Friends and neighbors,

Welcome to the first edition of Oakhurst North News! As I sit here in early February watching more snow come down and bitter cold temperatures dominating the forecast, I am feeling a bit cooped up, as I imagine many of you are after nearly a year of this pandemic. I am hopeful and looking forward to spring and summer and with any luck a gradual return to some semblance of normal.

You may be asking - why do we have this newsletter? A common theme from new members of the board last year was the desire to improve communication and to better engage members of the community. I was encouraged by what I was hearing. Being in my fourth year on the board we had never had a full complement of board members, meetings were sparsely attended, and neighbors I spoke with had little knowledge of board activities. One night returning board member Kay Kellogg reached out to me about a publishing company who would be able to create a newsletter for our neighborhood. I thought this was a great idea given the desire to improve communication so here we are!

In the newsletter you will find updates from committees, a schedule of upcoming events and board meetings, important reminders for homeowners and opportunities to get involved. We hope you will find it informative and useful. In this issue we have brief updates from the pool and pond committees (Caddyshack reference anyone?), social committee, bowling league, and swim team. If you have ideas for future issues or suggestions to improve the newsletter, please reach out to me (4carterjim@gmail.com) or Kay Kellogg (kaykellogghomes@gmail.com).

In 2020 the board contracted to update our reserve study for the first time since 2014. Notable items in the study that are being addressed are erosion of the pond banks and repairs of deteriorating masonry at the Sports Core.

The annual election of board members will take place on March 15th and this will be the first year we take advantage of electronic voting. We fully anticipate achieving quorum and having the first valid election in many years. You should have received a notice in the mail about the process and will receive an email invitation to cast your vote. Please contact Associa if you have any questions.

In closing, my family and I have been residents since 2005 and are grateful for the many ways that being a part of this community has enriched our lives, from the Torpedoes swim team to the bowling league to walking with our kids and neighbors to Young and just neighbors helping neighbors. We really have a special neighborhood and I look forward to a thriving Oakhurst North community for years to come!
Invest in Your Neighborhood (and your Home!)

It may seem early to be talking about Spring, but it will be upon us before you know it! Now is the time to start thinking about your property and the overall “spring cleanup” and maintenance needed after winter. As a reminder, when residents purchase a home in an association, they contractually agree to be a part of that association with their fellow property owners and are bound to all the association’s governing documents.

We encourage our residents to get out and make a visual inspection of your home and property to determine what needs to be addressed after Winter. Visually inspect top to bottom on all four sides of your home looking at things like the window trim, condition of siding, garage doors and more. And do not forget about the condition of your mailbox! Make a plan for those repairs needed!

A true spring cleanup is an important step to keep your yard in order. If you are unable to do this work yourself, there are many companies that offer these services that include cleaning up remnants of fall leaves, winter debris, edging, mulching, trimming and other projects you might need done.

We hate to see association violations happen and encourage you to do everything possible to avoid them. Fines have increased, but they are not imposed without first providing a grace period where a homeowner can correct the problem. Landscaping items are the most common violations, but planning ahead should have you set for the season. The following are examples of common violations:

1) Lawns and garden beds overtaken by weeds and crabgrass including driveways with weeds growing in the seams.
2) Untrimmed or unkept trees and bushes and parkway trees. Yes, the parkway tree is the resident’s responsibility. Please trim those low hanging branches for the safety of anyone walking by.
3) Removing trees and not grinding out the stump and not replacing the trees after removal. At no time should a resident remove landscaping without first checking with the association.
4) Moving from a house and allowing the landscape and grass to grow out of control. You may be gone, but your neighbors still live here.
5) Leaving town for extended periods of time and not having anyone tend to your yard or your landscaping. Once again, you may be gone, but your neighbors still live here and this needs to be handled before leaving town.

Last, Oakhurst North is an incredible community. Fines are not our goal, but compliance with the neighborhood governing documents is. Complete maintenance of home and property should be everyone’s objective. A big thank you to everyone who continually makes the effort. You aren’t just investing in your home, you are investing in the community!
Neighbors in the Spotlight

Known as the smiling, friendly cross guard who keeps our kids safe at the corner of Asbury and Liberty, Zena Weir has been a bright light in our community for years. What many may or may not know, she is also an amazing cook and baker. Zena creates incredible decorated sugar cookies that are simply perfection! Available for any occasion, this home baker does amazing work at decorating cookies for your every need (holidays, birthdays, showers, graduations, or any special occasion!)

