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Quarterly Newsletter

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Greetings and Salutations, Dear Friends & Neighbors!

We're celebrating our Two year neighborhood newsletter anniversary this summer! As always, we have many items to share this quarter including information for our 1st ever Movie Night on Friday, September 21st. It looks to be the beginning of something fun for everyone so don't miss out!

Now that the cul-de-sacs have been beautifully landscaped, the Board is looking towards the monument and perimeter landscaping needs. Discussions are under way and the intent is to spruce up monument areas yet this season.

News on other fronts include section 6 and neighborhood streets. Sherry Dobson continues working with both Neumann Homes and Village Staff to close out section 6. Most recently, the old utility pole and large dirt mound were removed at Parsons & Miller Road (now we can see—yeah!) Additionally, several dead trees will be replaced and others that are in need of pruning will be completed within the next few weeks. Let's keep our fingers crossed that all items will be completed and that Final Acceptance of section 6 will occur yet this year. In terms of the streets within our neighborhood, the Village anticipates completing crack sealing and pavement rejuvenation in the mid-late September timeframe for all streets within SAH. These routine, general maintenance type of activities help to keep our newer roads in a good shape. The process is similar to driveway seal coating: cracks filled with sealant, oil based product applied (quick dry material), and sand swept across, filling any small holes. Flyers will be distributed to all area homeowners prior to any work start-up.

Lastly, all residents should have received their new garbage and recycle bins from ARC Disposal. Senior citizens may request a smaller garbage bin by contacting Village Hall if desired. General information includes placing your bins at the curbside, with wheels facing the house; leaving approximately 2 feet between each bin, and keeping lids closed. ARC requests that the following items not be placed in the bins: any type of hazardous material, hot ashes, no writing or painting on carts and if you're moving, the carts remain with the home. If you have further questions, please contact ARC.

Help Wanted—Are you interested in participating in your Community?

If yes, we're looking for folks that can help organize the

Neighborhood Watch Program.

Contact Adam Ruiz at 847-428-6730 for additional details.



Internet Safety Survey—How aware R U? From Lisa Madigan, Illinois Attorney General



1. When chatting online, children often use acronyms and shorthand to communicate. Do you know what "POS" means? A. Plate of spaghetti B. Parent over shoulder C. Pray on Sunday
2. Do you know what "WUF" means? A. What do you feel? B. The sound a dog makes C. Where are you from?
3. What percentage of kids aged 12-17 use the internet? A. 50% B. 68% C. 87%
4. Do you know what "911" means? A. Call an ambulance B. Eleven C. Someone is watching-parent or guardian
5. What percent of teens use the internet from a friend or relative's house? A. 29.2% B. 74% C. 91%
6. What percent of teens use the internet from a friend or relative's house? Do you know what "RUMORF" means? A. Rumor or fact? B. Are you mad or faking? C. Are you male / female?
7. Do you know "WTGP" means? A. It's a radio station call sign B. Win the game, player! C. Want to go private?
8. Among teens using the Internet, what percentage use social-networking websites like MySpace and Facebook? A. 45% B. 55% C. 35%
9. Several social-networking websites exist just for children to chat and play games with each other online. T or F?
10. In January of 2007, how many people visited the most popular social-networking website for children? A. 25 million B. 19 million c. 5 million
11. In January of 2007, how many people visited the second most popular social-networking website for children? A. 500,000 B. 11.3 million C. 2.5 million
12. In a recent survey, _____percent of teenagers reported receiving unwanted sexual solicitation online each year? A. 0.02% B. 13% C. 4%
13. Do you know what "LMIRL" means? A. Leave me rolling in laughter B. It means nothing C. Let's meet in real life
14. In a recent survey, _____children admitted they consider meeting face-to-face with someone they meet on the Internet. A. 1 in 2 B. 1 in 3 C. 1 in 11
15. Where can you find more information about Internet safety? A. Www.cybertipline.com B. Www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov C. Www.netsmartz.org D. All of the above

For answers to all of the questions, check out:

http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/children/internetsafetyquiz_w_answers.pdf

Japanese Beetles written by resident Dorle Chung

Have you noticed any shiny green beetles enjoying a meal on some of your colorful plants? If so, you are among the many homes in our neighborhood suffering from Japanese beetles. The Japanese beetle is about 1.5 cm (0.6 in.) long and 1 cm (0.4 in.) wide, with shiny green backs. Adults emerge from the ground in late May or early June. Individual beetles live about 30 to 45 days with activity concentrated over a four to six week period. Beetle numbers begin to decline in late July but some can be found as late as September. Japanese beetles can feed on about 300 species of plants, ranging from roses to poison ivy. The beetles usually feed in groups, starting at the top of a plant and working downward. While a single beetle doesn't eat much, group feeding by many causes severe damage. Adults feed on the upper surface of foliage, chewing out tissue between the veins. This gives the leaf a characteristic skeletonized appearance.

