

Spring 2018 Newsletter



North Pointe Property Owners Association

NPPOA Annual Meeting

6:30 PM Monday, April 16th at North Point Elementary

The NPPOA Annual Meeting will be held at North Pointe Elementary School, College Ave. Bloomington. This meeting will include the election of NPPOA board mem-

bers, as well as addressing any questions from residents.

A regular NPPOA Board Meeting will begin one hour prior at 5:30 in the same location.

Spring Neighborhood Garages Sales

Saturday, April 21, 8:00am - 1:30pm

Spring is here and that means the North Pointe subdivision garage sale day is just around the corner! It's already been included on the Next Door Site for the North Pointe neighborhood. If you plan to participate:

- ⇒ By Monday, April 16th, please email your name and address to Nancy Smith at nsmith@npboa.org.
- ⇒ Include a list of general items you plan to sell as it will be included in the ad to help draw people to the neighborhood (advertised in: The Pantagraph, WJBC, Next Door Site, State Farm Adfi Ads)

Keep in Mind Garage Sale Safety!

We welcome a lot of people into our neighborhood to shop during Garage Sale Saturday. Sadly, it's also an opportunity for "bad guys" to case out houses without being noticed. Be safe by using common sense and being aware of your surroundings.

Fishing in North Pointe Lake

Fishing at our lake is a great benefit for being a North Pointe resident. Guests of residents are welcome to fish, as long as the resident accompanies the guest. We've have a few situations lately where a non-resident stated that they've been given permission by a North Pointe resi-

dent to fish alone at the Lake. If you encounter this situation, you can tell the non-resident that this benefit is not transferable and they should leave. If you have any questions, please refer them to a member of the North Pointe Board.

Presidents Corner

After 12 years as President of North Pointe Property Association, I am stepping aside. At the April 16th meeting, a new NPPOA President will be selected by the board. A year ago, I let the board know that this would be my last as President. I thought the time would be right as: we have a great group of people serving as board members and there are no critical challenges facing this board or the neighborhood. This change comes at a time of strength for NPPOA, not crisis.

During my time in this role, I've been impressed by the great working relationship of the board members. These are neighbors that are highly committed to improving the neighborhood – donating their time and effort. They took on large challenging projects: re-design of the College Ave Berm, updating entrance signs, re-furbishing our dam, shaving down the bumps in sidewalks, replacing our dying Austrian Pines – to name just a few. I'm

sure many of you have seen the dramatic improvements from these efforts. In addition, there is the long list of annual maintenance activities they direct: lawn care, lake clean-up, collecting dues, entrance maintenance and decorations, garage sales, publishing newsletters, holiday light contest, paying the bills, replacing trees (to mention just a few). You would only become aware of these if there was a problem, which there seldom is thanks to their due diligence.

I've also been impressed by the number of neighbors who are not board members, but contribute to the neighborhood by: picking up litter that may have blown through on their walks around the common property; neighbors that sweep the goose droppings off the walks around the lake or installed fencing (at their own expense) to deter the geese; neighbors that routinely clear out the drains in the detention basins; and neighbors that do-

nate a tree or shrub for the good of the neighborhood. These are just a few examples. No one asked them to do these things. They saw the need and acted. When I become aware of these, I thank them and let the board know. It is great to see!

I intend to serve out my term as a board member, which runs another year. I will also continue to be actively involved with North Pointe in the years ahead.

I also greatly appreciate the residents that have gone out of their way to thank the board members for their contributions - something I heard frequently over the years.

The NPPOA Board needs your active involvement and support to continue to maintain and improve our neighborhood. Please reach out to any of our Board members (www.nppoa.org) to offer your help. You do not need to be a board member to help.

Bill Hurd

Lake Committee Report

The annual Dam inspection as required by the State of Illinois will be performed in the month of May. If anyone would like to see the workings of the Dam located on the West berm of the lake, please call Ben Rhodes (309-825-5001) for details of the date & time of the inspection. All are welcome.

Spring and nature: In case you haven't noticed, Bufflehead and American Coot (small white bodied and all black bodied with a white beak) ducks are migrating through to their traditional nesting grounds in Canada. A dozen of each species have been spotted. They are fun to watch as they dive under the water for about a minute and surface in a very different location. Nature at it's funniest. Both the Buffleheads and Coots are the smallest of the duck species.

