Due to continued COVID restrictions, all Green Trails Improvement Association board meetings for the beginning of the year will be held virtually. ACM has provided the call-in information below for upcoming meetings. Always check www.greentrails.org for the most up to date information.

Tue, Mar 9, 2021 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (CST)
Owner Call-in: 1 (312) 757-3121
Access Code: 744-419-757

Caution: Ice and Snow on the Green Trails Common Area Paths
Winter has arrived with a vengeance! That means ice and snow will naturally accumulate on the GTIA paths. As in the past, it is not practicable for GTIA to remove winter build-up and residents should use extreme caution when using the paths. Additionally, when accessing any GTIA common area, please do so cautiously and avoid slippery areas and please note that the use of motor-driven vehicles on GTIA pathways is prohibited.

GTIA and Green Trails Common Areas
As a reminder, GTIA only maintains and holds ownership authority over matters concerning or impacting the common areas within Green Trails. This includes such things as encroachments on common areas and drainage from private property to the common areas.

Issues pertaining to private property including local regulations, are addressed by the Village of Lisle. Therefore, when residents have questions or complaints regarding matters such as parking, property maintenance code compliance, or other concerns about their own or a neighbor’s property, they should contact the Village of Lisle or go to the Village website (www.villageoflisle.org) for clarification, guidance, or to file a complaint.

Deed restrictions are outside the purview of GTIA or the Village and are generally handled via civil action.
Do You Have Your Spring Check List Ready To Go?
by Linda Hale

Spring is almost upon us (it will get here eventually, right?) and it is time to start planning for what needs repairs, upkeep, and just some general sprucing up after a cold, snowy winter.

Here are a few things to think about:

• Bushes and trees: Any need pruning, cutting back? Any dead or broken branches to be removed? Branches infringing on your neighbor’s property that you can cut back as a courtesy (If you are unsure, you can always ask! Some people like it and others prefer no overhanging leaves or branches on their property). Do it yourself or price out local vendors.

• Fencing and decking: Do any boards need to be hammered back in? Any rot issues that need a board replacement? How about staining or weather protection?

• Mailbox: Is it sturdy and standing up straight? Need any adjustments?

• Grass: Are there any mud patches, thinning grass or damaged areas that need reseeding?

• Lighting: Are outdoor bulbs working? Fixtures straight and caulked to prevent water damage?

• Gardens: What will be planted this year? When do you need to get started? Start looking for sales and coupons for flowers, plants, vegetables.

• Mulching: Do you need mulch? How much and what kind? Get quotes from local vendors or start looking for store sales.

• Gutters and roofs: Are there leaks that need repair? Gutters dripping at seams? Roof tiles look loose or damaged? Getting quotes early can help you find the best deal and get on the vendor’s calendar sooner. Make sure you keep gutters cleaned out to handle Spring rains.

• House exterior: Does siding need to be washed down and cleaned? Shutters properly adhered or require painting? What about your garage door? Is it chipping or cracking and need a new coat of paint? Start getting vendor quotes if needs are beyond your scope.

• Lawnmower and yard tools: Do they need a check-up, tune-up, or any repair? Look at local shops and even those offering ‘at-home’ service for pricing.

• Playsets: Is everything sturdy? Does it need any repairs for safety?

• Windows/screens: Need cleaning or repairs?

• Air Conditioner: Time for a professional cleaning (recommended at least every 2 years) or filter change (depending on the type of unit, allergies, pets, etc., it could be every 3 to 6 months)?

• Garage clean out: Spring is a great time to clean out that garage that has collected all sorts of things over the winter. Sell items you no longer need through an online free service like Facebook Marketplace.

• Smoke Alarms: If you haven’t already, make sure you change out all batteries every 6 months.

Stay safe and remember to wave to your neighbor when you are outside working while keeping social distancing rules in effect. Everyone could use a smile and a wave these days!