This past pandemic year, Zena thought of an idea to create cookie decorating kits to keep families busy and together during these unprecedented times. These kits consist of everything you need to make her fine creations. Included in the kit are pre-baked cookies, icing in piping bags, and other toppings to finish off your creations. We salute Zena for her creative way of helping people pass the time while sheltering in place. When you speak to Zena, she will tell you she loves the kids, the families, and the neighborhood here in Oakhurst North, and that truly shows.

Thank you, Zena, for your idea and for being a part of this great community! Zena can be reached at zenaweir1@gmail.com.

If you know of a neighbor who deserves to be in the spotlight, is doing something of interest, has a feel-good story, etc.,

Please Contact
Jim Carter (4carterjim@gmail.com) or Kay Kellogg (kaykellogghomes@gmail.com.)
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If you need help finding your account number, check your latest statement, or contact Customer Care at helpmechicagoland@associa.us or 847-490-3833.

Have you logged into TownSq? #1

Getting Started

- Login:
  - From the TownSq website, www.townsq.io
  - From My Account on www.associachicagoland.com
  - Or, using the TownSq app – search “TownSq” in the Google Play Store or iPhone App Store
- Register:
  - Look for the email from noreply@mytownsq.com
  - Click the link to set your password
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Now that you’re logged in, you’re ready to:

- CONNECT
- COLLABORATE
- STAY UP-TO-DATE

Manage Your Account #3

- Review your account balance
- Make a one-time payment or schedule recurring payments:
  1. Click accounts
  2. Select an account, or click add account to link another assessment account.
  3. Review transactions
  4. Click make a payment
  5. Add your preferred payment method (Credit Card or ACH) to our secure environment
- Pay online instantly with a one-time payment or set up recurring payments with auto pay

Please feel free to ask questions and/or provide feedback! Contact 844.281.1728 or email support@townsq.io. You can also contact our local branch at 847-490-3833 or helpmechicagoland@associa.us.

Home Screen #2

- Connect
- Collaborate
- Stay Up-to-Date

- Receive real-time updates on important community news and events
- Easily connect with neighbors in the forum
- Participate in community polls and view real-time results
- Make a request to contact your management team and review the status of open requests
- Authorize guests
- Reserve amenities
- Manage your accounts & pay online
- Access association documents
- Edit profiles & manage notification settings

- Welcome to the Neighborhood -

11/10/20 - Kristiana M Bonomo 1015 Woodview Court
11/16/20 - Gregory Nusko & Lisa Pallock 550 Casey Court
11/16/20 - Dillip Kumar Samal 1088 Park Hill Circle
11/20/20 - Pravin Singh 2592 Harlstone Drive
12/02/20 - Jessica Porter 968 Park Hill Circle
12/04/20 - Nazim Nizar 1040 Asbury Drive
Pool Committee Update

Pool Committee-Brian Lester

The board and management are currently working with Pool Guards, the OHN lifeguard company, intending to have the pool open this summer while protecting the health and safety of residents and lifeguards. A new pool committee has been established with a group of owners to help give ideas and guidance as the opening process continues.

Pool Guards will operate the Sportscore complex with additional safety protocols per the guidelines issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

We would like to express appreciation in advance for the volunteers on the committee and for everyone’s patience during this process. Any new guidelines and plans for the opening will be communicated to all owners in the upcoming months.
Pond Committee Update – Spring 2021

Oakhurst North Friends and Neighbors:

My name is Alan Hoffman and I recently joined the board to fill one of the few vacancies that had gone unfilled for a few years. One of the reasons that I decided to become more active with the Board was to address maintenance of the detention ponds that surround our community. In 2020, the Pond Committee was formed, and we have met to begin formulating a plan. First, though, I would like to offer a little background information. One of the features of our community are the many detention ponds. Through conversation with our management company, Associa, as well as other board members (past and present), there has not been any comprehensive maintenance performed on the ponds since the initial construction over 20 years ago. With some of the record rainfall events over the last few years, coupled with the effects of deferred maintenance, several of the ponds are showing the ill-effects of shoreline erosion. Some of this erosion has been magnified by the removal of shoreline trees. These trees were damaged by Emerald Ash Borer beetles and other wildlife. The worsening condition of the ponds has also been documented in the required Reserve Study that the Association is required to conduct.

