

# THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

February 2025

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

It's really been a cold winter. I hope everyone has been staying warm and remembering that spring is just around the corner. At least that's what I keep telling myself as I trudge through the icy streets every day.

We saw a lot of dues paid this fiscal year. It isn't too late to get your dues payments in if you have not done so already. You can go onto our website or drop off a check to our treasurer. Last year your dollars were spent on maintenance in the commons, upkeep for Eastham Island, insurance, and other small costs. Tree removals and concrete work have been the most expensive expenditures these past few years and there is plenty more to do.

This year is a city election year, and I encourage everyone to get involved and stay up to date with the latest news. As a nonprofit, the Association does not support any candidate or take any political stances, but I wanted to remind everyone to be prepared for that. Lawn signs and door knocking should be forthcoming.

Our next event is the Easter Egg Hunt, look for an announcement on that. The Santa Visit went very well and , although it was a bit cold and rainy that evening, everyone came out and had a wonderful time.

As many of you know, Ramadan is expected to start March 1. While we do not have an event planned for Ramadan, we expect to hold the Eid Block Party in June of this year. You will see an announcement for donations starting in Ramadan on the SPA Instagram and on our website. Please donate if you can. The last few block parties were very well attended, and lots of fun.

Our February meeting is scheduled for February 26 at 7 pm by ZOOM. It should be an interesting meeting. I hope to see everyone there!

Sincerely

Afan Bapacker  
SPA President



**Please  
SLOW  
DOWN**



**Make Our Streets Safer and Quieter**



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## GENERAL

## MEETING

February 26 @7pm

Via Zoom

DETAILS AT

[SPRINGWELLSPARK.ORG](http://SPRINGWELLSPARK.ORG)

**NO PARKING ON  
CITY STREETS OR  
LAWNS ON MONDAY  
OUR CITY  
SERVICE DAY**

## NEW NEIGHBORS

Please contact Therese  
Terns for your  
welcome packet

[tjterns@gmail.com](mailto:tjterns@gmail.com)

## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>!

With winter definitely having a good grip on us lets turn to warmer thoughts of spring and the annual Easter Egg Hunt!



Be sure to join us in Commons 3 on April 12th, 2025, at 11 am sharp!. There will be hot chocolate, coffee, and conversation for everyone no matter your age. If you have hunters in your group, make sure to arrive early and remember to bring baskets or bags to hold your child's treasure.

The Easter Bunny jumps three times at 11am to start the hunt and the eggs are scooped up in a matter of minutes. Plan to stick around and visit for a while. After any winter it is always great to spend some time outdoors with our neighbors and photo ops with the White Rabbit are a must.

The Big Bunny has a very special helper, Sue Baker who will assist him with the huge task of hiding hundreds of eggs for our children to hunt for, but she needs help!

We need your support for this neighborhood event. Call if you would like to volunteer:

313 982-1982. Please donate to the Easter Egg Hunt fund on our Square page or drop a donation off at 15700 Longmeadow c/o The Easter Bunny in support of the hunt. Please join us; maybe someone you know will find the "Golden Egg."

- **Cindy**, Bunny Chair



## NEIGHBOR SHOUT OUT!

It's a new year and a good time to give a "Good Neighbor Shout Out" to neighbors who are not only shoveling their own sidewalks, but going beyond to help those in need of help. We have already experienced more snow than we did last year and, as you know, its going to be ongoing snow.

**Stay warm, stay safe! Thanks for being a "Good Neighbor"!**

If you know you can't shovel your own, call snow removal services

- Snow Emergency Hotline: Call (313) 943-2444
- Dearborn Administrative Center: Call (313) 943-2150
- Dearborn Seniors Division: Call (313) 943-2412

To be eligible for the program, residents most provide a driver's license or state I.D. when they register. They'll need to be 60 years or older or disabled. Snow removal is dependent on the number of students available. "There is no guarantee your snow will be shoveled on the day of the snowfall," read a bulletin from the city. Students that do show up to shovel won't be allowed to do any other tasks. They also can't enter the resident's home or garage. Even the equipment used will come from the student.

The registration forms are available at the Dearborn Senior Center, located at 15801 Michigan Ave., or by phone at (313) 943-2412.

- **Therese**

## SANTA VISIT 2024 RECAP

Santa flew into Springwells Park on a very cold Friday evening! About 70 children along with their moms, dads, grandparents, and friends had a chance to chat with the one and only Santa Claus.

