

# THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

February 2024

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

Hope the winter months have been kind to all of you. We've been lucky around here the past few years with only brief periods of extreme cold and snow. From what I hear, the groundhog did not see his shadow so hopefully he's right this year and we do in fact get an early spring.

Your association is working diligently to get the blue books done. In the coming weeks you can expect a freshly printed book to be delivered to your doorstep if all goes well. With the assistance of some of our neighbors/leadership we have been able to raise funds to cover the costs of the printing. Once we have finalized all the content and updated our roster of neighbors, we will distribute it. The blue book has always been a great reference guide to our neighborhood and its rich history. It is also a great way to keep up with the names of your neighbors and contact information for the association leadership.

Also, as we approach spring this is a great time to start planning for your spring planting and general lawn maintenance. I have seen a rise the last few years in nicely maintained lawns and gardens but I know we can do better! It often times does not take very much, and as long as you continue to care for your lawns and gardens they will stay beautiful all summer long. If you are one that does not have much time, just try to do the basics. Trimming your bushes, keeping the grass mowed and watered, and general property maintenance goes a long way to keeping our neighborhood looking beautiful.

I have been told by some city officials that our ongoing blight issues along the TPC fence line on Longmeadow are supposed to be rectified this spring. Namely we have to thank the tireless efforts of Renault Arseneau who has been pursuing the TPC management for the past few years to get it done. I spoke to Renault just before composing this letter and he confirmed that we should see the work being done in the next few months. Finally, we may be able to determine if a fence actually still exists under all that brush and weeds!

Lastly, relating to the TPC, as you may know the TPC cares for the easement along Eastham that is adjacent to their fence. We have been noticing cars parked on the grass on that easement. Please be aware that is not permitted at any time, so remind your neighbors and visitors about that to avoid any future issues.

Our February meeting will be held by zoom on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will post the link on our website for everyone. Please join us!

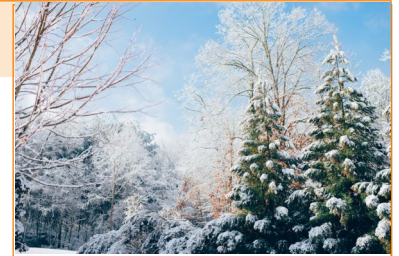
Sincerely  
Afan Bapacker  
SPA President



**Please  
SLOW  
DOWN**



**Make Our Streets Safer and Quieter**



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## GENERAL MEETING

February 28 @7pm

DETAILS AT  
[SPRINGWELLS PARK.ORG](http://SPRINGWELLS PARK.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)

441-1117

## NEXT EVENT

### Easter Egg Hunt 2024

*Saturday March 23, at 11am in Commons Area 3.*

We have had some very confusing weather lately. So cold you worry about your plumbing, so warm, you don't need your coat, hardly any snow, ice you can't see, and rains that threaten the Rouge River to crest its banks. What season is it?



It's almost Easter Egg Hunt time! What could be better than to know that after a very strange winter, spring is not that far off. Let's celebrate the impending season together with our neighbors at the annual Springwells Park Easter Egg Hunt.

Be sure to come out to Commons 3 on March 23rd to join the neighborhood in anticipating spring. 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. The Easter Bunny jumps three times at 11am sharp 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 some special helpers in the neighborhood that will assist him with the huge task of hiding hundreds of eggs for our children to hunt for. 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**  
Egg Hunt Chair

## 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.

## SANTA VISIT 2023 RECAP

Santa flew into Springwells Park on very balmy Friday evening in the first full week of December.

About 60 children along with their moms, dads, grandparents, and friends had a chance to chat with the one and only, definitely real, Santa Claus. As is tradition, 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 made sure two cars and officers were on hand to properly escort Santa and make sure all his visitors were safe and seen. Each child received a gift from Santa that included candy and a very spiffy flashing Holiday bracelet.

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.

Chuck Demski and Lindel Salow worked crowd control and safety as they helped children and fami-

lies in and out of the bus provided by the city of Dearborn transportation department. Therese Terns and Betsy Todd were Santa's helpers as the elves were too busy at the North Pole to travel. A special thank you to Dan Keelan, who does anything I need and is my biggest supporter.

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 to visit his favorite neighborhood. I will be sure to keep you posted as plans firm up.

I hope all our neighbors will join us next year for this great community event.

Thanks for your support and enthusiasm!

See You Next Year, *Cindy*



## DEARBORN TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

On April 18th, the Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce will present the 27th annual Alberta Muirhead Teacher of the Year Students' Choice Awards. The awards are given to five Dearborn Public Schools teachers.

**Nominations are open.**

[Go to https://bit.ly/42xGjof](https://bit.ly/42xGjof)  
[to nominate a great teacher!](#)



## 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
- ☐ questions of a general nature about city services, events and programs

## NEIGHBORS COME TOGETHER TO RESCUE ABANDONED DOG

Many of you may remember seeing a scared black and white dog wandering throughout our neighborhood in mid-November. As we would learn later, this dog was rescued from Texas and placed for adoption by Bottle Babies Rescue. During a pop-up adoption event, the dog escaped from its new owners and found her way to Springwells Park. Scared, cold and hungry, the dog evaded concerned neighbors for almost 3 weeks. Neighbors left food and water but with cold nights and snow coming, something had to give. With the help of several concerned neighbors, Nicki Sheldon from Backyard Dog Heroes was contacted. Nicki is a one-woman dog rescue hero. Nicki drove from Wyandotte and set up a large dog cage and properly baited the cage. **It worked!**



With the dog safe, our neighbors, Jill and Calder Burgam, completed the rescue by adopting the dog. As an homage to the Springwell Park neighbors who came together to rescue the dog, the Burgams named their new family member Parker. Parker is now living her best life with her new family, including her sister Abbie.

## 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		

## NEIGHBOR SHOUT OUT & BARK OUT!

The blessing of having a neighborhood where you know your neighbors by name, and have their contact information sure comes in handy in ways you can't imagine.

The article in this issue about rescuing "Parker" was truly a team effort! This "Shout Out" goes to Maria Zang, Brenda Geiger, Betsy Todd, Traci Lange, Lori and Jay, Halawi, Abie, Jillian and Calder Burgam.

The texting, phone calls, emails, camera images and the physical help of setting up and checking on the trap, were amazing!

It takes a village, a neighborhood! Let's get to know each other!

*Rebel Dogs Rescue 313-338-4398 and Backyard Dog Heroes 734-250-0842*

- Therese Terns



## EARLY VOTING

For the first time, Dearborn voters can vote early in person ahead of the Michigan Presidential Primary Election. Voters will continue to have the option to vote with an absentee ballot or in person at their designated polling place on Election Day, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. However, effective this year, voters can instead vote early in person at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center before Election Day. As is standard with all presidential primary elections in Michigan, voters must request a Republican, Democratic, or non-partisan ballot.

### Early voting begins Feb. 17, 2024

Early voting will take place in the gymnasium of the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center beginning Saturday, Feb. 17, through Sunday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### SPA BOARD

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