

SPRING LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER

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2008



NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: RVC Bell School Center (corner Bell School & Spring Brook Roads) – Room 2
Agenda: Lake, Weymouth Park Drainage, Pond, Street Lights, Courtesy Patrol, Dues

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A lot has happened since our Annual Meeting. Let me start by introducing the new Board: President, Bob Neumann; Vice-President, Chuck Hummel; Treasurer, Ray Nilles; Secretary, Pam Long; Members, Tom McNeany; Richard Gassmann; Jeff Jones; Matt Sullivan. Jeff and Matt are our new members and both live in the condos. Jeff and his family are building a duplex on the remaining lot on that tract which they will occupy upon completion. Welcome to you both. Thank you Dixie Simons and Jim Stewart for your years on the Board as secretary and treasurer. You will be missed, but we expect to continue to see you at the meetings!

Recently, a group of residents asked about addition traffic control at Weymouth and Mulford. Our alderman, Carl Wasco, commissioned a traffic study for this area. This study indicated that the amount of traffic does not warrant a traffic light at that intersection. However, the timing on the lights and Pepper Lane and Spring Brook Road was adjusted to allow a window for people turning left during the morning and evening travel times. If you do not feel safe turning left out of the sub-division on Weymouth, go to Pepper Lane and use the traffic signals there.

Spring Lakes Estates Courtesy Patrol is looking for volunteers. The association is looking for people to keep an eye on the parks and pond areas for the spring and summer. Volunteers will be trained in procedures such as safety, ID checks and radio communications. Depending on the number of volunteers, T-shirts will be provided.

In March I had a long discussion with the fish biologist for the northern area. He stated that the fish in the lake need to be harvested and suggested the following should be implemented for the 2008 season. A limit of 3 bass per day, 14 inches or longer; 3 catfish per day, 14 inches or longer; 3 walleye per day, 14 inches or longer; no limit on pan fish (blue gill, sunfish, etc). This must be done to ensure a healthy fish population with sufficient food resources. He also said that the fish are safe to eat. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!! Just remember you DO need a fishing license!

I have had several inquiries about the lake and the silt problem. This will take more than a few lines in my president's message, so please read the article on page 3 addressing this issue.

The boat dock is now handicap accessible. The entrance is level and there is a railing all around. It is safe for kids and those with limited mobility. This project was completed by one person as an Eagle Scout project. His name is David Lynch. David is a member of Troop 14 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. THANK YOU DAVID!! Please read the article about David and his project on page 3.

There are still some residents who haven't paid their 2008 dues. As shown in the past, the board will no longer tolerate non-payment. If you are having financial problems, let someone on the board know so payment arrangements can be made. Please do not risk increased cost to you. Pay your dues today. Statements have been sent out reflecting the amount due and the penalty. If you have any question, please call me.

PLEASE NOTE: My new e-mail address is r_neumann@att.net

Have a great summer! See you at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 20!

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Community Standards 815-987-5566
(Property and neighborhood violations)

2008 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

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.

POND, PARK AND LAKE NEWS

LAKE – SILT ISSUES

In response to the numerous inquiries regarding the lake and the silt problems, I would like to set forth the following to make clear about the ongoing problem and what has been done.

1. The talk from the prior administration about there being a lawsuit and/or money on the table is just that.... talk. When I assumed the role of President in 2006, I was told, on more than one occasion, that there was 75 to 100 thousand dollars "on the table" from Rock Valley College for repairs to the lake needed because of the construction at the college. I went to the college to discuss this and was told that it was not true.....that no such money existed and that the College and the contractor denied any liability.

2. A review of the sewer system provided by the City of Rockford shows that there is no way that the construction at RVC caused or added to the lake problem.

3. When the lake was originally built, a silt wall was placed in the lake. Remnants can be seen at Weymouth Park. In 1975, the homeowners around that area went to the association and made the claim that the wall obscured their use of the lake. Subsequently, these homeowners and the association each paid to remove this wall against the objections of the developer.

So the lake's problems are ours alone to deal with. That is why we have started a lake restoration fund. I have heard from several people that they don't benefit from the lake, and the answer to that is, yes we do. Our houses have an increased value because of the lake and all residents that are part of the association have access to it. I am hoping that in the future we can make this access even more enjoyable.



POND

The pond will open on Saturday, May 24.

The rules for the pond are posted on the gate.

Please adhere to them to ensure a safe and fun summer.

There will be no security guard again this year so make sure your children are properly supervised.

Guests must be accompanied by a resident.



