

THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

May 2025

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

Hope everyone is doing well. As we wind down the school year and approach summer, we do have some business we need to take care of. For starters, property maintenance this time of year is a big focus. Please remember to spray for weeds to keep your lawn looking good and so as not to spread to your neighbors. I feel like last year was the best condition I have ever seen the neighborhood in so let's make it even better this year.

May is our annual meeting, and we need at least 20 dues paying households to attend in order to pass our budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We will also have a guest speaker from City Beautiful, Janet Damian, to discuss rain gardens and native gardening. I think you will find her talk to be very interesting. We were very close to lining up the Mayor for our May meeting, but he could not attend. We will be requesting he attend our September meeting so stay tuned for an announcement on that.

Look for an announcement for the Eid Block Party, projected to be held at the end of June. As with all our social events, we do need contributions to ensure that this event happens. We had an amazing turnout last year and we hope to keep the momentum going into this summer's party. I want to thank all the donors for our social events. After completing our budget from last fiscal year it is amazing to see how generous our neighbors are in making these events happen.

For the General Meeting, we will be at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (Civic Center) on the first floor in the Club Room. As stated, we need 20 dues paying members at the meeting to pass our budget and elect our officers.

I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Sincerely

Afan Bapacker
SPA President



**Please
SLOW
DOWN**



Make Our Streets Safer and Quieter



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GENERAL

MEETING

May 21 @7pm

Ford Performing
Arts Center

Club Rom

**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

Summer Eid Block Party

The summer block party is in need of a chair!

We would like to schedule the event for the end of June. SPA will cover the cost of all paper goods, permit, and the main dish, possibly hamburgers and hot dogs. Neighbors and attendees supply the rest.



What we need from you is a great group of neighbors who will pitch in and set up, and someone to organize the crew.

If this sounds like something your cul de sac and you could handle, please contact me at 313 982-1982.

Don't wait for someone else to volunteer, call us today! Please!.

- Cindy Polakowski
SPA V.P. and Events Coordinator

NEIGHBOR SHOUT OUT!

Our Common Areas or Parkways are very special in our Springwells Park neighborhood. If you have recently moved in, please take time to look at the map in the Blue Book to locate them, and check out page 56 to learn more about them.



We are blessed to have a dedicated group of residents, led by Cathy Carroll, that monitor and maintain these areas and their pathways.

Sometimes you see them working, but many times you see that they have been there to do their amazing work. They are not paid, which allows the Association to spend the money from our dues collection for other important reasons.

Cathy is very visible in our neighborhood. She has a keen eye for nature, and has only Michigan plants on her own property, so you know she values our Michigan environment. Cathy's love for nature includes birding, locally and internationally. Cathy loves dogs and cats and all living things.

Thank you Cathy for being a great Springwells Park Neighbor!

- Therese

2024 EASTER EGG HUNT

April 12th 2025 was a little different from the Egg Hunt in 2024. The sun was out, the air was warm and snow did not cover the commons.

Children, parents, and grandparents turned out to celebrate spring and welcome the Easter Bunny. Even the Mayor and his family were there to hunt for eggs.

candy to help fill the eggs, your generosity is truly appreciated. A special thanks to the Buck family who hid hundreds of eggs early Saturday morning, A task made a little tougher by the determined deer, bunnies, squirrels, and other critters who call our parks home.



A special congratulations to our two young neighbors who found the Golden Eggs, no snow helped!

I would like to thank all the generous neighbors whose donations made this possible. Whether you gave a cash donation, dropped prepacked eggs at my house, stuffed eggs at your house, or bought

A special Thank You to the Easter Bunny who makes sure that Springwells Park is on his calendar every year. And thanks to my son Nathan Keelan who always knows just where to find the big rabbit!

See you next year!

- Cindy, Egg Hunt Chair

A DEARBORN GEM

Right near our own neighborhood you can find a true treasure -The Fairlane Estate. Do yourself a favor, and explore this Dearborn asset.



The Fair Lane estate, built in 1915, was home to Clara and Henry Ford and their son Edsel. The 56-room residence featured a single lane bowling alley, an indoor pool, and a 300 ft. tunnel connecting the main house to the Powerhouse, where Henry worked on his cutting-edge engine designs and hydroelectric turbines.

A small, hard-working team, partnering with artisans and craftspeople have been skillfully restoring the gardens, grounds, and structures to authentically reflect the look and feel of the estate as Clara and Henry knew it in 1919. When complete, Fair Lane will offer visitors a unique experience to learn the extraordinary story of the Ford family. The 1st floor is almost complete and 2nd floor restorations have begun.

Currently, the grounds and flower gardens are open for you to walk and enjoy. Other events, such as music concerts and plant sales are open to the public. More information can be found on the website www.Henryfordfairlane.org.

- Submitted by Brenda Geiger

PUT YOUR GARBAGE CARTS OUT OF SIGHT

Walking in our beautiful neighborhood is such a treat unless ... The Garbage Carts are Out.

Please remember 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.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Type of work to be done

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| <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

Attention All Neighbors!

Please avoid parking on the grass and easement on Eastham Road.

Parking on the easement is not allowed in Dearborn and is an ordinance violation.

Repeated parking damages the vegetation, compresses the soil and stresses the roots of nearby trees causing long-term damage.

Eastham is one of the widest streets in the neighborhood and easily accommodates parking on both sides when necessary.

Please help protect and maintain this beautiful corner of Dearborn.



AREA REP NEEDED

We are currently looking to fill the position of Area Representative in Area 2 of our neighborhood. Your responsibilities would include delivering four newsletters to the 48 homes in your area and occasionally, infrequently, other notices. You would also relate any concerns from your area at board and general meeting.

It is a pretty low pressure job and a great way to connect with your neighbors.

Please seriously consider taking this on! Contact Afan or Cindy at volunteer@springwellspark.org

CITY OF DEARBORN NEIGHBORHOOD CALL CENTER

Report issues to 313-943-2150



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