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Quarterly Newsletter

Greetings & Salutations

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Summer has flown by quickly once again and it's time for the second edition of our Newsletter. Last quarter we requested your assistance in creating a name for this publication and the winner is **Spring Acres Hills Digest**. Thank you to all whom voted!

August 1st marked the complete transition of records, etc., to our new Property Manager, Rage Management. The changeover has gone smoothly and we're already reaping many benefits, including additional cost savings. Don Rage secured a new insurance contract with Nationwide, saving the HOA \$640 annually—thanks! Moreover, he has assisted in streamlining processes, while ensuring the HOA standards are being met. We look forward to our continued positive relationship.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the many attendees and volunteers who assisted with our 2nd Annual Picnic. There were 140 adults & children ages 5+ and 27 children under 5. The Moonwalker was a major hit with the kids as well as the Face Tattoos, Balloon Twister, Police & Fire Departments. Several residents have graciously volunteered to organize the 2006 picnic, which may occur in late Spring or early Summer, per resident suggestion. Other suggestions include: full catering, DJ/band, magician and a raffle.

Lastly, we are preparing to begin advertisements for our Winter edition. The Board is in the process of establishing guidelines, pricing, etc., and hopefully will approve them at the next HOA meeting, October 10th.

Have a wonderfully joyful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Mission Accomplished: Well, almost...

Over the course of the last several months, substantial progress has been made between the HOA, Neumann Homes (NH) and the Village regarding Miller Road and Section 6 of SAH. NH has reassured us on numerous occasions that they have all intentions of completing these projects this season. NH & the Village have recently approved final construction changes for Miller and it now includes a curb on the North side, thus saving trees & eliminating excessive ditch grading. Although no curb will be installed on the South, a sidewalk will run from Sleepy Hollow to Oak Knoll. NH now awaits revised asphalt bids and, once approved, preconstruction meetings shall commence.

Sleepy Hollow East to Oak Knoll, stage 1 of construction, will utilize a detour route through Units 4, 5 & 6. The detour route begins at Sleepy Hollow & Parsons, up to Green Pastures over to Oak Knoll and finally exiting East onto Miller. Construction of stage 2, Oak Knoll East to city limits, will commence while maintaining traffic along Miller, at least tentatively. The Village is still in negotiations with Dundee Township to utilize Parsons to the North. A curb & sidewalk removal/replacement contractor has been selected and a schedule is under development for section 6. All landscaping issues, trees & shrubs that require pruning or replacement, within the Miller buffer zone and section 6, have been identified. They shall be attended to after the roadwork is completed. As further updates become available, they will be posted to the web.



Local Beat...The Scoop...Communiqué



Last quarter we reported several incidents of vandalism in neighboring Kimball Farms. Unfortunately, SAH has also been victimized over the last several weeks. If you suspect any suspicious activity in our neighborhood, call the police directly 847-551-3481 or their anonymous crime tips line 847-551-3488. The police have increased day and night patrols in our neighborhood but if they can improve upon the offenders descriptions, they will be able to capture them sooner.

THANK YOU

Outstanding Picnic Volunteers—these folks went above & beyond to ensure our event was a complete success!

Roxanne Everett, Juan Juarez,
Cindy Wiggins, Dennis Dobson,
Alissa Cronin, Katryce Lanspa and
Judy & Gerry Wille.

Thank you from the 2005 Committee:
Paul Lanspa and Sherry Dobson



Help protect our Stars...

National School Bus Safety Week is October 17-22. Here are a few safety tips from D300 News October 2005:

Before/after the ride:

- ◇ Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes early
- ◇ Stand at least five giant steps away from the road
- ◇ Walk in front of the bus, never walk behind
- ◇ Be sure you see the bus driver and he sees you

During the ride:

- ◇ Always sit fully in the seat & face forward
- ◇ Do not distract driver; Obey the driver
- ◇ Never stand on a moving bus
- ◇ Speak in a soft voice, no yelling or screaming
- ◇ Do not throw anything and never stick anything out the window—arms, legs head, backpacks, etc.

Community District 300 website:
<http://www.d300.kane.k12.il.us/>

Community Advisory website:
www.connect300CAC.org



Yard Waste— collection will continue thru the end of November.

Doggy doo — Please be courteous to your fellow neighbor and pick up your dogs droppings when they occur during a walk, in the parkway or common area.

Lead Foot—At the request of several concerned neighbors, the Board of Directors has been in contact with the Police regarding speeding in the neighborhood. The Police have responded by increasing traffic enforcement along Oak Knoll and Parsons Road. Additionally, the Village will erect 25 mph speed limit signs soon. If you observe vehicles that are disobeying traffic laws, please gather a description of the vehicle (color, type, year etc.), driver and if at all possible a license plate number, and provide this information to 911. Patrol units will be dispatched to the area in an attempt to locate the offender. If a traffic citation is not warranted then at least the driver of the vehicle will be spoken to about his/her driving habits, and the concerns of the neighborhood....courtesy of Village Hall & the Police Department.

Special Guest Attends August Board Meeting

Village President Bill Sarto accepted our invitation to attend the August 8th Board Meeting. We invited him to attend as a means to gain support for the completion of Neumann Section 6 and Miller Road projects. Additionally, we inquired as to Mr. Sarto's opinion regarding a local bridge and his response: "I will not support a local bridge from Miller Road to Lake Marian Road. For the first time in the history of Carpentersville, we, the current Village Board have agreed to building the Longmeadow Parkway/Bolz Road Bridge. We unanimously passed a resolution to that effect I believe in either June or July of this year. This is major step forward on this bridge someday being built. One of the major factors in it's delay has been the opposition from some of the board members. We now are presenting a united front. I was in Montgomery, IL in early August to witness the signing of the \$186 billion transportation bill by President Bush. I understand that there has been a \$4 million commitment to the Longmeadow corridor in this transportation bill. That's far short of what is needed to get this bridge built, but it's a start in the right direction. Hopefully we can add substantially to that amount over the next few years." Printed with the permission of Mr. Sarto.