Note: If you have a capable young person at home who can help people with tasks, encourage them to let neighbors know they are available and for what chores, at what price. It can be a great way for young people to make some money and help busy, working neighbors out at a lower cost than professional service providers.
Summary of GTIA Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2021 Pending Board Approval

In compliance with Covid-19 pandemic guidelines, Peter Bakas called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. via videoconference. Board members participating: Greg Athas, Peter Bakas, Joe Broda, Pat Coughlin-Schillo, Jevon Knowles, Les Lavin, Gary Ledvora, Mark Munoz, George O’Hare, Michael Olson, Pavel Snopok, Alden Snyder, Liz Sullivan and John Warrington. Board member absent: Bob Klaeren. Management: Laurie Barker and Tom Skweres. Paula Gleason was Recording Secretary. A quorum was available.

Open Forum: A Green Trails resident was in attendance to share information and observe.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting: Minutes of the January meeting were presented for review.

Board Motion: Alden Snyder motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, George O’Hare seconded. Motion was passed by an unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report: Joe Broda reviewed the January Balance Sheet, and Income and Expense Statement. Joe requested inclusion in the monthly check register of all payments requiring Board approval including the pre-approved automatic payments and in-process invoices that have been pre-approved. Joe provided an amended check register and discussed details.

Board Motion: Gary Ledvora motioned to approve the amended check register expenditures presented of $25,291.17 for February, George O’Hare seconded. Motion was passed by an affirmative voice vote of twelve with two abstentions.

Management Report: Financial reports for January 31, 2021, included the residential delinquent report, balance sheet, budget comparison report, accounts payable cash disbursement, and monthly general ledger. As requested by the Board, ACM will now export the monthly full invoice packet and full financial packet to the Board-only website. This will reduce the size of the monthly board packet as it will contain only the most relevant pages. Additionally, January, 2021, year-to-date list of closings were listed.

ACM is waiting to hear how the Board would like ACM to address the collection of 2021 delinquent assessments. Laurie Barker confirmed that ACM will be able to use a screen shot of a county tax record from the County Tax Assessor to verify ownership and add a 2nd owner to an existing account.

ACM issued a work order to Volt to repair six lights and order a sensor-timer. A copy of the Volt invoice for the parts on order was shared with Board members present and will be discussed by Les Lavin during the Maintenance Committee Report.

Please see “Minutes” cont. on page 4

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Board of Directors
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Green Trails Pathfinder is a newsletter of the Green Trails Improvement Association
Board Meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month.
All Green Trails residents are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2021
7:30 p.m. - Meeting will be held virtually.
Owner Call-in: 1 (312) 757-3121
Access Code: 744-419-757

Visit the Green Trails website at:
www.greentrails.org

Visit the ACM-GTIA website at:
www.acmweb.com

GTIA Yearly Assessment Policy

Assessments are paid annually. The billing for the each new year’s assessment is mailed no later than Nov. 29th. Payment is due Jan. 1st. If payment is not received by Feb. 1st, an administrative fee is added to the assessment. If an owner does not receive an invoice by Dec. 10th, notify management immediately. GTIA policy states the home-owner is responsible for paying on time, with or without the invoice. If your address has changed, or if you have any questions regarding your bill, call management at 630-620-1133.

SELLING? REFINANCING?

Anyone selling or refinancing within the Green Trails Improvement Association will need a Statement of Account (PAL – Paid Assessment Letter). One can be requested at www.homewisedocs.com a $100 fee will apply. It is recommended that requests be made at least ten days in advance of closing.

Please read the box on the Classified page for instructions on how to submit an ad. Commercial ads should be submitted to address at right.

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Management received the Village of Lisle reimbursement check for the annual right of way areas that GTIA mows.

ACM requested Balanced Environment (BE) reduce the balance on their mowing contract to reflect elimination of ~1.3 acres of Park District property that will no longer be their responsibility to mow.

ACM requested Board guidance for what items should be removed and what alternate materials would be approved as modifications to the BE proposal for annuals for spring planting.

