

THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

September 2025

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

Hope everyone had a great summer. It seemed to fly by, but we had some great times together. It was nice to see everyone on my many walks around the neighborhood, and it was nice to see how well kept our homes were throughout the year. Let's keep it up through the fall!

We had the Summer Block Party that was a great success this past June. I wanted to thank all the ladies (and their husbands) that made it happen. It was nice to see so many parents and children outside having a good time. We also wanted to thank the Boone Lane residents for being such gracious hosts, providing access to water and electricity as well as joining in the festivities. It was very well attended and we look forward to next year's event.

As you may know we are into our new fiscal year that starts in July of every year. Please pay your dues for 2025/2026 fiscal year. For only \$35 a year (of course you can pay more), we are able to maintain the commons, keep up with Eastham Island, and plant and remove trees as needed. I want to thank all of you who contribute yearly to the Association, and we do everything we can to ensure your money is spent to beautify and improve our great neighborhood. You will receive an insert along with this newsletter to pay this year's dues.

Fall is almost here and with it comes plenty of things to do in the neighborhood. Look out for announcements for the bon fire and Halloween Parade in the coming weeks. If you are interested in volunteering or contributing to those events, please reach out to me or anyone of the board members. Contributions can be made on our website.

For the September meeting, we will be at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (Civic Center) on the first floor in the Club Room on September 24, 2025 at 7 pm. Mayor Hammoud and some other city officials will be there, so feel free to come show your support and get questions answered that you may have. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Sincerely

Afan Bapacker
SPA President



**Please
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DOWN**



Make Our Streets Safer and Quieter



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GENERAL MEETING WITH THE MAYOR!

Sept 24 @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

Halloween Parade

All Ghouls, Goblins, Superheroes, and strange creatures are to assemble at the corner of Eastham and Woodland at One O'clock on **Sunday, October 26th.**

We will parade through the neighborhood, along Eastham, down Middlebury, along Brewster, and down Longmeadow making lots of noise and ending up at Longmeadow and Boone for cider, donuts, and fun.

All neighbors are welcome to join in by parading along, or just cheering the children as they pass by your house. Each year more neighbors choose to participate by decorating their homes and handing out candy at the bottoms of their drives to the passing parade. *If you are on a cul de sac, let me know in advance and we will make a detour to let the parade pass your home.*

Please contact me, Cindy Polakowski, at 982-1982 or at events@springwellspark.org and let me know if you and yours plan to attend so I can get an idea of a headcount for treats. Candy donations will be gladly accepted at 15700 Longmeadow.

As usual, these activities are not supported by our general fund dues and we need to rely on our neighbors to value and donate to these great community events. Donations will gladly be accepted at the Halloween Social, and also at our Square page easily accessible on our website.

Look for more updates on the parade, *as well as the upcoming fall Bon Fire*, in your SPA Neighbor email and on our website springwellspark.org. **Cindy**

NEIGHBOR SHOUT OUT!

If you have walked by Sherry Masterson's home on the corner of Carlton and Andover during the summer, you saw a transformation of her garden from one "busy" space to a lovely manicured, yet natural looking garden. Her green thumb was actually full of soil because of the labor involved. It was accomplished at a steady pace, as gardening should be, and now you can walk or drive by and see its beauty.

Along with gardening, Sherry often plays goalie on her grandson's front lawn soccer game! Sherry is also a professional chef! She has made delicious finger food for a few of the events in Springwells Park, and I don't just mean deviled eggs!

Thank you, Sherry, for being YOU!

Thanks to all of our neighbors for keeping your garden spaces looking good! Please keep the curbs in front of your house free from grass clippings and leaves so the drains can handle the rain water!

- Therese

Attention All Neighbors!

Coyotes have been spotted in Springwells Park! Keep an eye on your pets.



SUMMER BLOCK PARTY 2025

What an incredible event our crew of volunteers produced this summer. A special Thank You to Ammany who led neighbors creating an atmosphere of welcome and fun.

The decorations were beautiful, the food delicious, and the 2 bouncy houses kept the kids entertained and cool though the whole party. All the special extra touches were amazing, face painting, smoothies and a visit from our own Dearborn Police who allowed the kids to sit behind the wheel of their cruiser and flash the lights.



Thank you to all the neighbors who generously donated by giving money or who worked the party. Your support is truly appreciated. Thanks to the neighbors on Boone Lane who hosted the event, and to Ron who ran hoses and electricity to support the bouncy houses. Plan to attend next year's party, you won't regret it.

- Cindy

SPRINGWELLS PARK CONCERT



It was a beautiful Saturday evening for a music concert in the driveway "stage" at Steve and Velvet Boileau's home on September 6th.

Julie Beutel and Bob O'Brien sang a variety of songs to sing or dance along with for the 60 plus attendees, including Officer Farhat!

They were so good that we will definitely have a return concert. Thanks to Chuck and Lindel for providing their driveway for refreshments.

Thanks to Therese Terns for organizing the evening and all friends who contributed to a wonderful night.

ARE YOUR BOXWOODS DYING?

Many homes in our neighborhood are landscaped with these popular evergreens. If you are one of them, take a look at yours. Are they drying out and turning yellow? Chances are they have succumbed to Box Tree moths which have invaded Michigan. If caught early, your shrubs could be saved. These bugs act fast, so best to take action sooner than later to avoid losing your shrubs and even worse the potential for the pesky bug to move on to other vegetation. Please read this informative article. If you suspect that your shrubs have been infected, you can contact your local nursery for pesticide treatment sprays.



<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/new-box-tree-moth-alert-for-michigan-homeowners-and-residents>

- Submitted by Brenda Geiger

Historic Plaque Fundraiser for Springwells Park

As a National Historic District, Springwells Park represents a community filled with historical significance. It was founded by Henry Ford and his son Edsel Ford in 1939, and was meant to showcase New England values of property ownership.

The purchase of a plaque says you appreciate our neighborhood, and the deed restrictions that preserve its character.

Standard House Plaques are 8" by 12" wide, etched on slate. Holes are pre-drilled for mounting on exterior of your house.

To order, send a check in the amount due (\$65.00) to Therese Terns 313-657-3506



NEW AREA REP!

Matt Nowak has volunteered to be the new area 2 rep. Thank you Matt for stepping up!

Neighbors, be sure to say hello and thank you when he delivers your next Springwell Parker!

CITY OF DEARBORN NEIGHBORHOOD CALL CENTER

Report issues to 313-943-2150

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

<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		

CITY BEAUTIFUL AWARDS

Each season, the City Beautiful commissioners canvas all Dearborn neighborhoods and business districts, and award honorary recognitions to homes and businesses for seasonal plantings, decorations, and much more.

The commissioners rely on nominations from residents to help them identify and give special attention to neighborhood homes. Commissioners enjoy being assigned to our lovely neighborhood. I hear so many comments that it is a treat to drive through, and enjoy looking at all our beautiful homes.

The next round of awards will be for "Fall Aglow" - which recognizes seasonal Fall decorations and Halloween. "Winter Aglow" recognizes holiday lights and decorations

If you would like to nominate any home in our neighborhood for either of these two categories, nominations (consisting of an address and an optional description) are scheduled as follows:

1. Fall Aglow: nomination period is October 9-16
2. Winter Aglow: nomination period December 1-11

Follow the City Beautiful commission on instagram at **Dearborncitybeautiful** to see pictures of winning homes, and get reminded about upcoming nomination periods and links to nominate.

For more information about the City Beautiful Commission, learn about all of their programs, or perhaps become a commissioner, please go to:

<https://dearborn.gov/government/boards-%26-commissions/City-Beautiful-Commission-o>



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