Supply & Demand written by Don Erickson

It was a significant moment in the history of the United States that came and went without the slightest fanfare, recognition, news announcement, or acknowledgement. It was July of 1970 and we just passed a pivotal point; we as a country were now using more oil than we produced. The simple supply and demand teeter-tauter just changed. The impact was not evident until fall of 1973 when OPEC decided to make a point. At that time I was doing a college work-study job and living just outside of Portland. As I told my friends that my girlfriend was coming next week to visit, they advised me to secure some gas for the VW bug. At that time, gas was only sold on Wednesday. I got dropped off at the station early 6:00 am on Wednesday with my five-gallon container, and a line (at least a half mile long) was already established.

A tanker came to the station, deposited its contents and for the next 4-6 hours the station was open. If you had a car, it was a fill up only, no extra containers. The price was \$ 1.69 which was at least double the prevailing amount. Folks chatted in an anxious manner with each car starting, advancing, and shutting down. As it closed on 11:30 I was getting closer but was concerned that my patience would not be rewarded. If I didn't get these five (5) gallons, there would be no way for me to get to the airport.

As I got close to the pumps, the one (1) station attendant barked commands and assertively directed people to be patient, but that "when it's gone its gone". Stepping up and setting my container down with the spout out, the attendant jabbed the nozzle and proceeded to fill. In a slowing progression, the numbers on the pump gradually slowed to a trickle and then stopped. I had received about four (4) gallons. The attendant grabbed my \$10 bill, exclaimed loudly "that's it" and hustled off to his pick up truck (without giving me change), gun rack and all.

The watershed moment when this country started using more than could be produced is now being recreated on a global scale. There are many theories about the next global watershed moment, but the absolute peak output is somewhere around 88 million barrels of oil, new discoveries, technologies and all. The world is currently using all that can be produced (somewhere in the vicinity of 84 million barrels/day. Only one (1) or two (2) countries in the Middle East have excess production capacity to get to peak. As we've all recently noticed, **any** hiccup in the supply chain, and we feel it in our wallets. Some thoughts to ponder:

- 1.) There are 1.4 Billion people in China. There are **only** 10 million cars. Car production will ramp radically as the infrastructure is built to support them;
- 2.) China is using more oil than it produces;
- 3.) The United States uses roughly 25% of oil produced globally;
- 4.) Over 90% of cars driven in the US have only one (1) occupant;

Many folks in the United States have learned (or believe) that we can have it if we can afford it. In inflation-adjusted dollars, the price for gas is still relatively cheap. However, as global competition heats up for resources, we may be hearing "that's it". Perhaps it is time to look around. The next time you commute to work, take a count of how many people are in the car. Could you take public transportation? Would you share your vehicular privacy with strangers in car pools? Are you ready to start paying European prices for fuel (\$ 5-6 per gallon)? If you are not price sensitive, are you sensitive to the fact that you might have spent a half day in line with no guarantee of a fill up? These are tough questions that we may need to consider sooner than later.

My discussion has been completely from the consumer or demand point of view. If you are part of a government, company, or fractional owner of a wildcat drill, this situation is the largest income producing trend in natural resources since big oil was discovered in Texas. From the government who taxes huge oil company incomes to the Alaskan citizen that gets a dividend from oil, these are boom times. There is no pressure to bring prices down. Can anyone remember when OPEC promised to keep prices in the \$ 21 to \$ 24 dollar range by adjusting production? That was \$ 45 dollars/barrel ago. Did anyone notice how the mandated miles per gallon per vehicle requirements stretched out to 2011 with only minor changes to the requirement? Does anyone realize it takes 5-7 years to build a new refinery, and that capacity is controlled by essentially a handful of players? We are a world and country cornered by ONE energy type.

In 1973, folks were thinking of steam motorcycles and backyard bio-digesters to produce methane. Plug Power and Honda recently announced a home system for producing hydrogen. By using natural gas, this "unit" (the size of a trunk) creates electricity, drinkable water, and enough hydrogen to run the Honda. Perhaps we are ready for an alternative to our dependence. Someone said: "competition is good".



NOTEWORTHY



“It isn’t what we get, but what we give, that measures the worth of the life we live.”

Benjamin Franklin

⇒ We hope to see your smiling faces at our next HOA meeting on Monday, October 10th. The main topic for discussion, the 2006 Budget. Check the website for a complete agenda. The last HOA meeting for 2005 will be held on Monday, December 12th.



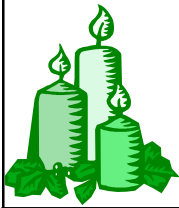
**HAPPY HALLOWEEN
TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS FOR
OCTOBER 31ST ARE 3:00PM–7:00PM**

⇒ Won't you consider running for the Board of Directors in March 2006? We have three seats up for re-election and need your support to keep up with our positive progress.

Fall back in time...Daylight Savings Time expires on October 30. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors while changing your clocks!



⇒ Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale set for third weekend in May—the 19th & 20th in 2006.



Fire Prevention Week October 9-15 / Theme: Candle Safety

Check out interesting information & activities on website:

<http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=271>

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