Also spotted on the Lake were two giant Blue Herons. They have been spotted a few days per

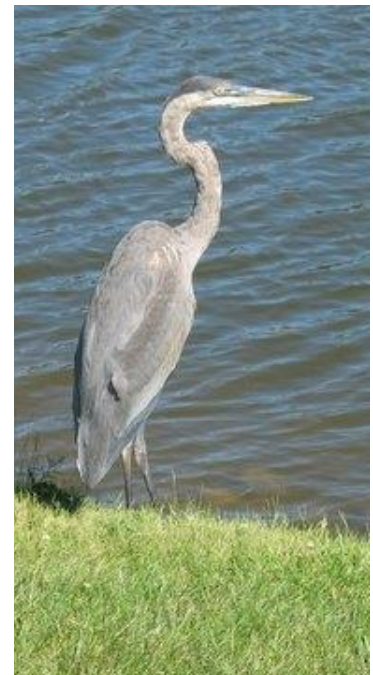
week but not consistently. We think they are the same herons each time but, alas, only a Mother can tell!

Our usual green herons (four) have not shown up yet this Spring...but we are hopeful. About five years ago one pair lived at the lake and nested in the Hawthorne tree in the front yard of the Rhodes household. They had four babies and all four have lived at the lake ever since. They are shy and hard to spot since they are so small (about 12 inches tall).

Canada Geese....not so hard to see... these large non-migratory geese are the permanent residents of the lake. They are not the most popular species among many human residents due to their eating of the grass and the mess they make. Their cousins, the migratory species verses the residential species, are exciting to see as they make their famous "V" flight pattern in the sky as they head North. The Lake Committee endorses the State

of Illinois Department of Natural Resources recommendation to abstain from feeding ALL natural wildlife since that makes the birds dependent upon feeding stations. The birds then stop migrating and become prone to shorter life spans due to "fatty" bodies and greater disease conditions.

If you spot other unusual species on the lake or in the subdivision, please let the lake committee know. It is fun and educational for the younger (and older) members of our subdivision to spot the different species.



Ground Maintenance Committee

The Multi-Year Project to Trim—Remove—and Plant new pine trees continues. Three varieties of pines and spruces were planted this past fall along the Lake dam. Our committee will continue to monitor the common area trees for trimming and cutting. If there are trees in the common areas that you see need to be looked at, please contact Bob Starckovich by email, text, or phone.

Cleaning out the drain that runs under the surface in the detention basin im-

proved the drainage to dry out that area. A bi-annual cleaning of this drain will help with drainage and make mowing easier.

Work on the lower side of the detention basin will take place as soon as the dry ground permits. The water has eroded the area under the concrete pad. We have a bid for some concrete slurry to be pumped under the pad to correct this.

To address the ongoing goose problems around the lake area on the west side, our Board has had meetings

with contractors. One of the plans includes what has been done and appears successful at North Bridge subdivision, in north Normal. This would be a multi-year project of seeding and mowing. We plan to have more information available at the Spring NPPOA meeting. This meeting is planned for April 16 at North Pointe School.

If you have any concerns, please contact me or anyone on the NPPOA Board.

Bob Starckovich
Ground Maintenance
Committee

Keep our Lake area clean for all residents to enjoy!

Every year, North Pointe residents help keep the neighborhood clean through the Lake Clean-up Program. Did you know NPPOA pays \$30 per clean-up?

It's a great family event or fundraiser for the scouts or other group. Here are the details:

Jim Bertolet at 205 Lake

Shore Circle coordinates the program. It runs each week between March and December. Visit the following link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4DA5AB2FA64-northpointe1>

If you are interested or have questions, please send Jim the following information via email

at JBertolet@nppoa.org:

Name and Address

Phone number

Email address

If more responses are received than there are weekends available, responses will be processed in the order received.

You can then enjoy the beauty!



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If you'd like to contribute your time to a North Pointe committee, please let one of the board members know. You don't need to be on the board to serve the neighborhood.