Schwartz Nursery has been advised that Management anticipates the need to transplant six trees this spring from the GTIA nursery.

In response to the Board’s request, ACM sent a work order to R&D to cut back the Tyrnbur entrance barberry bushes. This item will be further addressed in the Maintenance Committee Report.

**Phone/Email Log**: Several Board members commented on the number of residents’ calls regarding problems accessing the Quick Pay application; Management is researching application fixes. Also noted were numerous inquiries concerning snow removal triggered by a general ACM e-mail e-blast that did not apply to GT. Management will investigate how to remove GT from its mass snow removal blasts that apply to their other clients.

**Maintenance Committee**: ACM advised they did address a reduction in contract price with Balanced Environment (BE) relative to the reduced acreage no longer necessary for BE to maintain. Details of the price change were requested to be transmitted to the Maintenance Committee.

BE submitted a revised proposal to ACM including recommendations for spring planting for the signage and accent areas. Maintenance reviewed/accepted the proposal and Les Lavin will sign a modified contract to be returned to BE; and requested that ACM pursue a second proposal for perennial stock for the accent areas.

R&D was confused when ACM issued a work order to cut back the Barberry bushes rather than accept the total proposal as previously submitted. ACM was requested to confirm verbally with R&D the exact limited extent of the scope of the work and advise that only that scope is Board-approved.

The Volt Electric invoice recently submitted to ACM does not include replacement parts on order for repairs or the sensor-timer for one light. Les Lavin advised the Board about a potential light fixture warranty claim which is being investigated by the fixture supplier and installation contractor.

ACM is waiting for an estimate from Inside Out for repair of moderate cracks in several light poles. One additional light requires ComEd action, which ACM will pursue. Board members as always are encouraged to look for any issues with light poles while walking their areas and report them to Maintenance.

Cattaneo Electric completed upgrades to the electric service at four signage areas. The installation will be inspected by Maintenance once the snow clears.

Several issues in an area behind Telluride Court that include replacement of a long retaining wall, removal of four Osage Orange trees overhanging the trail and resolution of an ongoing drainage problem are being addressed. ACM obtained survey proposals ranging from $750 to $1800 to determine exact GTIA boundaries within the area of concern. Pat Coughlin-Schillo offered to provide the name of an additional vendor if more competitive bids are required.

**Board Motion**: Liz Sullivan motioned to authorize Les Lavin to select the vendor for this project in an amount not to exceed $1,500, Alden Snyder seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Communication Committee**: Liz Sullivan provided Board members with descriptions of each committee. Liz requested every Board member to confirm their choice of the two committees they will join. The Communications Committee will handle the conversion of the Board of Directors book to digital format.

**Parks Committee**: Pat Coughlin-Schillo noted that Alden Snyder was unable to pre-register for the January Park District Board meeting, however Michael Olson stated that there was nothing specific mentioned during that meeting relating to GTIA. John Warrington will attend the February Park District Board meeting.

**Finance Committee**: Joe Broda reported that 83% of the 2021 annual assessments have been received as of today. ACM sent out 257 letters on February 1st notifying respective residents of their account past due status and subsequent administrative penalty fee.

Joe requested approval to purchase and establish a ZOOM account for committee and/or Board meetings. The consensus of the members was in the affirmative to proceed. Joe recommended that GTIA’s registered agent be changed to our management company, ACM. ACM mentioned that it does not act in this capacity for liability reasons and suggested that the registered agent should be GTIA’s attorney.

Joe will schedule a Finance Committee meeting soon to review revised collection policies and processes.

Copies of the current 30-day demand notice were available for Board review. Peter Bakas suggested that our collection attorney, Keough & Moody, review the letter before mailing due to potential changes to it on account of the pandemic.

