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Your Official Oakhurst Community Association Newsletter

News From the Board

August | 2022

For the Board by James Valastro | Oakhurst Community Association

Board Meeting

The board meeting on July 26 was well attended, and it was good to see so many residents in attendance and raising their concerns. In fact, as those in attendance know more issues were raised than the Board allotted time for and we apologize to those residents who did not get a chance to voice their concerns. The Board will try to allocate more time for the resident forum in future meetings.

Residents can help the Board in that respect by submitting their concerns in writing prior to the meeting. In fact, some residents did just that and it helps because the Board can use the time prior to the meeting to research the issue and hopefully have time to prepare a solution.

You can easily submit an issue to the board by sending an email to the board by way of the Board Contact link on the Oakhurst Community web page at www.oakhurstcommunity.org. If you don't have any issues, we also encourage residents to submit constructive ideas to the Board for consideration.

Board Aligned With Residents

It was alluded at the board meeting that the Board may not have the same goals as the residents. As everyone knows, the Board is run by residents just like all those in attendance at the Board meeting. The Board wants what is best for

the Oakhurst community as we assume do the other residents. The Board would like to assure the residents that we have the residents' best interests in terms of the Oakhurst community. The Board wants to continue to make this community one that people want to live in and take pride in.

One of the goals of the Board is to be the best stewards of the resources we have responsibility for. As such, we need to maintain a balance of keeping the costs down, but at the same time keep the Oakhurst community a place that all the residents are proud of.

We don't take that responsibility lightly. We diligently look for ways we can cut costs wherever we can but still maintain our standard of living that Oakhurst community residents have come to expect. However, as you know, inflation is impacting everyone and everything, including our vendors as you would expect, so it is almost impossible to reduce our costs this year and possibly next year, too.

Rules & Regulations

Some concerns were raised about three of the proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations. Two of the concerns were addressed and vetted at the meeting. The third issue dealt with the rule change in section 3.8.2 about removing the wording regarding the use of 13 gallon

preprinted city approved trash bags. It was determined that remaining text still allows for 13 gallon preprinted city approved trash bags to be used. Hence, all the changes have now been approved as presented. The updated R&Rs have been posted on the Oakhurst Community web page.

School Back in Session

The summer has flown by and District 204 schools will be back in session starting August 18. Please be mindful of children on the way to and from school as they are not always paying attention when crossing streets or chasing after a ball in the street. Studies have shown that those that are likely to be speeding through neighborhoods are residents. Let's prove the studies wrong in our Oakhurst neighborhoods!

Oakhurst Annual Meeting

The Oakhurst Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7 pm at Aurora Fire Station 8 located at 3770 McCoy Drive. All homeowners are invited to attend.

There are three (3) positions up for election. Two (2) positions for single-family neighborhoods and one (1) position for the multi-family neighborhood. The terms will be one or two years. See the nomination form on page 5 in this newsletter.



Last-Minute Weekend **GETAWAYS** Near Chicago

It's hard to believe that summer is halfway through! Do you need some ideas to make the best of the rest of summer? If so, here are some fun local places to visit before summer is over.

- **Starved Rock State Park, Illinois** - This park is located on the Illinois River — There are amazing waterfalls, lakes, and activities to do. Tip: Although spring is the best time to visit the waterfalls, take advantage of rainy summer days and visit shortly after to see the waterfalls at their best.



- **Anderson Japanese Gardens, Illinois** - This is a 12-acre landscape filled with streams, Koi-filled ponds, and waterfalls. It definitely feels like you're in Japan while still being in Illinois.



- **Mackinac Island, Michigan** - Since 1901, cars have been banned on this island. Visitors get around by foot, bicycle, horse, or carriage rides. This charming town is surrounded by Lake Huron, a pretty lake with lots of activities for families.

- **Saugatuck, Michigan** - This is a great place to go if you want an artsy beach-town vibe. There are gorgeous sandy shores and tons of natural beauty.



- **Lake Geneva, Wisconsin** - This is a beautiful site on the lake where you could enjoy renting a boat, sunbathe on the beaches, go ziplining, and much more!

- **Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin** - Home of Noah's Ark Water Park, the largest water park in America. A perfect getaway with the family!

- **Door County, Wisconsin** - Visitors can take advantage of 300 miles of shoreline, 11 lighthouses, many orchards, hiking, and kayaking.

- **Milwaukee, Wisconsin** - Being only 2 hours north, this is a great option for a 1-day trip. There are many attractions in Milwaukee, one of them being Summerfest which is considered the "world's largest music festival!"



