

# Lincolnshire Fields Homeowners' Association

## Fall 2021 Homeowner Newsletter



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### Important Announcements, Dates & Reminders

#### Annual Meeting:

Now that COVID related large group gathering restrictions have been eased our plan is to return to the traditional format of hosting our annual homeowners board meeting / social during May 2022. Additional details will be provided about the meeting in our Spring 2022 newsletter but please mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, May 10.

#### LFHA Annual Dues Assessment:

As a final reminder to any Lincolnshire Fields homeowners who have not yet paid their annual LFHA \$50 dues (which were due by October 30<sup>th</sup>), please note that a \$25 late fee will be imposed. Checks may be addressed to: Lincolnshire Fields HOA and mailed to: Lincolnshire Fields Treasurer 1919 Trout Valley Champaign, IL 61822.

#### Fall Yard Waste Pickup dates:

There are two yard-waste pick up dates scheduled for this month. Please mark your calendars for this Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please ensure that all yard waste is properly bagged in paper bags or tied into bundles (max of four feet long) and placed curbside by 7am each of those collection days. Allowable yard waste includes leaves, twigs, small branches, dead plants or other organic material. *Grass clippings are **NOT** allowed.* Anything other than the specified yard waste will not be picked up.

If you wish to dispose of yard waste at other times throughout the year, please note that Lincolnshire Fields residents may drop it off at the Township Road Department facility (located at the end of Kearns Road (east of Staley Road)). They are open on non-holiday weekdays from 7am – 3pm. All that is required is that you sign their logbook which is located just outside the entry door of their facility.

We are extremely fortunate to have this combination of services available to our community so please be sure to place any yard waste being brought to the facility in the designated yard waste areas. Many thanks to Keith and his crew members for

their continued time and efforts for all they do.

### **Security Issues:**

Now that daylight savings time has ended, we want to remind area residents of simple actions they can take to deter the possibility of vandalism threats in our community. Please make note of the following reminders:

- \* Per our LFHA covenants, ensure that your front yard outdoor lights are working properly.
- \* LFHA covenants also stress that overnight street parking of cars, trucks, trailers or other vehicles is not allowed in the community.
- \* Our covenants likewise point out that homeowner trash containers be properly stored out of sight at all times other than scheduled waste pick up days.
- \* Avoid leaving any valuables, whether they be in a vehicle, on a porch or out in a visible yard area (such as bikes, toys, packages, or mail) are properly stored out of sight.
- \* Do not leave your house doors unlocked or your garage doors open for extended periods.
- \* Make a conscious effort to be aware of any suspicious or unfamiliar activity taking place and report it to authorities.

Reducing these types of "prying eyes" crime opportunities will go a long way towards the safety of our community.

### **LFHA Tree Replacement Program:**

We are happy to report an increased interest in our LFHA Tree Replacement Program this year to date and we thank those of you who've taken advantage of this program to help maintain the natural beauty of our community!

As a reminder to those of you who may be thinking about landscape updates to your property please note that the program offers two levels of reimbursement for new trees planted in your respective homeowner front yard areas. The program allows for reimbursement of one tree per homesite per year and allows either \$200 for trees planted in the parkway area (between your street and sidewalk), or \$100 for trees planted in the front yard area between your home and sidewalk area.

The approval / reimbursement process is simple and expedient to use. Complete details and an extensive list of suitable trees is available for your review on our community website under the "Announcements" tab

@ <http://www.lincolnshirefields.com>.

### **Landscaping Projects Update:**

We are pleased to report that the first couple of phases of our community landscaping efforts have been successfully completed by Prairieview Landscaping. The scope of the work included addressing some necessary tree trimming, removal of overgrowth, extermination of invasive plants as well as the re-defining of bed edging and a proper mulching within the "Kirby Commons" area (situated along Kirby Ave between Cobblefield and Staley Road. Phase two encompassed the overhaul of landscaping around three of our neighborhood brick entryway signage points at the intersections of Clubhouse/Staley, Cobblefield/Kirby and Valleybrook/Duncan.

The next phase of this project will be to update the landscaping around the balance of our neighborhood signage entry points, (at the intersections of Eagle Ridge

Road/Duncan, Farmington/Duncan and at Pinecrest/Staley). We've additionally worked with Prairieview to identify some additional visual enhancement for the Kirby Commons area that will add some visual interest and privacy screening plantings along Kirby. As a final note, we've also asked Prairieview to work up plans for a much-needed re-landscaping of the cul-de-sac "island" located at the end of Riverknoll Drive. Actual installation of all the work mentioned above will take place during Spring '22 and hopefully complete by early May.

### **Final Thoughts:**

With winter weather quickly approaching we want to remind all homeowners about their responsibility of ensuring that sidewalks along their property remain clear and passable of snow and overhanging bushes / tree branches. There are a number of residents, delivery and service firms who make use of these passageways on a year round basis so we respectfully ask your vigilance and compliance with this request for the benefit of everyone's safety.

Please also note that in the event of significant snowfall accumulations the Township street snow removal crews may at times need to push or pile snow in certain locations that infringe on homeowner yards or "cul-de-sac island" locations in order to clear roadways for proper traffic access and movement. While this might prove to be an inconvenience for some, it is an accepted practice for the Township crew needs. We do ask your patience and understanding of the constraints that the road crews are working under during those conditions. Should there be a situation arise that you feel needs to be addressed, please feel free to reach out directly to the Township office or to LFHA President Mark Taylor @ (217) 419-0140.



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