

GREEN TRAILS



PATHFINDER

JUNE 2007

Contact Management before planting on common area



Please remember that prior to placing plants or trees in the Association-owned common area behind or along side your property, you must first submit a request to the managing agent. An Architectural Control Improvement Application form will be sent to you. Your plan must be fully described on the application and a scale drawing of the plan, preferably shown on a survey of your property, must be attached to your request. The application should then be returned to the managing agent for subsequent review by the Maintenance Committee to ascertain whether or not the plan will cause drainage problems, obstruct the vision of anyone using the path-way, restrict usage of the area, or cause problems for the turf maintenance people. Nothing of a

permanent nature may be erected or placed on the common property. The plan must then be approved by the Board.

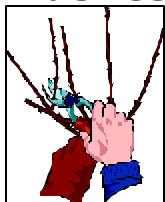
An Architectural Control Improvement Application Request form has been printed in this month's newsletter for your convenience, should you desire to use it. You may also download an application form and guidelines via the Association's web site at www.greentrails.org. Please read the application and requirements thoroughly before deciding to plant in the common area so that you will be completely aware of your responsibilities. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact management at 961-7456.

Important Notice Regarding Sump Pump Discharge

Although residents are regularly reminded that both the Green Trails covenants and Village of Lisle Code prohibit the discharge of sump water onto private or public property, we are constantly seeing violations throughout Green Trails. Grassy areas and more importantly, trails, are constantly wet from sump discharge. This causes deterioration of the trail and damage to the grass. Wet grassy areas are not always noticeable resulting in turf maintenance crews tearing up grass and make deep ruts and muddy tracks with their equipment.

Oftentimes, they are unable to cut some areas causing the grass to get tall and look unsightly. We sometimes get complaint calls from residents only to discover that the problem is actually caused by their own sump discharge. Please make sure your sump hose is properly located several feet inside your property line, which is the Village code direction. Without your cooperation, we will be forced to report any unresolved sump discharge violations to the Village of Lisle for resolution. Thank you for your cooperation.

Trim your Trees and Bushes



Attention all homeowners! Due to past incidents of injury to a resident by a low-hanging tree branch, we are once again issuing an urgent reminder that you are responsible for the maintenance of any landscaping on your property which may extend out into the common area, such as trees and bushes. Branches extending out into the trail area can be hazardous to passersby, especially at night when they cannot be clearly seen. It is most important that you remember to trim up the branches of your

trees so that an individual passing on the trail, either on foot or on a bike, will have clear passage under them. Bushes should be trimmed back so that they are completely clear of the trail by at least two feet. The most common problem with bushes is seen when they are planted along a fence. Oftentimes, trimming is done on the inside of the yard but not on the outside of the fence. Your cooperation in keeping our trails neat and safe will be greatly appreciated.

Reminders to Green Trails Residents

Assessment Letters : Remember to contact management office (961-7456) when you have **sold** your home **or** if you plan to **refinance**. At least 14 days prior notice is required for an assessment letter otherwise a fee of \$25.00 will be charged.

Trail Lights: Please remember to report to management office (961-7456) any trail light that you find either not lit or damaged in any way. Remember to get the number off the pole as this number helps to identify the location of the pole. If everyone helps by reporting light pole outages and/or damage, we can keep Green Trails well lit and safe.

Cover up Trash: Please remember to cover your trash bins or secure their contents on windy pick-up days. There has been an ongoing problem with trash blowing around on such days leaving a mess for other owners to clean up. Please be a good neighbor and prevent your trash from blowing around the neighborhood. Also, please remember to bring in those bins and trash

containers at the end of pick up day. Oftentimes, these receptacles are left on the curb for several days. Your cooperation will be appreciated by all of your neighbors.

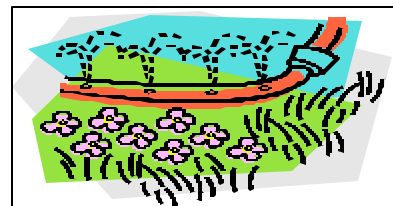
Community Watch: All residents are asked to be more aware of what is going on in their areas and report any problems or suspicious activities to the police by calling 911, to have an officer respond. Increased vigilance could prevent a potential problem from occurring.