- **Indiana Dunes National Park, Indiana** - This state park is home to some of the highest dunes over the lake. There are beaches, hiking trails, and camping sites.

Enjoy your family outing!
Drive safe!

Extra Watermelon?

Try these refreshing drinks



Is there anything more delicious than late summer watermelon, ripened in the hot sun until juicy and fragrant? Not really, and when you find yourself wilting in the late summer heat, a cold watermelon agua fresca or icy watermelon slushie are perfect to help you cool down and relax. Adults and kids alike will love them, and it's easy to add your own spin with extra flavorings or cantaloupe instead of watermelon.

WATERMELON AGUA FRESCA

4 cups cubed seeded watermelon
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup white sugar (or to taste)
1 lime
24 fresh mint leaves
ice



Combine watermelon and water in a blender and puree until smooth. Add sugar to taste. Slice lime into small wedges (you'll need about 8), then place one wedge into each serving glass, along with 3 mint leaves. Crush with a cocktail muddler (a wooden spoon handle also works), then add ice. Pour the agua fresca over the ice, stir, then serve.

WATERMELON SLUSHIE

4 cups cubed seeded ripe watermelon (188 calories)
2 tablespoons sugar (32 calories)
1 tablespoon lime juice (30 calories)
About 3 cups ice

Blend the fruit, melon, sugar and juice until liquid. Add ice and continue to blend until the liquid reaches a slushie consistency.

In the whole blend there are about 250 calories.



The Happy GARDENER

DROUGHT TOLERANT PERENNIALS

Annette Carson | *The Growing Place*

Shown Echinacea or Coneflowers

With all the hot, dry weather we've been having this summer, these drought-tolerant plants will be a welcome addition to your garden. Once established, these plants will need less water and will add color and texture to your gardens in spring, summer and fall. We've picked out six of our favorite plants that thrive in dry conditions.



1

AGASTACHE OR HUMMINGBIRD MINT

An exceptional group of plants that are known for their profuse, long lasting showy spikes of blooms that attract both hummingbirds and butterflies. Their foliage and blooms are fragrant, being very reminiscent of anise candy.

Drought and heat tolerant, they are best planted in sunny south or west facing slopes in lean, well drained soils. Agastaches must have excellent drainage, so do not plant near a wet area or water with a sprinkler system. To improve winter hardiness leave the stems intact. Remove old stems just above the new foliage in the spring.



2

ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA OR BUTTERFLY WEED

This is considered to be the most garden worthy of our native milkweeds. Very showy, brilliant orange-red flowers are excellent for cutting and very attractive to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. The seed pods are used in dried

arrangements. It emerges late in spring, so be patient. The long tap root makes division difficult, but it will happily reseed. Do not prune it in the fall, but cut it back in the spring. A perfect plant for dry areas in the garden.

GAILLARDIA OR BLANKET FLOWER

Gaillardia get their common name 'blanket flower' from the way they used to blanket the prairie. They are one of the longest



3

blooming perennials. The brightly colored, daisy-like flowers come in an astounding variety of shapes and colors. The plants perform best in poor, well drained soils, particularly in winter. They may be short lived in our heavy clay soils, but are worthy of a place in the garden for their months-long bloom period. Dividing blanket

flowers every 2-3 years will help to keep them vigorous.



4

PEROVSKIA OR RUSSIAN SAGE

The silvery, aromatic foliage of all varieties of Perovskia make them resistant to deer and rabbits as well as drought tolerant. Many of the newer varieties are more compact than the standard species so they won't overstep their welcome in your garden. Plant with sedums or grasses

for a beautiful fall combination.



5

SEDUM

These plants are our #1 drought-tolerant perennial pick. Besides being able to handle dry conditions they grow in so many different shapes and sizes. From the taller upright sedum to the low growing groundcover varieties, you can't beat them.

6 **ECHINACEA OR CONEFLOWERS** (*See photo above*) A perennial garden favorite, coneflowers are dependable and showy. These plants are wonderful for the border and for naturalizing. They have daisy-like flowers with a raised cone and sometimes drooping petals. The seed heads are excellent for dried flower arrangements and are an important food source for songbirds. For best results, plant in well-drained soil and give them space to grow. Echinaceas do not like to be crowded.