Assessment payments continue to erroneously be addressed by some residents to the GTIA post office box instead of the new address shown on the invoices. Joe and Laurie will send reminders to these residents to update their records with the proper payment address to ACM; the GTIA post office box will be closed in the near future.
Board Member Area Reports: None

Adjournment

Board Motion: There being no further business, Michael Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Joe Broda seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Gleason, Recording Secretary, Signature on File

Lisle Medication Disposal Program

The Village of Lisle is collecting unwanted medications through the free RxBOX program to reduce the negative impact of medications entering waterways and soil. The program may also help reduce incidents of accidental ingestion of medication by children or pets and can help reduce prescription drug abuse. Medications can be dropped off in the RxBox drop box located just inside the lobby of the Lisle Police Department, located at 5040 Lincoln Avenue.

Guidelines for RxBox Use

• No hazardous waste will be accepted.
• Prescription and over-the-counter medications are accepted. Pet medications are also accepted.
• Place pills or capsules in a sealed, zippered plastic bag (such as a Ziploc bag). Different medications can be mixed in the same bag.
• Do not include pill bottles or pill packaging. This will assist in reducing program costs and ensure that drop-off program participants remain anonymous.
• For liquid medications, cross out any personal information with a permanent marker on the prescription bottle and place the container in a sealed plastic bag. Double-bagging the container is recommended to ensure the contents do not leak.
• Inhaler canisters without the plastic mouthpiece/casing will be accepted. Place the canisters in a plastic bag.

Contact the Lisle Police Department at 630-271-4200 if you have further questions.

Quarterly Electronics Recycling Collection
Saturday, March 20, 2021

CRTs, flat screen and projection TVs will be accepted for a small fee ($25/$35) depending on size. Appliances of any type or size are not accepted. Cloth or fabric will also be accepted during the event for recycling. This event is open to all residents of DuPage County.

In light of continued precautions being taken to protect all residents from COVID-19, steps are being taken to minimize contact with site staff. Staff will wear masks and gloves, and will regularly sanitize their hands and the tablet computer they use for transactions. Staff are trained in the proper use of all personal protection supplies and processes.

In order to assure the health and safety of all, residents shall follow the below guidelines. Site staff may refuse service if resident fails to comply with the below rules:

• Participants must remain in the vehicle when dropping-off electronics or textiles.
• Participants must unlock/open their trunk from inside their vehicle and allow staff to unload the items.
• Clothes and textiles must be clean and neatly bagged, with the bags tied securely closed.
• All small loose electronics, cables, cords, remotes, etc. must be bagged and tied closed.
• If you have had COVID-19 in your household, please wait until symptoms have been gone for at least two weeks before delivering your electronics or clothes to a recycling drop-off or event.

Payment guidelines:

• In order to eliminate points of contact, participants must pay online in advance if at all possible for any TVs or monitors and bring your printed receipt to the drop-off with you. You will show your printed receipt through the window. Payments can be made in advance here: http://recycling.eworksesi.org/
• If you need to pay by credit card at the time of delivery (if you do not have a way to print your receipt for example), staff will limit contact while processing transactions. Only your card will need to come into contact with the electronic chip reader device and you will not need to sign physically.
• Please do not pay with cash at this time if you have any other option. If you have to pay with cash, it must be the exact amount. Change will not be given. In order to avoid direct contact, you will insert the cash into a slotted box held out by the staff person.

The next electronics recycling event will take place on June 19, 2021.
Renew Your License Plate Sticker at the Library!

The Lisle Library District (LLD) is proud to be one of the first libraries in Illinois to offer license sticker renewals! Illinois residents can walk into the LLD and walk out with a new vehicle sticker.

- Standard renewal sticker: $151
- Personalized plate: $158
- Vanity plate: $164.

There is an additional $8.50 processing fee for each transaction.

Cash, debit/credit, or money order are accepted (no personal checks).

You will need your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and your license plate number.

This service is available Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Expanding services to increase convenience and access for our residents is key to the LLD’s mission to enhance the cultural, social, and lifelong educational development of the community.

For more info, go to https://www.lislelibrary.org/services/civic-services.