Locate your Lot Markers : Before doing any major landscaping, set up a garden or put up a fence, remember to locate your lot markers so that you do not encroach on your neighbor's or Association property. If it is erroneously placed on Association common area, the landscaping, garden or fence will have to be moved at your expense. Locating the markers first, especially at the back of your lot, will save you inconvenience and money.

Our Green Trails
Board meetings for June,
July and August will not be
at Kennedy but instead in the training
room at the Village of Lisle Police
Department. (Short St. & Rt. 53) Same
time - 7:30 pm,
second Tuesday: 6/12,
7/10 & 8/14.

Don't forget-watering rules:

Watering restrictions for the summer. Effective from May 15th through Sept. 15th and follows the odd/even (addresses) restrictions. Hours for outdoor watering are between 5:00 a.m and 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Summary of GTIA Board Meeting Tuesday April 10, 2007

President, Peter Bakas called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Kennedy Jr High School. Board members present: Peter Bakas, John Charicki, Joan Dudas, Rob Getz, Linda Gilbert, Terri Kolman, Julie LaFond, Les Lavin, Betty Long, Gail Robinson. Board members excused: Pat Coughlin-Schillo, Rodd Elges, Marg Hough, Gerry Jackson. Board Member absent: Tom Maslanka. Management: Joe and Joanne Broda. Paula Gleason was Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Open Forum: Park District candidates, Barb Will and Don Cook presented brief autobiographical remarks prior to their responses to roundtable questions as follows:

“What are the financial challenges facing the district? What is currently being done to address those challenges? What additional steps do you propose?”

Barb: Financial challenges are the same as for individuals: the rising cost of services and of gasoline. We have addressed this by balancing the budget and are at 5% below anticipated expenses. Additional steps planned are to increase some fees for out of district residents, eliminate debt, cultivate corporate donors of grants, increase advertising and “grab” every dollar available to us.

Don: Another financial challenge is the minimum wage increase we face. We addressed our utility costs by locking in a 3-year rate before the current ComEd market increase. Additional steps planned are to request more money upfront from developers of new construction and possible funds from the State of Illinois.

“Comment on the physical condition of the Park District’s facilities (parks, recreational facilities, buildings). What is being done to address any deficiencies? What additional steps do you propose/support?”

Don: The Meadows Center does not belong to us and authorizing a Community Center is too expensive. We are replacing air conditioning units. The Museum and Nesley-Yender House need painting. We would like to expand the fitness center and Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex.

Barb: The tennis courts, playgrounds, and park areas are evaluated on an annual basis. Accessibility and materials change over the years. Sea Lion Park, The View and River Bend are in excellent condition. The Meadows belongs to District 202, and we are working with the school board. We would like to acquire a Community Center or Field House or expand some current facility.

“Are there any existing programs or facilities that you would consider for elimination? Is there a need for any new programs or facilities? What criteria would you use to make these decisions?”

(please see *Minutes* continued on page 4)

Green Trails Improvement Association Board of Directors

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Gerald Jackson - Area I, SR1
Terri Kolman - Area J, SR2, BLM
Julie LaFond - Area K, SR3, LW2
Rodd Elges - Area L, SR4, LW1, AWC, CG apts.
Gail Robinson - Area M, HPT
Rob Getz - Area O, GT apts.

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Green Trails Improvement Association

Board Meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month.

All Green Trails residents are welcome.

NEXT MEETING: June 12, 2007

7:30 p.m. Lisle Police Department

PROPERTY MANAGER JRM Properties, Inc.

P.O. Box 3106
Lisle, IL 60532
(630)961-7456
Joanne Broda

Please call JRM Properties if
you need information or have
questions regarding Green Trails.

Visit our Green Trails website at:

www.greentrails.org

Or E-Mail us at:

gtia@greentrails.org

GTIA Yearly Assessment Policy

Assessments are paid annually. The billing for the new year's ~~assessment will be mailed out later than Nov. 29th and is due Jan. 1st. If payment is not received by Feb. 1st, an administrative fee is added to the assessment. If a owner does not receive an invoice by Dec. 10th, notify management immediately. GTIA policy states the homeowner 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 Joanne Broda at JRM Properties at 961-7456.~~

SELLING? REFINANCING?