What can you do about them?

Japanese beetle traps are sold in many garden centers. Research conducted at the University of Kentucky has shown that the traps attract many more beetles than are actually caught. In most landscape situations, use of Japanese beetle traps probably will do more harm than good. The traps have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing damage and populations only when landscapes are isolated from other Japanese beetle breeding areas or when mass trapping (everyone in the neighborhood) is used. In most urban areas, traps tend to attract more beetles into the area than would normally be present. In this situation, adult feeding and resultant grub populations are not reduced.

The use of insecticides may be a better choice than traps. Examples of insecticides include acephate (Orthene Turf, Tree & Ornamental Insecticide), carbaryl (Sevin and many other brand names), cyfluthrin (Bayer Advanced Garden Multi-Insect Killer Concentrate), lambda-cyhalothrin (Spectracide® Triazicide® Soil & Turf Insect Killer Concentrate), esfenvalerate (Ortho Bug-B-Gon Garden & Landscape Insect Killer Concentrate), and permethrin (Spectracide® Bug Stop Multi-Purpose Insect Control Concentrate and many other brands).

For additional information, check out these websites: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef409.asp>, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_beetle, <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/2000/2001.html>

Join us as Spring Acres Hills goes to the Movies!



All residents invited to a "Movie in the Park" at Rolling Hills Park

Friday, September 21st ~ Event kick off at 6:00 PM
with a pre-movie social hour

Kids will enjoy carnival-style games, temporary tattoos, and a pee-wee obstacle course. For adults, we will offer Baggo, limited concessions and the opportunity to socialize with your friends and neighbors.

This is a very casual event and we encourage you to bring a picnic dinner and your bat and ball, if you wish.

*** Please note that this is a B.Y.O.B. (bring your own beverage) event and the concessions we offer will be limited to snacks you might find at a traditional movie theater ***

Bring your own blanket or chair and park yourself in front of our giant movie screen at 7:30 PM

The "Movie Night" committee is reviewing a variety of movies that are both suitable and appealing to all ages and the title will be announced prior to the event. Your movie suggestions are welcome and can be e-mailed to hilltami@yahoo.com or contact any Board member via the HOA website at www.springacreshillshoa.com.



Mark the date on your calendar and stay tuned for further details!



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Golf...Masi's Catering...Mason's Martini Grill...Master Cuts...MJ's...Nail
Trend...NexDry Dry Cleaners...Noble Chiropractic...Noodles...North of
the Border...Olive Garden...Opulence Hair Salon...Panera...Pizza Hut
(Route 72)...Platinum Nail Salon...Quiomi Savoy Spa...Quiznos
(Randall Road)...Red Star Tavern...Studio 31...Surf City (Spring Hill
Mall)...Taco Bell...Taylor Street Pizza...Tea Gschwend-
ner...TGIFriday's...Trader Joe's...Trudi and Morgan Bergquist...Wacky
Bear...Wendy's...West Dundee Deli...Wild Birds Unlimited...

Many ~~THANKS~~ to the following residents:

Garage Sale
Dennis Dobson and Tami Hill

Picnic Committee
Julie Baucom
Vikki Giacalone
Tami Hill
Katyce Lanspa
Yvette Smith
Susan Trapani

Although the picnic did not produce the expected numbers this year, forcing cancellation, efforts will continue again next year. In the meantime, if you have suggestions, such as picnic every other year, please email the Board via the website.

Check out www.springacreshillshoa.com for approved Board Meeting Minutes



NOTEWORTHY



Community Dates

Running Club Sunday mornings ~ meet at the park 8:30 a.m.

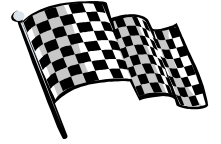
Village Board meetings held the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month



SAH Movie Night September 21, 6:00pm (see page 3 for details)

Worldwide Day of Play September 29, 1-3pm @ Liberty Elementary

HOA Board of Directors meeting October 17 and January 16, 2008



SAH Raceway

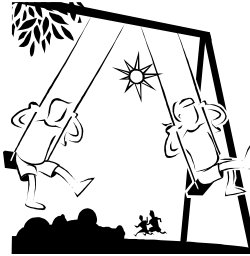
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Neighborhood streets??

We often see and hear that folks are driving well above the **25 mph** speed limit within the neighborhood, especially on Oak Knoll Lane, Parsons, and Rolling Hills Road. We all want to get to our destination as quickly as possible, however, PLEASE slow down in the neighborhood!

Why break glass bottles?

Earlier in the summer a family enjoying the park came upon broken glass from several Snapple bottles. Thankfully they were courteous to clean up before an injury occurred. We ask folks to PLEASE dispose of their waste properly, reducing safety issues for young children and keeping our park in good shape for all to enjoy. Thank you!



“Do or do not.
There is no try.”
Yoda



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