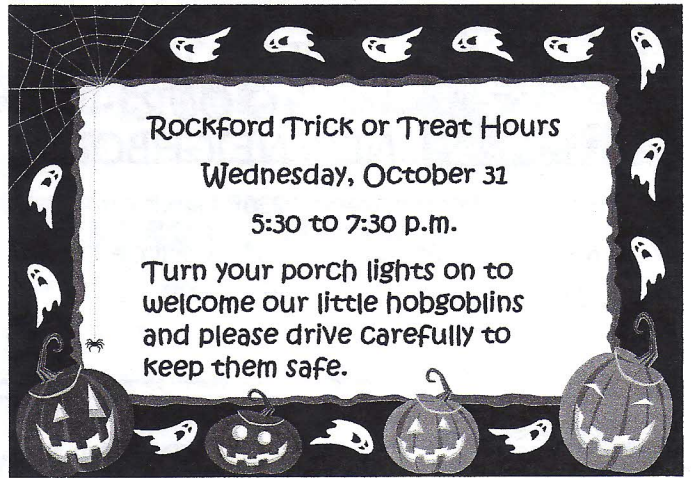
Instead of candles, battery operated lights of various sizes are available. Metal luminary "bags" are also available. Or go creative with milk cartons, jars or ice!

The luminaries will be lit at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for that evening only. Grab your camera, walk the neighborhood, greet your neighbors, or plan a party for that day. Enjoy the beauty of the season!

Collect your luminary remains the next day. Reuse, recycle or share what you can.

### Extra, Extra Fun Stuff!

Wendy (our new luminary lady) would like to put together a small luminary handbook for next year's holiday season. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated (only one per family, please). Your favorite holiday recipe, luminary display idea (with instructions), photo of your 2007 luminary display or short story will be considered. Submissions due April 1, 2008 to Wendy Higgins at 5855 Old Millstone or e-mail to [higginsdoobiz@higginshomeinspection.com](mailto:higginsdoobiz@higginshomeinspection.com). Call 815-282-3988 with questions. Watch for updates in your upcoming newsletters.



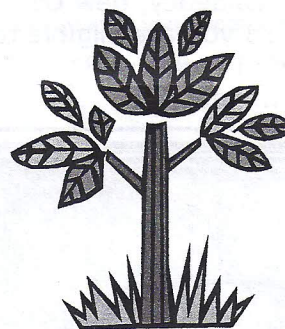
### SMASH AND GRAB

We've all heard of "smash and grab" where your car window is broken and your purse is snatched from your front seat. Well, here's another version.

In the middle of the night, someone sneaks into your backyard, looks into your kitchen window, and if a purse or other valuable is seen, the screen is sliced, the window broken and the purse/valuable is snatched!

Our dogs alerted us to this situation last August. At 3:00 am, a young man was discovered in our backyard looking in our kitchen window. In this case, the young man was surprised, vaulted our fence and bolted away, with our brave (and angry) little Shiz Tzu giving chase. (Don't worry, she didn't get close to him!)

The moral of the story.....keep your purse and other valuables out of sight and away from windows!!!

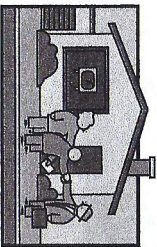


An autumn blaze maple tree has been planted at the swimming pond by D.S. Enterprises Lawn & Landscaping in appreciation of our business. Thank you, Dave.



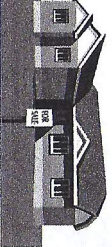
### POOPER SCOOPER

PLEASE - When walking your dog, be a good neighbor and clean up his deposits!



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Ryan Scott 3389 Montlake  
 Alan & Sandy Coppernoll 3560 Montlake  
 Carol Wick & Beth Lowery 5692 Spring Brook

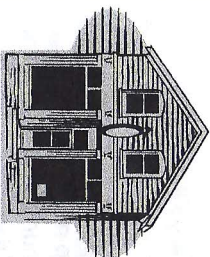


## HOMES FOR SALE

3066 Spring Lake Drive 282-2222  
 Realtor, Gambino  
 3263 Youngfield Drive 381-1122  
 Realtor, Dickerson Nieman, Vicki Krueger  
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 Realtor, Dickerson Nieman, Keith Donnell  
 5744 Chadbourne Circle 381-5676  
 Realtor, ReMax, Jack Hanson  
 5956 Twin Orchard Drive 931-7500  
 Realtor, ReMax, Ron Ewing  
 5548 Spring Brook Road #312  
 Realtor, Century 21

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Instead of going downtown to the registration office, a Deputy Registrar is available in Springlake Estates for voter registration. If you have a name change, new residency, new US citizenship or reached age 18 you are eligible to register to vote. Call Wendy Higgins at 815-282-3988 to arrange an appointment.



### TRADING POST

FOR SALE: 2004 Dodge  
 handicap ramp van. Call Larry at  
 815-877-9032.

**WANTED:** Looking for local health caregiver to assist with care of person with mild stroke. Approximately 5 - 10 hours per week. Call Betty Nielsen at 877-9007 for details.

### AREA 9 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Benjamin was born August 15<sup>th</sup> to Ted and Khambly Scordato. That's 4 little boys born in our neighborhood in just over a year's time.

Kathryn Bachhuber and Anthony Demarco were married in Rockford on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn's parents, Tom and Carol, live on Old Millstone Road.



### SOLD YOUR HOUSE?

When selling your property, it is your responsibility at the time of closing to turn over to the new owner your copy of the Association Declaration and By-Laws (which are included in the Association Directory) and the current Activity Pass. These documents are the text of the covenant which accompanies the property being sold. Failure to turn over these documents is failure to fully disclose and leaves the seller open to a lawsuit by the buyer.



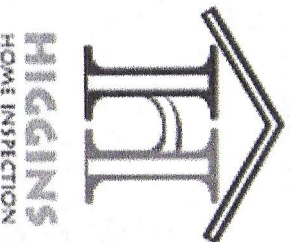
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