Anyone selling or refinancing within the Green Trails Improvement Association area should require a letter from JRM Properties, Inc., regarding their status of the yearly assessment charge. Requests for such may be called into the Management Office or requested by letter. Information to provide is as follows: 1) Property address; 2) Seller's attorney name and phone number; 3) Buyer's name; and 4) Date of closing. All this information will be required no less than 14 days prior to the close. If notice is given less than 14 days prior to closing, a \$25 fee will be assessed. JRM Properties, Inc. P.O. Box 3106, Lisle, IL 60532. Contact Joanne Broda, 961-7456.

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Barb: The Board president presents a synopsis of programs each year. Swimming programs adjust to the needs of users. If we cannot afford a program, we bring in outside vendors. It is not our job to micro-manage. This year, we are going to run the concessions ourselves at Sea Lion.

Don: We rely on our staff for programs. When we attend state conference, we get new ideas. We try to be creative if we can afford it; however, this also depends on community reactions.

"The community currently seems indifferent. As a commissioner, what is your role in cultivating good rapport with the community? How is the district using the resident input derived from the development of its Master Plan? How should the Park District assess the level of resident satisfaction?"

Barb: I don't feel the community is indifferent, but rather is comfortable. In my role, I am always out there and participate in many events, eat at local establishments and listen to everyone. We need to send out more surveys and newsletters.

Don: I don't think the community is indifferent, I think we have a very good rapport with everyone. In my role, I am also out there and attend almost all community functions.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, President Peter Bakas thanked the candidates for their candor and the time they spent with the GTIA Board.

Minutes of the Prior Meetings: Minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed.

Board Motion: John Charicki moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Linda Gilbert seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: John Charicki reviewed the March Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement.

Board Motion: Betty Long motioned to accept the revised check register expenditures of \$24,069.33 for April, Joan Dudas seconded. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Management Report: Telephone log line items were reviewed.

Management noted that there have been a total of 24 College Green apartment-condo conversions, leaving 72 left to be converted.

Management stated they are continuing to attempt collection from the 22 residents past due on their 2007 assessments.

Management requested a decision on the tabled issue of a fall feed/insect control spraying of the evergreens along College Road. Betty long reported, according to a Morton Arboretum seminar, it is unproven that the systemic spraying process is effective on conifers. She also confirmed that spring is the best time for treatment.

Board Motion: Peter Bakas motioned to approve the spring insect control spraying of the evergreens

along College Road by Spring Green, in the amount of \$1,570, Julie LaFond seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Management requested a volunteer to pick up the 50 purchased saplings on Wednesday, April 25th at the Kane-DuPage spring tree sale. Betty Long volunteered to pick up the trees. As many Board members as are available will help plant these trees in the pine grove nursery at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 28th.

Management provided a list of March 2007 newcomers. Board Directors are encouraged to call on newcomers in their respective areas.

Finance Committee: Committee members met with the auditor on March 14th to review the 2006 GTIA financial statement, a copy of which was distributed to Board members present. The opinion of the auditor is that liquid assets are good, there are sufficient replacement funds and reserve funds are adequate.

Maintenance Committee: Les Lavin reported the Maintenance Committee reviewed the 3% price increases for trail work, which will result in less than \$3,000 over budget; the committee recommends proceeding with work as approved. Additionally, there is some flooding around HF5 that will require repairs.

Communications Committee: No report.

Parks Committee: Julie LaFond gave a synopsis of the March Lisle Park District Board meeting that she attended. Gail Robinson will attend the April Lisle Park District Board meeting.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Old Business/New Business: Joe Broda thanked Terri Kolman for organizing the well-attended Easter egg hunt.

Board Member Area Reports: Area F, John Charicki mentioned that area residents have complained about beer bottle and liquor bottle trash accumulating on neighborhood streets.

Area B, Betty Long reported that the Timber Park playground is being replaced.

Executive Session: Board Motion: Les Lavin motioned to adjourn to Executive session, Joan Dudas seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:25 p.m.