Curbside Pick-Up

Curbside pick-up is available:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Saturdays: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm.
- Registration for a pick-up time slot is required.
- This service is reserved for LLD patrons only.

For complete opening and pick-up info, go to www.lislelibrary.org/programs/curbside-service.

Kids:

Little Movers and Shakers: At Home Edition

Looking for some fun songs to sing or activities to engage your little one? Introducing Little Movers and Shakers at Home! Each month we’ll assemble a kit that includes a Storytime prop, lyrics for songs, and fun activities to complete with your little one. Pick up your kit, and then find Ms. Samantha, Ms. Katie, and Mr. Will singing those new Storytime songs on YouTube! For Ages 0 – 2.

Adults & Teens:

Virtual Program: Seed Starting: Giving Your Garden a Head Start
March 9th @ 7 PM

Jumpstart the spring growing season! Join DuPage County’s Master Gardeners to learn about the equipment and methods used for starting seeds indoors.

Teen: Virtual Reverse Scavenger Hunt
March 12th @ 7 PM

Join in on a virtual scavenger hunt to find items from around your home to see who scavenges the most items from a pre-determined list. Items will be shared and shown points will be awarded, and one lucky winner will claim bragging rights!

Virtual Program: Votes for Women with Leslie Goddard
March 19th @ 7 PM

Join Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., for a lecture that explores the 1848 call at Seneca Falls to the breakthrough in 1920. Learn about the opposition, violence, and victory for the right to vote.

Railway Builders, Rogues, & Reels: The Irish in Chicago
March 24th @ 7 PM

Anne F. Barry, Ph.D. explores Chicago’s Irish history. From work on railways to the mob, and influences on music, discover the Irish’s cultural impact on the Windy City.

To sign up for these virtual programs, go to https://lislelibrary.evanced.info/signup
What you do for your heart can be good for your brain.

The heart pumps approximately 20 percent of the body’s blood to the brain and when that is compromised the brain isn’t getting all of the oxygen and fuel it needs. As a result, brain illnesses can develop, not just heart ailments.

According to the American Heart Association, three out of five Americans will develop a brain disease in their lifetime and the brain can start showing signs of cognitive decline in a person in their 20s.

“Avoid brain problems like stroke, memory loss by doing the following: manage blood pressure, blood glucose and control cholesterol; sleep well; stop smoking and limit alcohol intake; eat better; lost weight; get physically and social active; monitor cognitive changes,” the AHA states on their website.

What You Need to Know: Keeping the Heart Healthy

The Alzheimer’s Association states, “Any condition that damages your heart or blood vessels can affect your brain’s blood supply.”

This means that brain health starts with good heart health practices:

1. Get off the couch and engage in exercise that gets your heart pumping. This can be a brisk walk, a water exercise class, or skipping rope—even 10 minutes a day of working out can reduce heart disease risk.

2. Eat better. Rather than adopting the latest diet craze or setting hard-to-achieve goals, start by adding more vegetables and fruits to your daily meals. The Mayo Clinic recommends five servings of vegetables and fruits per day.

3. Quit smoking. Smoking increases the risk of stroke and it affects the blood flow to the brain.

As people age, their risk for dementia and heart disease continues to increase. Take steps—literally—to reduce the changes of heart ailments that might lead to dementia.

What You Need to Know: Vascular Dementia

There is not a single cause of dementia for people worldwide and scientists continue to research not only a possible cure for the disease but also its cause in hopes of preventing it.

Vascular dementia is the second most common type of dementia, according to the Mayo Clinic and the Alzheimer’s Association. The cause for vascular dementia is brain damage—such as a stroke—that results in reduced blood flow to the brain. This is often seen in people living with high blood pressure or who have a history of strokes or heart attacks. It is possible for someone living with Alzheimer’s disease to develop vascular dementia as well.

Symptoms of vascular dementia can vary widely. Memory loss may or may not be one of the symptoms.

The Alzheimer’s Association notes that after a stroke someone may exhibit the following symptoms:

• confusion
• disorientation
• vision loss
• difficulty speaking or understanding spoken communication

In addition, depression can co-exist with brain vascular disease.