Chuck Demski and Lindel Salow worked crowd control and safety as they helped children and families in and out of the bus provided by the city of Dearborn transportation department. There was



The city provided the Dearborn sound truck which rang out carols loud enough to draw people out of their homes. With roof top lights flashing, the Dearborn Police were on hand to properly escort Santa and make sure all his visitors were safe and seen.

Santa's big helper — giving a break to the elves who were too busy at the North Pole to travel. A special thanks to Andy Buck, who had a roaring firepit staged at the corner of Middlebury and Duxbury. It sure helped me warm up!



I would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make the night a success. Kim Ailes picked up and cheerfully dispensed the hot chocolate donated by Park Place.

I would also like to thank all my neighbors who support this event by donating. It means a great deal to me to have this special event funded by our community. Santa has already confirmed with me that he will be back next year, December 12th, 2025, to visit his favorite neighborhood. I will be sure to keep you posted as plans firm up.

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm!

See You Next Year, *Cindy*

## PUT YOUR GARBAGE CARTS OUT OF SIGHT

Walking in our beautiful neighborhood is such a treat unless ... The Garbage Carts are Out. Please remember, even in winter to store your garbage carts out of sight:

**Not in front of your home or garage.**

The city ordinance concerning waste removal services asks that garage carts be placed out no sooner than 5pm on Sunday and removed from the curb and stored out of sight by midnight Monday.

**Thanks for doing your part.**

Contribute to our unique Historic Neighborhood.

## A MESSAGE FROM A NEIGHBOR

I have a special appeal to all my neighbors. **Please slow down as you drive through Springwells Park.** Those of us who have homes on Eastham, Longmeadow, Andover, Brewster, Middlebury and Woodland are exposed to cars driven at excessive speeds for a residential neighborhood.

My bedroom window is only about 25 feet from the road surface. Occasionally, I am startled awake as a car accelerates toward the Greenfield Road light to catch the green. Often, cars race past our home as if on a major street. I can feel unsafe when working on the lawn on a Saturday afternoon.

You may not even notice a speed of 35 or more as you travel, but the sound and safety issues both increase with every mile over 25 mph. The tragedy of speeding in Dearborn neighborhoods need not take any more children's lives.

Please slow down yourselves and talk to the young drivers in your families about the need for responsible driving habits. Getting to your destination 2 minutes sooner is never worth the risk of a fatality occurring.

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## PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT

Property owners must receive approval from the Restrictions and Improvements Committee before beginning work on external property improvements, renovations or additions, to assure compliance with Springwells Park Subdivision Deed Restrictions. The permit approval process assures compliance with deed restrictions and is required regardless of whether a building permit is required by the city of Dearborn.

When a city permit is required, the Springwells Park permit must be granted prior to application for the City of Dearborn building permit. Springwells Park property owners are legally bound to comply with Springwells Park Subdivision Deed Restrictions.

***Work must commence within 60 days of approval; beyond 60 days, an additional application is required.***

Please complete the following application ONLINE and submit to Rick Sims, Chairperson of the Restrictions and Improvement Committee at 8 Adams Lane, along with the builder's or contractor's contract, pictures, sketches or blueprints and sample colors. If you have questions please call Rick Sims at 313-240-6632 (if not available, contact Robert Villa at 313-586-8319).

### PLEASE USE THE FULL-SIZE APPLICATION DOWNLOADABLE AT [SPRINGWELLSPARK.ORG](http://SPRINGWELLSPARK.ORG)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of work to be done

<input type="checkbox"/> Roof	<input type="checkbox"/> Fence	<input type="checkbox"/> Addition to garage
<input type="checkbox"/> Windows/Doors	<input type="checkbox"/> Pavers	<input type="checkbox"/> Deck / Hot Tub
<input type="checkbox"/> Siding / Trim	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Paint	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent play equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Addition to home	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Details of work to be done: _____ _____ _____		
Company or person completing work: _____		
Start and end dates work will be done: _____ _____		
SPA Approved: _____		
_____ Richard Sims, Deeds and Improvements		_____ Date



**The 2024 Blue Book is this year's SPA best seller!**

**Thanks to the dedicated and talented people who brought this valuable neighborhood staple to fruition.**

**Please support our Blue Book Sponsors.**

## NEIGHBORHOOD CALL CENTER

**Report issues to 313-943-2150**

- Neighborhood Services (litter, weeds and tall grass, property maintenance)
- Sanitation (missed trash pickup, carts out too long, special pickup questions)
- Building Permits
- Home Sales
- Residential inspections
- Requests to the Mayor's Office

SPRINGWELLS PARK OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS



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