With that background information in mind, there a few things that the Pond Committee has discussed. First, we are exploring the best approach for repairing the damage that has already occurred. There are three strategies that are being discussed:

1) shoreline repairs and stabilization utilizing native planting materials;

2) shoreline repairs and stabilization utilizing stone/gravel “rip-rap”; and

3) a combination of these strategies. Natural or native plantings may take several years to grow and achieve the desired effect. These planting may also come with added cost of ongoing maintenance. The stone solution may have a higher initial cost but also have a reduced annual maintenance cost. All of these are important factors that we will want to discuss with the community once additional information is in-hand.

We have also reached out to some engineering firms to understand any of the design constraints to the repairs as well as to understand the costs associated with the repairs. As the answers to the design and budget questions come into focus, we will look to solicit feedback from the community. Regarding budget, it will be important to balance aesthetics, upfront cost, and ongoing maintenance for whatever solution is selected.

As mentioned, addressing the ponds has been an issue for a number of years. Likewise, it may take one or two years for all the design, coordination, and repairs to be implemented. Our goal is ensuring that the solution(s) that we put in place will remedy the issue so that we do not have to undertake such a large project again for many years. Though no timeline has been finalized, a preliminary goal for 2021 would be to understand the budget constraints, engage with some design/engineering professionals to define the repair scope, and work with the community to determine the best approach to making the repairs. If we can accomplish this, then we would be in a good position to begin the construction/repairs in the Spring of 2022.

Our Committee will look to reconvene this spring once I can compile some additional budget information, working with Jeanette at Associa. Please keep an eye out for updates for ways to become involved or provide feedback. This is an important project for the upkeep of our community, so input and feedback from the neighborhood will be key in addressing this issue.
Safety in Oakhurst North

Just a few reminders for Oakhurst North residents about safety....

- Keep your cars locked and secured with all windows closed when left outside overnight. Please keep in mind if you have a garage door opener in the car (or push-button access to open the garage door), you leave your family vulnerable unless you keep the door to the garage locked.

- When walking or biking in the street you should always be going against the flow of traffic.

- At night use reflectors or visual aids for drivers to see you while walking or jogging throughout the neighborhood, always use caution when using headphones (especially noise cancelling as you cannot hear a horn.)

- Bicycles used after dark should have a headlight or lighting per Illinois law.

- Consider leaving coach lights on overnight to provide more lighting to the front of your home and deter thieves.

- Always remember to put your garage door down in the evening. Did you know there are new Bluetooth technology garage door openers that come with phone apps for putting the garage up and down? The next time your opener needs replacement, consider replacing with one of these models where you can check your garage door up or down status from your phone!

- If away for a significant amount of time; consider using timers on multiple lights throughout your home to turn lights on and off at different times.

Our goal is to keep our neighborhood and neighbors safe!

- FROM THE MODIFICATIONS COMMITTEE -

As spring approaches along with it comes the time for many home projects. Maintaining your property keeps your value high and allows your community to show well. Remember living in a community with a homeowner’s association means there are established guidelines when you are changing the exterior appearance of your home.

From roofs to doors, mailboxes and patios, sheds, driveways, and fences; any exterior change requires approval. Be certain to complete a modification request form (accessible on Town Square), submit your request with a copy of your survey, and a sketch where the proposed changes will be made. Along with this, please provide a list of materials, color, design, and the project proposal from your vendor you are using to complete the work. The review of your project will be quick and any required follow up will be timely and specific. As our Community ages it is critical to maintain your property to preserve appearance and overall appeal. Help us to help you keep Oakhurst North one of the preferred communities in our area!
THE PET CORNER

Walk around Oakhurst North on any given day, and you will certainly recognize that we are a pet-loving community! We would like to have an article in every newsletter that highlights our furry friends in our neighborhood. Does your pet have a special talent? Any great stories involving our pets can be featured here! Maybe it is something humorous or heart-warming? Or quite possibly it is just something incredibly cute you want to share! And of course, we LOVE the stories of adopted pets!

