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Annual Election

Monday

March 5th

7:00pm

Liberty Elementary
Miller Road

The HOA Needs You! written by Paul Lanspa

At our annual homeowners' meeting on March 5th, 2007 – we will once again be holding an election for our Homeowners' Association Board of Directors (BOD). This year there are two terms expiring, each being open for a two-year term.

So what's the Board all about?

Let's start with some background: The Spring Acres Hills Homeowners' Association is an Illinois Not for Profit Corporation, formed on July 19, 1994 by the original developer of Spring Acres Hills. The Association was formed, "...to promote and protect the cooperative and aesthetic aspects of the Property and is established for the purpose of enhancing and perfecting the value, desirability and attractiveness thereof." Each year we have to file a status report with the Illinois Secretary of State to maintain our Not for Profit status, and provide updates of who sits on the Board. In short, the Association is governed by two documents – our Declaration of Covenants and the Illinois Not for Profit Corporation Act. As a Board member it is not critical you know these documents inside-and-out, but it is good stuff to know – as there are definite limits on what can and should be done by the Board.

When Board elections are held, the new Board members determine who will fill each position; no one is elected for a specific position. There are five positions, which can change annually: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director. While each member has a different title, their powers are virtually the same.

Did you ever wonder what it's like to be on the Board?

Finally, the real point of this article - We wanted to give our neighbors some insight into what it's like to be part of the Board of Directors (BOD). The best part about being on the Board is getting to meet neighbors, understand what's important to them, and work to make our neighborhood as nice as possible. I cannot say enough about what great neighbors we have - they want to be involved, and make their homes and our community as nice as possible.

Is the Board all fun? No, unfortunately being on the Board is not all fun; there is actual work involved. The most challenging part of being on the Board is handling issues when neighbors forget that being on the Board this is voluntary. In the four years I have been on this HOA board, we have had some confrontational discussions with neighbors; unfortunately, that is part and parcel to the nature of this role.

So what's it take to be a great Board member?

From my experience on our Board, the folks who have been most successful are those with the following traits:

- **Honesty/Integrity in both words and actions** – this has created challenges for Board members when they say one thing, but do something totally different and/or are not honest with their intentions;**continued on page two**

The Scoop...Literally

Can you believe it??? Someone has been throwing their dog's waste into our neighborhood ponds, enclosed in what look to be blue plastic newspaper bags. We need your help in curbing this growing trend. Please be courteous to your fellow neighbor and scoop up your dog's poop when out & about and dispose of properly. Or, if you notice someone, please complete a Violation Complaint Form found on the website and/or contact the Property Manager. Thank You!



Spring Acres Hills Residents **Pre-Season Special**

*Receive 15% off the total cost of our 4 or 5 application Fertilization & Weed control program.
This offer is exclusive to the residents of Spring Acres Hills and is valid thru April 30, 2007.
We currently serve many customers throughout your community.
Call today for a free estimate.*

This year, let the grass be greener on your side of the fence!



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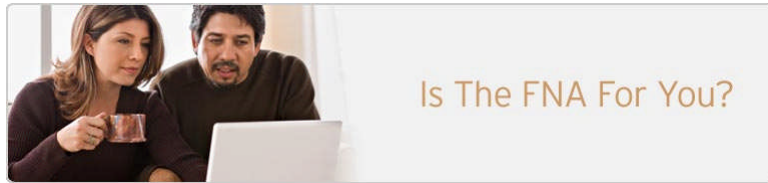
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- Remembering that being on the Board means **you are there to serve the community**, not the other way around;
- **A positive attitude** – this will go a long way in making you a success;
- **Having a "thick skin"** – if you can't roll with the punches then you can get frustrated – this is easier said, than done;
- The ability to not take everything so seriously! This is not life and death stuff, we're just trying to maintain the neighborhood and keep things nice;
- Willingness to pitch-in and do whatever is necessary to help promote the community and the HOA.

If you are interested in being a part of the Board of Directors, I strongly encourage you to attend our annual meeting. In the meantime, if you have specific questions about the HOA, the Board, or anything else I am always available. I can be contacted in the evenings at 847-836-8584.



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NOTEWORTHY



Important Dates to Remember

March 5th—Annual HOA Election, two open seats
7:00pm Liberty Elementary School, Miller Road

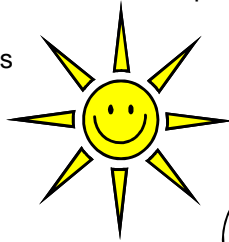
April 17th—Consolidated Election
CUSD 300 School Board, four open seats
Village of Carpentersville Trustee, three open seats

June 8th & 9th—Spring Acres Hills
Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

Visual Preference Survey

C'ville is looking for your ideas! Check out their weblink and take an online survey:

<http://www.hlplanning.com/carpentersville/vps/>




Friendly Reminder

Holiday decorations should be removed at this point in time per the Village.

*“Life is change.
Growth is optional.
Choose wisely.”*

Karen Kaiser Clark



It's official...
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 11th
Remember to turn your clocks one hour ahead!



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