Board Motion: Rob Getz motioned to adjourn the Executive session, Terri Kolman seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Board Motion: There being no further business, Rob Getz motioned to adjourn the meeting, Terri Kolman seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula Gleason, Recording Secretary

Green Trails Classified Ads

Green Trails residents may submit ads and articles for publication in the Pathfinder free of charge according to approved guidelines:

1. Ads must be received by the editor on or before the 10th of each month to be considered for publication. Ads may be sent by e-mail or by USPS. If sent by USPS, the ads must be typed or printed on 8 ½ X 11 paper.
(2207 Ridgewood Road - Lisle)
2. Ads must include the residents GTIA Account Number (as found on their Pathfinder label), name, address, telephone number and/or e-mail address.
3. Ads will be limited to 25 words.
4. Renewal ads must be re-submitted each month according to these guidelines.
5. Ads that do not meet policy guidelines will not be printed.
6. Ads for businesses will not be accepted for free publication.
7. First-time classified ad submissions will take priority over repeat ads, and the editor will have discretion over revisions to ads.

DISCLAIMER

The Green Trails Improvement Association does not endorse any of the products or services listed in the Pathfinder.

SUBMITTING CLASSIFIEDS

- Classifieds must be renewed monthly via e-mail with "pathfinder" in the subject line.
- No phone-in ads or phone renewals.
- Classifieds should be sent to Jan Seeden at: pathfinderads@comcast.net.

Questions: Call Jan at 305-3977.

LOST:

- Lost glasses. Lost Monday, May 7 in the afternoon on the walking path, near Golf View. Metal frames. 961-1377.

FOR SALE:

- Callaway golf travel bag. Brand new (\$100). Has wheels, padded top protects club heads. Sell for \$50. Call Chuck or Mary Anne 961-3720.
- Bookcase, Formica, lt. brwn., maple wood grain, 60W x 4.5H x 11.5D, 6 shelves, fixed toeplate, \$150 OBO. Jim 416-0763.
- Junior bedroom furniture: Twin headboard, nightstand, 6 drawer dresser (long) with mirror, 6 drawer dresser (tall), and desk with chair. Light -cherry with floral accents. Whole set, \$750 OBO. Jennifer 740-0999.
- Like new - Vision Fitness HRT R 2200 recumbent exercise bike \$750 retails for \$2000. Call Phil 235-8930.
- Rainbow vacuum cleaner w/accessories and manual - \$70 obo. Karen 778-9862.

- 97 Buick LeSabre, red, 120,000 miles, very good condition, \$2475, available the end of June, 416-0775.
- Hamster/gerbil cage with tubes and wheel in excellent condition with new bag of bedding. Also glass fish tank. All for \$35. Call Danny 369-4625.
- Cubs Vs Astros at Wrigley - 4 tickets for Monday night, June 11. 7:05 PM. Section 226-2, seats 7, 8, 9 and 10. \$160 for 4 tickets. Please call Carrie at 961-1633.

SERVICES:

- Grass Cutting: high school student and Green Trails resident will cut grass and trim. Reasonable rates. Call 428-3985.
- Certified dog trainer and life-long animal lover offering dog walking, pet sitting, basic obedience training. Call All About Spot 719-2473.
- Housecleaning: Housewife has a few openings. Has lived in area for 20 years. Responsible & dependable. Marcia 416-0763.
- Evenings/Weekend Childcare service offered at your home by a CPR-certified, DCFS-qualified Childcare Teacher. I live in Tyrnburly subdivision of Green Trails. Phone: 357-9099.
- Pants too long or seams coming apart! get them repaired at a reasonable rate. I live in Tyrnburly subdivision of Green Trails. Phone: 357-9099.
- Golf lessons/tune-ups: Summer Specials for seasoned golfers as well as beginners. Call Dave (USGFT certified) at 369-8787.
- 20" AMX Extreme bike for sale. Front and rear hand brakes. Pegs on both front and rear wheel axles. Very good condition. \$60. 369-4563.
- Tutoring: Kindergarten through College. All Subjects, test preparation and organization. Screening and programs for Dyslexia and ADD. Emphasis in Reading, Math, Writing and related subjects. ACT/SAT, etc. Internet tutoring available. Contact Cheryl, 420-1033.
- Home Theater, from a simple plan to an elaborate design, phone systems, computer installation and trouble solving, indoor and outdoor lightning, and more - call George 420-9023.
- Home Repairs: All kinds of repairs, remodeling, and handyman services for your home. No job too small. Contact Gary 420-1033.
- Handyman: Some assembly required. Indoor or outdoor projects, if it is not working, call us. 420-9023 George.
- Pamper your pet. Away on vacation, let your pet stay at our Green Trails home. We also provide daily walks. Call Scott and Susan at 204-6687.