Please contact Jim Carter (4carterjim@gmail.com) or Kay Kellogg (kaykellogghomes@gmail.com) with regard to the Pet Corner, (and yes, we would like photos too!)

News from the Social Committee

Hello OHN! My name is Caitlin Etheridge. Beth Pociask and I helped form the OHN Social Committee last fall. As we all know, COVID-19 has made celebrating and socializing as a neighborhood safely quite the challenge. Despite the lemons, we were able to turn at least some of them into lemonade. We managed to arrange a Donut Truck, Kona Ice deliveries, and even a socially distanced visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

As we get up to speed in 2021, we want to continue to help organize events for the neighborhood. We realize that the current situation is not ideal, as COVID-19 remains a concern, but are hopeful for the future. We look forward to planning special events for the neighborhood in the upcoming year. We would love it if we could have a couple more people volunteer to join our exciting committee. Please email us at OHNSocialCommittee@gmail.com to learn more about this fun opportunity.

OAKHURST NORTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Did you know that Oakhurst North has a bowling league? The league is a fun way to interact with neighbors in the spirit of friendly competition. We are currently underway in the 2020-2021 bowling season. During the months of September through May, we meet the third Saturday of every month at Parkside Lanes. We typically have about 12-14 teams with 4-8 members per team.

If you are interested in learning more about the Oakhurst North Bowling League or would like to express interest in forming a team for the 2021-2022 season, please contact Karen O’Toole at oakhurstnorthbowling@gmail.com.
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May 2, 2021

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Khurram Mohammed

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/stopthinkconnect.

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.
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The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

March PANDEMICS wordoku

How to solve wordoku puzzles
You only need logic and patience to solve a wordoku.
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October 2020

October is Crime Prevention Month, so it is fitting to highlight the Naperville Crime Prevention Unit’s proactive programs that help to promote safety in our neighborhoods and prevent crime through education.

DOORS AND WINDOWS
- Windows have latches not locks; therefore, install secondary locking devices on all windows.
- All exterior doors should be solid core or of metal construction.
- Exterior doors should have deadbolt locks with a 1-inch throw and reinforced strike plates with 2-3/4 inch screws. Most importantly, use them!
- A good quality double cylinder deadbolt lock should be used if there is glass with 40 inches of the lock.
- Install a peephole with at least a 180-degree viewing area.
- Secure sliding glass doors. A metal or wood rod along the bottom track is advised, as is the installation of vertical bolts along the top track.
- Secure basement windows with grilles or grates (but make sure they can be opened from the inside in case of fire).

EXTERIOR, INTERIOR, AND LANDSCAPE
- Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Pay special attention to entrances, porches and yards.
- Use inexpensive timers or photo electric cells to automatically turn lights on and off.
- Create the illusion that someone is home by using timers on lights and/or leaving the TV on.
- Trim shrubbery and trees so doors and windows are visible from the street.
- Don’t let your tree be a ladder. If there is a second floor, prune nearby trees so a thief cannot use them to reach second floor windows.
- Don’t leave ladders or tools outside; they can assist a person in gaining entry.
- Draw all curtains/shades at night to prevent viewing from the street.

ADDITIONAL PREVENTION TIPS
- Keep doors, windows and garage doors locked even when at home. Patrol officers report hundreds of open garage doors each month during the evening hours.
- Never leave a house key in an obvious place such as in a mailbox or under plants or doormats.
- Don’t tell a stranger that your neighbor is not home or volunteer any personal information about your neighbor.
- Do not post on any social networking sites that you are going out of town.
- While traveling, keep your home looking lived-in by having the grass cut, mail and newspapers picked up, and lights turned on and off with timers.
- Know who belongs in your neighborhood and be alert in protecting not only your home, but your neighbors’ as well. Report any suspicious persons, vehicles or activity immediately to 911.
- Report all unusual activities and unrecognized cars circling the area. The thieves that are targeting our area are scouting the neighborhood and observing people as they are leaving their house to ensure that there is no one at the house when they break in. Be vigilant.

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