Pet Tales

By the Naperville Area Humane Society
1620 W. Diehl Road | Naperville | 630-420-8989

*Thank you for
supporting our homeless
friends!*

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (Ages 8 to 11)

The After School Program offers children a hands-on opportunity to work with the shelter animals. There are five sessions, each session includes six classes which are held on Mondays from 4 -5 pm.
\$75 per student

Sessions for the 2022-2023 School Year

Session 1: September 12, 19, 26 / October 3, 10, 17

Session 2: October 24, 31 / November 7, 14, 21, 28

Session 3: TBD | Session 4: TBD | Session 5: TBD

Homeschool Heroes (ages 8-13)

Homeschool Heroes allows home-educated children to, not only learn about and enhance the lives of shelter animals, but have hands-on opportunities working with the shelter animals.

Each session has 6 classes and are held on Tuesdays from 1-2 pm
\$75 per student

Sessions for 2022-2023 School Year

Session 1: September 6, 13, 20, 27 / October 4, 11

Session 2: October 18, 25 / November 1, 8, 15, 22

Session 3: TBD | Session 4: TBD | Session 5: TBD

Adoptable Pets of the Month...



Moon • | Female • | 1 Year Old | Adoption Fee \$75

My name is Moon but I also respond to Moonpie and Moonie. I am an outgoing and sweet kitty but I am also quite independent and really need to make the rules. My very favorite thing to do is watch the outside world through a window. I love the birds and squirrels and, of course, people watching is fun too. I also enjoy chasing the laser light and playing with other toys. I am a lap cat and really enjoy taking a snooze on a warm lap, but it has to be my idea. I'm not a fan of being picked up or held. I guess you could say I don't like to be confined or restricted in my movement. I'm not a fan of other felines, so I need to be an only cat. A home without children would also be best. Here's a little secret...treats are the way to my heart. The people here are confident that I'll be a great kitty once I can be the queen of my own furever home.



Zippy & Rawley | Male | 2 Years Old | Adoption Fee \$600

We are a bonded pair and MUST be adopted together. We are very close and rely on each other. Shy but very loving once they warm up. Love to play with each other. Love toys. No cats please.

Oakhurst

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

2022 Board of Director Nomination Form Annual Meeting 9/27/22

I _____
Please print your full name

RESIDING AT _____
Please print your street address

NOMINATE UP TO THREE RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE OAKHURST COMMUNITY FOR A ONE OR TWO YEAR TERM.

There are three (3) positions up for election: **2 for the Single Family** and **1 for the Multi-Family**. You may nominate any Oakhurst owner, based on the information below:

The following nominations are for SINGLE-FAMILY (SF) members (2 owners to be elected)

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| Print Name | Neighborhood |
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The following nominations are for MULTI-FAMILY members (1 owner to be elected)

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If possible, please submit a brief biography of any candidate you nominate. Please mail email to **Oakhurst@ciramail.com**. Nomination forms must be received no later than Tuesday, September 20, 2022 to be included on the official ballot.

OAKHURST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

Updated August 2022

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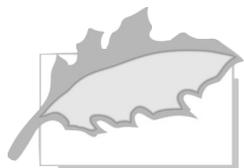
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MULTI-FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS

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Connie Gallagher

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VACANT

Heather Glen Association

Jason McLindsay

The Townes of Oakhurst Homeowners Association

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Oakhurst Oracle Newsletter

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 • <http://oakhurstcommunity.org/rules-guidelines-and-forms/>
 • Log into your www.CIRANET.com Resident Portal and use the following path: Community Information > Documents > Documents Archive > Forms or Policies.

The Recovering Writer

By Ann E. Funck

Ann E. Funck writes wry commentary on real life stories... She writes funny from Oakhurst.



Getaway — NOT!

With the doubling of airline flight prices, I decided that flying to Montana in the most popular month of August was not feasible this year. Even if I stayed two weeks with my best friend Elene like last August, she and I agreed it would not be worth a grand. The Art Walk held the first Friday will proceed without me. And, if I snag a ticket in October, there will be another Art Walk or Culture Crawl the first Friday of that fall month. Maybe even a nonstop flight both ways -- like other years.

I'll wait until the Saudis pump more oil, the Russians leave Ukraine alone, and most states pass sensible gun laws. My joyful hope of getting away from it all to the wistful vistas of the Big Sky will wait another season. As predicted for years, many pilots have retired; more pilots may be trained by fall. Missoula Montana Airport may not be "flyover country" by the time I schedule my flight.

