

# Lincolnshire Fields Homeowners' Association

## Spring 2021 Homeowner Newsletter



### Important Dates, Announcements & Reminders

**Annual Meeting:** Due to continuing COVID related large group gathering safety precautions and venue space restrictions we regret to inform you that our LFHA Annual Meeting normally held in May is on a “hold” status. We are however keeping our options open as to being able to host the annual event later this fall (possibly during the September time frame) and will plan on communicating a further update in July.

**Yard Waste Pickup Dates:** Good news to share here! 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 17 / Fall pickup dates - Monday, Nov 15 & Monday Nov 29.*

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. This service is provided by LFHA in conjunction with the Champaign Township Road Department. We as a community are also extremely fortunate to have the additional option of disposing of yard waste throughout the year at the Township facility which is located at the end of Kearns Road (east of Staley Road) and open non-holiday weekdays from 7am -3:00pm. Please remember to sign in on their logbook which is located inside their entryway door prior to entering the gated dump area.

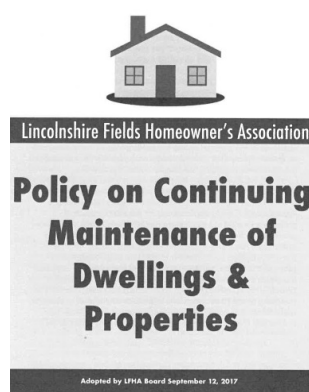
**Spring 2021 Homeowner Yard Sale:** Our annual community wide yard sale date returns to action Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 1pm. Publicity wise, we will employ print ads in the News Gazette (weekend prior and the day prior) as well as post to the social media site Nextdoor.com. Special event directional street signs announcing the sale date will be put out at each of our LF entrances beginning Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. **In observance of COVID related precautionary health related guidelines, visitors will be asked to wear masks & observe any social distancing directions that participating homeowners may have.**

**LFHA Tree Replacement Program:** Your LFHA board wants to remind homeowners of the Tree Replacement Program that is available to help promote the continued visual

beauty and curb appeal within our community. The program offers on an annual basis two levels of homeowner reimbursement for the planting of new trees, i.e.; \$200 for trees planted in “parkway” areas (between sidewalks & streets) or \$100 for trees planted in a property front yard (between home and sidewalk). Further details and an extensive list of suitable trees is available for review on our [lincolnshirefields.com](http://lincolnshirefields.com) website. Feel free to direct any additional questions that arise to Mark Taylor or other LFHOA board members. Thanks to all of you who’ve leveraged the program over the last several years!

**Landscaping Projects Update:** Last year we announced news of some landscaping work that was going to be performed within the “Kirby Commons” area along Kirby Avenue between Cobblefield and Staley Road. That first phase which focused on tree pruning, bed redefinition, invasive plant removal and mulching of the 400+ foot western border to our community is now complete.

The next phase of our beautification efforts will be focused on the enhancement of our community entryway points. Prairieview Landscaping has developed comprehensive plans and will begin implementation during the latter part of June (weather permitting). Work will include weed eradication, installation of a proper paver border edging and weed matting and a total renewal of landscape plantings that will feature a mix of perennial plantings that will be highlighted by the application of a premium brown mulch. When complete the finished product that delivers some seasonal color and a more cohesive year round look to our community entryway signage while simplifying the maintenance demands required within those bed areas. Solar powered accent lighting will continue to be used. In the meantime, special thanks go out to each of the respective homeowners who’ve willingly volunteered their time and efforts to maintain the beds over the years!



#### **LFHA Covenants Reminders:**

Three of the most common community complaints that we receive during any given year fall into the following highlighted categories, all of which are governed by established LFHA Covenants. Please know that we are very appreciative of the attention and pride that the majority of homeowners take in maintaining their properties, homeowners out of compliance however, will be notified of issues and needed remedies. Covenant guidelines can be found either on our website ([lincolnshirefields.com](http://lincolnshirefields.com)) or in our previously published quick reference booklet entitled *LFHA*

*Policy on Continuing maintenance of Dwelling & Properties*. Copies of this booklet can be requested through your LFHA Board members.

**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. 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 should be trimmed to permit an 8 foot minimum clearance height. *Please also note that our covenants permit the assessment or costs of remedial actions we choose to take in instances of non-compliance.* Additionally, our “Yard Debris” covenant states 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.

**Trash containers not being properly stored:** Our “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:* Our “Yard Signs” covenant state that yard signs should not be larger than three square feet (18x24 in). Realtor signs may be displayed. Signs identifying contractors serving the home should 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 its completion.

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