Considering that the AHA estimates that the cost of Alzheimer’s dementia, and stroke is expected to exceed $1 trillion by the year 2030, this is the time to maintain good heart health for future brain health.

If you have any questions or need help with resources, please contact HomeWatch Caregivers at 331-702-9975.
Shrimps Piraeus (Greek Style)

Serve in large soup tureen (6 servings)

Delicious!!

4 lbs fresh shrimp, shelled & deveined  1 tsp dried basil
2 large Bermuda onions, chopped  ¼ tsp powdered marjoram
½ C olive oil  Dash Tabasco sauce
2 cloves garlic, finely diced or pressed  Salt to taste
1 7 oz can tomato paste  Juice of 1 lemon
2 8 oz cans whole pimientos, chopped  ¾ lb Feta cheese, cubed
1 2lb 3oz can Italian tomatoes with basil  1 T chopped parsley
½ tsp black pepper

Cook shrimp in large pot. Peel the onions and chop fine. Heat the olive oil in a large iron skillet; add the onions and cook gently with a wooden spoon until soft - not brown, just golden. Using a garlic press, press in the garlic. Blend in tomato paste and pimientos including their juice. Add peeled Italian tomatoes, chopping them as you add them. Add pepper, basil, marjoram, generous dash of Tabasco and salt to taste. Simmer gently for half-hour, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Stir in the strained lemon juice. Drain the prepared cooked shrimp and add to the sauce; allow to heat through about ten minutes. Drop Feta cheese cubes gently into the sauce. Turn off the heat, cover and allow to stand approx. 5 minutes; just long enough to have the pieces begin to melt. Do NOT stir. Place the entire mixture in a hot soup tureen, sprinkle with parsley and serve at once in large soup plates. Crisp, warm French bread may accompany this, and a well-chilled white wine would be tasty!

Upcoming Dates

- February 1 - March 12  Lisle Park District Snowman Building Contest
  - visit http://lisleparkdistrict.org/specialevents.html
- March 17, 2021  Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 20, 2021  Virtual Family Trivia Night from 7:00-8:00pm
  - visit http://lisleparkdistrict.org/specialevents.html
- March 20, 2021  8:00 AM-12:00 PM - Quarterly Electronics Recycling Collection
  - Downtown Lisle Commuter Parking Lot B (more info on p.5)
- March 27, 2021  Lisle Park District Easter Egg Hunt - Ages 10 & under
  - visit http://lisleparkdistrict.org/specialevents.html

Beauty is only skin deep, ugly goes to the bone.

Being happy doesn’t mean everything’s perfect, it means you’ve decided to see beyond the imperfections.

Living well is the best revenge against mortality.

Whatever you do, leave the world more interesting than you found it.

Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes.
Green Trails Classified Ads

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- Eighty percent of beauty products haven’t been tested for safety in the US. To know more, contact business.oliviapalak@gmail.com or visit www.beautycounter.com/oliviapalak

FOR SALE:


Questions: Call Beth at 1-630-416-7693.

Looking For Something?

Did you know that there are archived copies of the Green Trails Pathfinder from as far back as 2018 available on the Green Trails Website? Just visit www.greentrails.org and click on Pathfinder on the main page.
Last year more people than ever worked from home and utilized their outdoor living space.

Do you catch yourself daydreaming of time with nature? While we wait for warmer weather, let’s plan and organize those dreams to become reality.

Consider your time and how often you will be able to work and play in the yard or garden. Do you DIY or need some assistance? Check with your Homeowner Association if necessary regarding any rules to follow for planting.

Think about your property. Would you like to start a vegetable garden? Is this the year to plant some perennials around your patio to enjoy year after year? What flowers will thrive in the sun or shade of your porch or patio? Maybe your landscape needs some refreshing.

