

NORTH POINTE NEWS

NORTH POINTE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

(NPPOA.ORG)

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NPPOA Annual Meeting Scheduled for April 15th, 2013

- The NPPOA semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15th, 2013, 6:30 pm at North Pointe Elementary School, College Ave. Bloomington.
- This meeting will include election of the NPPOA Board.
- The NPPOA Board meeting begins one hour prior to the annual meeting at 5:30 pm in the same location.

Volunteers for Board

Would you like to join one of the best Property Owners Boards around? We have openings on the NPPOA Board.

Fully staffed, the NPPOA Board of Directors is made up of ten members: two members from high- and medium-density (condos, townhouses, and zero-lot lines) housing, and eight members from low-density housing (single family dwellings). Board members are elected for two-year terms, but members and officers may succeed themselves. The Board of Directors meets five times annually--typically the third Monday of the months of February, April, August, October, and November. The Annual Meeting is typically scheduled for the third Monday of April, and the Semi-Annual budgeting meeting is typically scheduled for the second Monday in November; both NPPOA member meetings are held immediately following the Board meetings on those dates. Please check the [NPPOA Calendar](#) for details.



A spot is waiting for YOU! Will you raise your hand?

Lighting up the Neighborhood

Thank you to all who participated in the stunning display of holiday lights and decorations. Our neighborhood looked beautiful! This year's winners who captured the prize coveted by all Bloomington-Normal neighborhoods was awarded exclusively to those who reside in the best neighborhood in town. Each of the winners received a \$25.00 gift card to Menards. They include:

Best use of lights:	202 Beacon Circle
Most Festive:	20 Bay Pointe Drive
Most Traditional:	507 Beacon Ct.
Best use of Lights - Condo	2301 NorthPointe Drive

Annual Dues Notice

NPPOA dues were to be sent by March 1 to Striegel Knobloch & Co., LLC, PO Box 3217, Bloomington, IL, 61702-3217, Attn: Melissa.

North Pointe Spring - Neighborhood Garage Sale - 4/20



When: Sat., April 20, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Spring is here and that means the North Pointe subdivision garage sale day is just around the corner! If you plan to participate:

- Please email your name and address to Nancy Smith at Ssmitty5@msn.com or call her at 838-9644.
- Maps will be prepared and given to participating residents to distribute during the sale.
- Please email a general list of items you plan to sell to Nancy by Fri., April 12.
- She will prepare maps and contact participants when they are ready to pick-up. Each person will get one map for making copies, to hand out at your sale.

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.

Landscaping

After a 3 year study towards our master landscaping plan, we have selected a landscaper and have finalized the details.

Work will begin on the South Entrance of North Pointe starting 4/15. Please attend the board on Monday, April 15th to get all the details.



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 for each clean-up. It's a great family event or fund raiser for the scouts or other group. Here are the details:

- David Doss, 31 Bay Pointe Drive, coordinates the program. It runs each week between April and October.
- If you are interested, please send him the following information via email at dldoss@ilstu.edu or U.S. Mail:
 - o Name and Address Phone Number Email address
- If more responses are received than are weekend's available, responses will be processed in the order received.

You can then enjoy the beauty!

Don't Forget Your NPPOA Dues:

The 2013 annual dues of \$220 were due March 1, 2013.

If you haven't paid your dues, please remit to:

NPPOA c/o Striegel Knobloch & Co., L.L.C. P.O. Box 3217 Bloomington, IL 61702-3217
Attn: Melissa

Planning on Exterior Changes?

Are you planning a change to the exterior of your house, such as a fence, room addition, landscaping, gazebo or a pool? Please be aware that the NPPOA covenants require these changes be reviewed and approved by the NPPOA Architectural Control Committee (ACC), **before** making the change.

Please complete the ACC Request Form found on nppoa.org, and follow the instructions for submission. We also suggest you discuss your plans with adjacent neighbors to provide them awareness and perhaps spark some .

Tree Corner (Contributor – Stephanie Perry)

1. What to do with our Ash Trees?

Over the past several decades, the Ash tree was planted heavily in landscaping. North Pointe has enjoyed mature Ash trees for years. Their full canopy and beautiful fall color have been a treat to enjoy. As a homeowner, you may be wondering if you should fight the Emerald Ash Borer beetle with chemicals, or cut your losses and have the tree removed. The following is some information that may help you make that decision. It's the adult Emerald Ash Borer beetle larva that does all the harm to the ash trees. Larvae tunnel under the bark and disrupt the tree's systems that transport food and water, eventually starving and killing the tree.

Bill Jones, owner of Jones Tree Surgery has for some advice for **preventative** treatment to healthy Ash trees. In his opinion, the Emerald Ash Borer has not damaged our neighborhood's trees like they may have in other parts of town. If your trees have not shown distress and the branches are showing buds, you don't need to lose your trees. Below is one option.

Recipe for one tree - to be apply the end of May AND in August

Large container of Bayer Emerald Ash Borer treatment

Mix 15-16 cups of the treatment with 4 gallons of water in a 5 gallon bucket

Thoroughly soak each tree from the base, extending out to the drip line

As an added tip to keep your trees healthy, thoroughly water your trees once a month using a simple tool for aerating the soil under trees. A water stake or aerating fork perforates the soil down to a measured depth. The tool is pressed into the soil to the desired depth. The holes created by this action allow water, air and fertilizer to reach the roots. With the compact, clay soil in McLean County - this is a great boost to the trees - particularly during our dry spells.

2. Did you know the City of Bloomington will trim trees on the city property between the sidewalk and street at no charge? You may have noticed the City has been removing some Ash trees on city property in North Pointe. Those trees were considered unhealthy. If you are an affected homeowner - the City has sent a letter informing you of the tree removal, along with instructions on how to have that tree replaced. If you haven't received a letter (or accidentally threw it away), call the Parks and Recreation office at the City of Bloomington to request a replacement. We are fortunate the city will remove and replace new trees. Remember to do your part to keep the tree healthy with water and fertilization - particularly during those first 3-5 years.

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Are you ready to join us?

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