

Lincolnshire Fields Homeowners' Association

Spring 2023 Homeowner Newsletter



Important Dates, Announcements & Reminders

Annual Meeting: We are pleased to announce that the LFHA Annual Homeowner Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, May 16 (6:00 – 8pm) at Lincolnshire Fields Country Club. Some of you may notice that this date is one week later than what we traditionally plan for due to some remodeling construction taking place within the Club dining area. We hope that you'll be able to join us so please mark your calendars now! For our planning purposes, please RSVP by May 12 back to mdtaylor003@yahoo.com

We will kick off with an approximate 30-minute social time followed by the business meeting which will be called to order 6:30pm. Your LFHA Board will be reporting on its activities from this past year, electing new board members and holding a Q & A session for attendees. As a bonus, we plan to have a guest speaker who will provide some insight to the group around our new website that's currently under development.

Light appetizers and soft drinks will be provided and a cash bar will be available in our space this year.

PROXY

For those not planning to attend our LFHA Annual Meeting, we ask that you send us your voting proxy as noted below:

"I hereby assign to Lisa Rector, my proxy vote on any item to come before the Annual Meeting of the Lincolnshire Fields Homeowners Association to be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Lincolnshire Fields Country Club.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Proxies may be sent to Lisa Rector at 1601 Bentbrook Drive Champaign, IL 61822 or to Mark Taylor at 3109 Meadowbrook Drive Champaign, IL 61822 or to a neighbor who will be attending. Alternatively, you may also email a copy of it

Yard Waste Pickup Dates: The Township has identified the dates for both the Spring and Fall yard waste pickup periods. Please mark your calendars as follows:

Spring pickup date - Monday, May 22

Fall pickup dates - Monday, Nov 13 & Monday Nov 27.

Please ensure that all yard waste is paper bagged or tied into 3 to 4ft long bundles and placed curbside by 7am on the day of pickup. Allowable yard waste includes leaves, twigs, small branches, dead plants and other organic material. **Grass clippings are not allowed.** Anything other than the specified yard waste will not be picked up.

As a reminder: The Township makes use of a truck based "grapple" system to pick up during these yard waste dates and have asked that homeowners refrain from placing bags or bundles under overhanging trees that which could interfere with the equipment.

For those of you who wish to dispose of your own yard waste as needed, please note that the Township Road Dept dump facility is located at the end of Kearns Road (off the east side of Staley Road) and open non-holiday weekdays from 7am - 3pm). Please remember to sign into their visitors log book which is located inside their entryway door prior to entering the dump location gates.

Additional News from the Township: The Illinois EPA (IEPA) continues its focus on reducing the impact of pollution entering our state watersheds. One initiative where we as residents can have impact is to be better educated as to what should and should not be going into the storm drains in our neighborhoods.

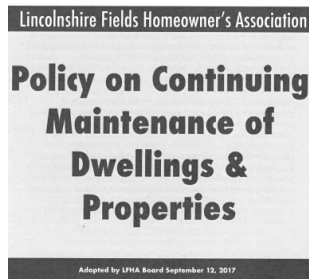
- 1) Keep your catch basin street grates as free from grass, leaves and other debris as you can. This reduces the chance of debris build-up and possible street flooding from storm runoff.
- 2) Please avoid blowing grass clippings or leaves into the street as can it clog the drains and prove to be a major source of unwanted chemicals in our streams and water treatment facilities.

Spring 2023 LFHA Community Wide Homeowner Yard Sale :

Mark your calendars for Saturday June 10 (8am – 1pm). Publicity wise, we will promote it via print ads in the News Gazette the weekend prior as well as the day prior. We will also plan to put up a post on social media. Special directional street signs announcing the sale date will be put out at each of our LF entrances beginning Monday, June 5.

LFHA Tree Replacement Program: Your LFHA board wants to remind homeowners again of our Tree Replacement program that is available to all homeowners to help promote the continued natural beauty of our community. The program offers on an annual basis two options of reimbursement to homeowners for the planting of new or replacement trees; Option A provides for a \$200 reimbursement of trees planted in "parkway" areas (between sidewalks & streets) or option B a \$100 reimbursement for trees planted in the front yard (between homes and sidewalks. There is an extensive list of approved tree types for your review on our Lincolnshirefields.com website along with a simple request form to be submitted for reimbursement. Questions that may arise should be directed to Mark Taylor (mdtaylor003@yahoo.com) or any of our other LFHA board members. Thanks again to those of you who've leveraged the program thus far!

Landscaping Projects Update: This past year our attention was focused on the enhancement of landscaping around the majority of our brick Lincolnshire Fields roadway entryway points as well as the removal of undergrowth and the redefinition of bed edging within the "Kirby Commons" natural area along Kirby Avenue. To further complement those efforts, our priorities for 2023 will be the addition of some automated irrigation at a couple of our entryway points along with plantings of additional perennials and the planing of seasonal color plantings among our entryway points.



LFHA Covenants Reminders:

The look and feel of our community is representative of the pride and ongoing efforts we continue to put into our properties. All the collective efforts are greatly appreciated and play an important role in the desirability of Lincolnshire Fields as a community!

There are however community complaints which pop up over time which require investigation and corrective efforts to meet our established covenants and maintenance standards (which can be found on our lincolnshirefields.com website or in our previously distributed quick reference "Policy" booklet). Homeowners out of compliance will be notified of issues, needed remedies and an expected corrective date.

Some of the most common non compliance issues we deal with are shown below.

Overgrown vegetation/yard debris: Our "Landscape Maintenance" covenants state that "Homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of all vegetation on their property and are expected to maintain their lawns, borders and flowerbeds. Key points to note:

*Bushes and shrubs should not obstruct more than 2/3 of the view of a window, nor should they obstruct a sidewalk, driveway or infringe on a neighboring property".

*Overhanging trees branches or bushes along public sidewalks should be trimmed to permit an 8 foot minimum clearance height.

*"Yard Debris" covenants state that junk, trash, debris, equipment and other items when not in use, (including camping / sports / landscaping waste, ladders, bicycles and toys), should not be stored outdoors.

* "Garbage Service" covenant guidelines include the stipulation that "trash containers shall not be visible from the street or sidewalk except when placed near the street for pickup by the garbage service provider". We once again kindly ask that all homeowners ensure these containers be properly stored either in your garage or discreetly screened from street or neighbor view.

*"Yard Signs" covenants state that yard signs should not be larger than three square feet (18x24 in). Realtor or contractor signs may be displayed only for the duration of the work being done. Signs supporting political candidates or issues may be displayed from 60 days prior to an election/event until one week after the event completion.

Thanks in advance to everyone for their part in helping to observe these established

guidelines and expectations which have helped define us as a premier community since our founding 60+ years ago!

Best wishes to all for the upcoming Spring and Summer season!

Your Lincolnshire Fields Homeowners Association Board

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