Knowing the direction your property faces is important. You can use a copy of your plat of survey to make plans for your yard. Note size and position of your deck, patio, trees, etc. Write a wish list of what you’d like to add to your yard. Thegrowingsplace.com has a useful, free Landscape & Garden Planning Guide.

For each area you’d like to improve upon, mark down how many hours of sunlight the area receives each day. Typically, the north sides of houses are shadier while south and west sides will get the full heat of the sun. Eastern exposures usually get morning sun. Trees or other large structures in your yard can also affect sun or shade conditions. Trees will shade your yard when in full summer foliage. Pair trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals that require the same light needs.

Does the area stay wet, or is it dry unless watered? Watch for spots that may hold runoff water from snow or hard rains. See how close a water source is to the area you are planting. Use thegrowingsplace.com Plant Search or their printed Plant Guide to learn best placement and watering care for plants on your wish list that thrive in our area.

Do you see in your mind’s eye the way you want your yard to be? Make your outdoor living space functional, beautiful, and work for your needs. When it’s too cold to plant, plan for the warm day when you can. With the continued increase in home garden and landscape interest, you’ll be glad you did.
SCAMS TARGETING SMARTPHONES, TABLETS & COMPUTERS

Many households in the US have multiple smartphones, tablets and computers. The use of these devices keep increasing day by day. We use these devices for numerous things from sending / receiving text messages and emails, shopping, music, and downloading applications from AppStore/Google store. While these functions are important in daily life, they can also make us vulnerable to scams.

Here are some security tips to keep in mind while using your devices:

• Set up a password or passcode for your device before you start using the device.
• Use security software that is appropriate for your operating system and keep it updated.
• Be cautious about the information you share and the types of apps/websites you access.
• Beware of emails and text messages asking for personal or financial information. Do not click anything and delete the email or text.
• Beware of look-alike apps and install apps only from trusted source.
• Beware of people calling and asking for personal information and/or threatening your arrest if you do not provide information. Remember, no one should ask you to provide your personal credentials if you’re uncomfortable; you have the right to refuse.

• If your device is lost or stolen, report it.
• Contact your cell phone company about remote wiping and tracking. If your device is lost or stolen, these features may provide some protection.
• Before you upgrade, donate, or recycle your device, make sure you delete all of your personal and financial information from the device.

For more information, please visit Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security’s website at https://www.cisa.gov/stophinkconnect.

ALTERNATIVE USES FOR HAND SANITIZER

Got buckets of hand sanitizer around? You’re not alone. And while it’s useful to have around and be used to help kill germs, what can we do with it aside from sanitizing our hands? Here are some ideas from around the internet:

• Clean your eyeglasses.
• Start a fire. A disaster survival website says you can dab a small amount on your kindling or tinder and light it with a spark, and that it works in rainy or windy weather.
• Remove stains. The alcohol works well at removing blood, ink, or drink stains. Remember to dab, not rub. You can also pre-treat stains with a bit of sanitizer.
• Clean your table or desk. Use a clean cloth and wipe down the surface. Do the same for your filthy keyboard.
• Remove stickers. Price tags are notorious for leaving a sticky substance behind. Hand sanitizer to the rescue!
• Ease the itch of mosquito bites.
• Clean your phone’s screen using a soft cloth and a bit of sanitizer.
• Polish silver. Now that company’s coming, squirt some hand sanitizer on a soft cloth and polish the silver.
• Try it in place of deodorant. Kill the bacteria, kill the smell. We’ll leave it at that.
• Use as a dry shampoo. Squeeze a little onto your fingertips and massage into your roots.
• Clean your flat iron. Ditto for the hairspray on your mirror.
• Remove permanent marker from a whiteboard.
• Remove nail polish.
TIM WESSEL
FOR Lisle PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Resident of Lisle for over 10 years

Looking to represent Green Trails as the only neighborhood resident running for Park Board

Our family is a frequent user of the parks and trails in the neighborhood. My four year old looks forward to meeting you at the swings!

Send me a message at:
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VOTE APRIL 6, 2021

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