To reserve the picnic area at the pond, call Paula Reiter at 815-540-6810. Please call as far in advance as possible in order to secure the date. Last year this area was in almost constant use. Also, please make sure that the picnic area is picked up and cleaned of refuse after your party. If the refuse can is filled, please do not leave your bags on the ground next to them. (This only encourages the wildlife in the area to have their own party! Only they don't clean up after themselves!) Bring your bags with you and dispose of them at home. As always, the swimming area will always be available to residents regardless of any ongoing parties.

Pets are not permitted in the pond and beach area. Loose animals found in this area will be removed by Rockford animal control.

Make sure you have your activity pass with you at the pond. The passes will be delivered shortly.



HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BOAT DOCK

The boat dock is now handicap accessible. The entrance is level and there is railing all around. It is safe for kids and those with limited mobility. This project was completed by one person as an Eagle Scout project.

The young man who took on this project is Eagle Scout, David Lynch. David is a member of Troop 14 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church and is a Freshman at Boyle High School.

David planned, designed and gathered the materials and completed the project in three phases.

The first phase was lowering and evening out the dock. The second phase was installation of the upright posts giving them time to settle. The third phase was installing the horizontal railing.

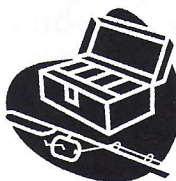
The first resident who tried out the dock was in a motorized wheelchair. He had waited years to be able to access this area on his own. He's thrilled that he can now enjoy the water and the peaceful surroundings.

Well done David. The residents of Spring Lake Estates and the Board of Directors say a great big thank you and may success follow you through life.

THANK YOU - DAVID LYNCH !!!

LAKE

FISHING: A fishing license is required to fish in the lake. But this year you can keep what you catch if it falls within the limits of the guideline:



3 bass per day, 14 inches or longer

3 catfish per day, 14 inches or longer

3 walleye per day, 14 inches or longer

unlimited panfish (bluegill, sunfish, etc.)

Except for the boat dock pier, pond and Weymouth Park, the area surrounding the lake is private property. This includes the berm/dam behind the duplexes and condos. Fish in the designated areas ONLY (the boat dock pier or from your boat).

BOATING: Your boats must carry a current boat registration number issued by the state. Please notify the Association president of this number.



SWIMMING: Swimming is not allowed in the lake. The lake is not treated to maintain sanitary or safety conditions and is occasionally treated for algae and other weed control.



THE ONLY DESIGNATED SAFE SWIMMING AREA IS AT THE POND.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE



Saturday, June 7
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
No participation fee

Pam Osborne is the new Garage Sale Chair. She will be putting together an area map listing the locations of all the participating homes. Copies of this map will be placed at strategic points along the route. If you will be participating, please call Pam at 815-654-7968 to let her know your address. If possible, she would also like to include a general listing of the items you're planning on selling as an encouragement to the shoppers.

There will be an ad placed in the Rockford Register Star newspaper to run Tuesday thru Saturday and signs will be placed on the corner of Mulford and Weymouth; the corner of SpringBrook and SpringLake; the corner of Mulford and Pepper; and the corner of Pepper and Lansdale. The Royal Harbour Condos will also be participating.

STREET LIGHTS

Update: Of the seven locations we requested to have streetlights installed, ComEd approved NONE of them!!! The reasons included too far away from existing power, and having to traverse driveways. So its back to the drawing board!!!

Place your business card ads here. \$10 per newsletter or \$40 per year. With the yearly rate you are guaranteed placement in 4 newsletters with extra issues at no additional charge. (There were 2 extra newsletters issued last year.) Call Carol at 815-282-4635.

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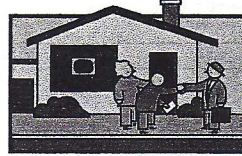
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5588 Spring Brook Road Realtor, Keller Williams, Audrey Johnson	815-519-7822
5956 Twin Orchard Drive Realtor, ReMax, Ron Ewing	815-931-7500
5965 Suffolk Place Realtor, Whiteside Realty, Tracy Conway	815-262-1312

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Walk your dog on a leash and carry plastic bags to clean up their deposits.

Do not use private driveways as a turn-around point for your vehicle.

Obey posted speed limits and stop signs. School will soon be out. Let's keep everyone safe!

Respect private property. Please refer to the map in the center of your directory for the "common areas" that are provided for the enjoyment of all.

Help protect all of our homes and families by being an alert neighbor. **Report crime and suspicious activity at once!**



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