FREE:

- Free-Swing set in our Green Trails Home. Includes three swings/trick bars plus a long slide and canopy. Structurally sound. Needs a coat of paint. Call 886-4280 for more info.

WANTED:

- Looking for a bird-cage for a grown parakeet. Any size bigger than 12x16 inches should be fine. Call: 357-9099.
- Mother's helper/babysitter. Looking for helper beginning June 4 - August age 13-17 to care for my 21 month old daughter. 842-6627.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL IMPROVEMENT

PLANTING REQUIRMENTS

Warning! Planting or improving the common area must be approved by Green Trails Improvement Association Board of Directors.

Don't plant that tree, flower or erect that fence before reading these guidelines. Anything not approved can and will be removed.

The common area belongs to all of us and the rules and guidelines have been developed to protect our pathways from the damage caused by mature tree roots and our citizens from shrubs with barbs.

Other guidelines are developed to aid and facilitate mowing. All of us are paying the price of any violation in terms of restricting the use of common areas, repairing damaged pathways or causing delays in mowing.

The following are guidelines for planting or improving on the common area. Before **anything** is done, a homeowner must obtain written approval of the GTIA. Forms are available from JRM Properties, Inc. (961-7456) or via the web site at www.greentrails.org . Your application will be processed as quickly as possible providing all information is correct.

1. No man-made objects of any kind such as fences, retaining walls, raised timber planters, play equipment, sand-boxes, dog-runs, etc., will be allowed.
2. No vegetable or flower gardens or fruit trees will be allowed in the common area.
3. No hedges or hedge type bushes will be allowed.
4. All shade and ornamental (non-fruit bearing) trees must be placed a minimum of 8-10 feet from the trail.
5. All multiple low profile shrubs, plantings and low-branched ornamental trees must be placed in a planting bed, which must be kept to a minimum.
6. All planting beds must be covered with an organic type of mulch such as shredded bark.
7. Decorative rocks, gravel, bark chunks and other bulky substances shall not be used due to possible danger to persons and/or property when scattered and thrown by mowers. The use of boulders and large landscaping rocks is prohibited.
8. Native wildflowers and ground covers are recommended in all bed areas for erosion control (provided the planting area is no larger than 15% of the available common area behind your home).
9. Screen utility boxes but don't forget to leave access.
10. Sodding up to the trail will be allowed and encouraged.
11. Keep all trees a minimum of 15-20 feet from each other; multiple trees may not be contained within a planting bed.
12. Don't place plantings in those areas where they might limit the "recreational usage" of or access to the common area or which will restrict mowing.
13. The improvement shall be done in such a manner that it does not enclose the common area to your property.
14. No grading, cutting, filling, stockpiling or alteration of any grade shall be permitted anywhere within the common area unless specifically approved by the board.
15. Any grading change will require a grading permit from the Village of Lisle.



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION REQUEST

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AREA: _____ SECTION: _____

NATURE OF IMPROVEMENT : _____

LOCATION: _____ DIMENSIONS: _____

PLANT MATERIAL: _____

SUPPLIER: _____

A SKETCH ON A PLAT OF SURVEY THAT SHOWS ALL PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION TO SHOW LOCATION AND DIMENSIONS. ALSO, IT IS THE EXPRESSED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO CONTACT ALL UTILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMMONWEALTH EDISON, NICOR, AT&T (TELEPHONE), COMCAST and VILLAGE OF LISLE PRIOR TO DIGGING BY CALLING: J.U.L.I.E. (800-892-0123).

I/WE UNDERSTAND THE RULES CONCERNING THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT. I/WE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES SET FORTH BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WILL BE SOLELY LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGE, UPKEEP MAINTENANCE, AND ENCROACHMENT THAT THIS IMPROVEMENT MAY CAUSE TO THE COMMON AREA. I/WE AGREE THAT ANY UNAPPROVED ENCROACHMENT WILL BE CORRECTED AT MY/OUR EXPENSE. I/WE ALSO AGREE TO INFORM ANY FUTURE PURCHASER OF THE UNIT IN WHICH I/WE CURRENTLY RESIDE THAT THEY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

DATE: _____ SIGNED: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED: _____

REVIEWED BY: _____ DATE: _____

GTIA BOARD - APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

FINAL INSPECTION OF IMPROVEMENT ON DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____