Maybe my familiar worries will be less so and not hound me as I try to not look furtive in the airport security line, barefootin' with fallen arches or not. By October, worries that are now unforeseen will be fresh. By the fall, the cliché getting away from it all couldn't be more meaningful than the present scares we are witnessing. By October, my bag's zippers may not be straining. My temples not pulsing. Vacation constipation may not be coming on with my carry-on. Elene will still be waiting for me while she paints away.

The overpriced Missoula restaurant "The Pearl" has closed, so I'll never know if we could have shared the \$35 steak. It would be going on \$55 by then anyway. Elene's neighbor Bonnie whom I met last year (who proved fearless driving Elene's car through a Missoula car wash) has moved to a smart home with all her Precious Moments statuary in bubble wrap, but the lot next to Elene's has a new home going up. She has met the owner and reports good will. There will definitely be precious moments if Elene and I can manage to get together again. Dragging her paints here to the Midwest on a plane to pursue her art proved to be ineffective the year she tried, whereas I can write anywhere. Of course, meeting new people gives me new ideas, quickly replacing the familiar

mental loops. Like fresh worries replacing the old ones, fresh faces turn up unique subjects and slants. Even the former flight attendant I met at the Missoula Airport café counter who continued to take off work.

With a genuine smile, she told me, "I call my boss and say that I'm afraid of catching covid."

This was August 2021, before the omicron variant showed up. She would have even more excuses since.

If ever I can flag a jet, I can start anew. Aside from meeting fascinating people, I would shop in new vistas and be introduced to different products, such as I came across last year: like biotin gummies and rose quartz nail polish -- maybe learn memorable descriptions that were also new to me last August: mussel clusters and "tambourine hand."

Some words are too new, like monkeypox. They shoot at us with more collateral confusion.

If I can get away, I might learn to distinguish a modem from a monitor, a podcast from an iPod. I hear, "Wherever you get your podcasts." Is that an app? Maybe I'll Google to find that spot.

The world used to turn; now it spins like a roulette wheel outside the grid. The media tries to explain the latest insanity, like dried-out planes parked in the desert. The dentist notes that some of us are grinding our teeth! Who knew? We were unconscious. It's amazing that the chaos wasn't enough to keep us up at night. We are told daily: "A warning: What you will see and hear is disturbing/upsetting."

Let's order an electric glider rocker if one's in stock, and cower in the rocker tucked in a hooded human thundershrug for pet owners. They come weighted now -- like the weighted blanket some people actually enjoy! I presume those flight travelers do not pack their weighted items. I like to fly light.

Maybe Missoula air fares will settle down by Halloween. And we might learn to self-soothe.

It could come down to this: "Have all the good times rolled?" We are not over the barrel yet. Let's insist those good times are still on call!

Fifteen years of Ann's monthly true tales are in a book titled, A CHEAP SEXY CAR & More Serious Humor. Entertainment for everyone. It is now only \$10 — a perfect gift of humor! For a copy, please email her at rfunc222@msn.com.

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~ Meredith Sonetz ~

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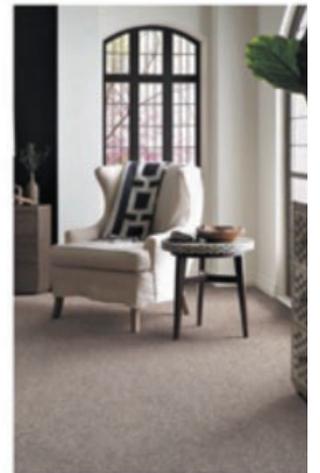
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Notify MBierna409@aol.com to ADD, CHANGE, or DELETE a Working Youth Listing.

The Working Youth Directory is a service for youth, ages 12 and above, living in the Oakhurst community.

Parents: If you wish your child to be listed in this directory, please email MBierna409@aol.com.

- Include your child's name, address, neighborhood within Oakhurst, home phone number of a parent who will be responsible for fielding requests, and the service(s) you permit your child to provide. Be sure to talk with your child about personal safety before listing in this directory.

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Matt Minnerick

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For owner Matt Minnerick, Allegra Naperville Lisle is the result of a life-long dream to be his own boss. After years working as an option trader in Chicago, the father of two began to look for an investment.

"When I investigated, the numbers for Allegra made the most sense," he said. "Buying an existing business was easier. I kept the team, a couple of whom have worked here for over 25 years. They're lifers, my work family."

Although Matt admits buying a franchise was more challenging than he first thought, he says it's the best decision he ever made.

"Working on stuff that matters is a lot more rewarding," he said. "I don't have to answer to anyone and I can manage it in my own style."

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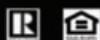
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