

THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

November 2025

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

It's been a pretty eventful fall so far. Luckily, we are done with the city elections (phone calls and text messages have stopped!) and can concentrate on the upcoming holiday season. I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year as well. It is always nice to see the kids waiting for the bus to pick them up in the morning, remembering a long time ago (but not that long ago) when I was in their shoes.

We sent out our first round of dues notices in the September newsletter; everyone will receive a second notice in this letter as well. If you already paid your dues, you can disregard that notice. I wanted to thank everyone that has paid their dues thus far and for your continued support of our great neighborhood. We have been able to do a lot of work these past few years and that is directly tied to your generous contributions. We do have a few trees that will likely need to come down over the next year in the commons areas, so we need every dollar we can get.

We had a very nice time at the bonfire; I would like to thank all those who contributed and volunteered for the event. It was a great night, and I was impressed by how many of you showed up. I was not able to attend the Halloween Parade this year, but I heard that too was very well attended. Both events are a big part of what makes our neighborhood such a pleasure to live in. Look for an announcement for the Santa Visit in the newsletter.

Next year is an Association election year and an opportunity for anyone who loves this neighborhood and wants to keep it great to step up and help out. We do our best to keep the lights on and run things, but we can always use more help, so please reach out to me if you are interested, and we can discuss various opportunities.

We will be at the club room on November 19, 2025 at 7 pm at the Dearborn Civic Center for our November meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Sincerely,

Afan Bapacker
SPA President



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DOWN**



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GENERAL MEETING

November 19 @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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Santa Visit

Santa's coming to Springwell Park. Friday, December 12th !

Every year, Santa visits the children and their families on the second Friday in December. This year that day is Friday, December 12th. All Springwell Parkers are invited to join in the festivities. Santa will be stopping at 5 locations as he winds his way through our neighborhood. The Dearborn Sound truck will play carols announcing Santa's arrival.

Come outside and join the fun, listen to the music, enjoy some hot chocolate, and chat with neighbors while waiting for Santa. Our own Dearborn Police will be escorting the famous elf and once he arrives children will be able to tell Santa their Christmas wishes or just say hello. The picture opportunities are great.

Since the Holidays are a time we can all feel like children, I hope to see neighbors of all ages out for this unique neighborhood evening. All young at heart are encouraged to attend.

Don't forget that we need your donations to support this event. Go to springwellspark.org, where you can help fund Santa's trip. Click on Dues and Donations at the top of the page to give to the Santa Visit Fund. Remember, it takes a lot to get Santa here all the way from the North Pole. We really do need your help!



The times of arrival are a guesstimate relying on the number of visitors at the previous location, so keep your eyes open and your ears tuned in to catch Santa at a stop near you.

6:PM Woodland and Eastham

6:25 Duxbury and Middlebury

6:50 Eastham and Longmeadow

7:10 Longmeadow and Branford

7:45 Andover and Enfield

See you there,

- Cindy, Santa Visit Chair

SHOUT OUT TO SPRINGWELLS PARK!

There is so much to be said about a neighborhood that gathers together for work and play, and when you combine both of these experiences, like being at the Bon Fire, it is magic!

A big thanks to Aisha Bapaker and her coordination of friends and families to make the event a huge success. Many hands made the work "play", and you could see that as neighbors gathered to eat, play, sing, dance, and just have conversations.

Let's keep this spirit up as we enter the winter months! We all know that Santa is coming, so please consider being one of his helpers, as we work and play at the same time!

- Therese

FALL BONFIRE A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

The annual bonfire was a beautiful night shared among family and neighbors. Gathering around the fire with great company, delicious food, and good conversation was the perfect way to enjoy a fall night.



Everyone came with such great energy and judging by the excitement and laughter, the kids really had an amazing time!



Thank you to the lovely ladies that helped setup: Kay Zandani, Siham Said, Ahlam Taha and Amal Harhara. Your hard work and creativity made the night special. It wouldn't have been the same without you.

Looking forward to seeing what you plan for next year!

- Aisha

HALLOWEEN PARADE

What a Beautiful Sunday we had for the Halloween Parade! Neighbors and their children marched along our streets. There were witches, princesses, superheroes and assorted animals marching and collecting treats from young hearted adults who turned out to watch.



I would like to thank those neighbors who made the effort to brighten our kids' day by standing outside their homes to pass out candy. It made a huge difference having you participate.. Thanks to Clinton Lane where neighbors, for the second year, stood at the bottom of their drives and tossed candy in the bucket of each child in the parade. Thanks to Bruce Bacon who organized that!

We ended up at Longmeadow and Boone Lane where adults mingled and children played

in the leaves while drinking cider and munching on donuts in the beautiful sunshine.

There were at least 50 bags handed out to our children when they arrived, filled by the generosity of our neighbors who donated to the Halloween Parade fund or dropped candy at my house.



Thanks to my helpers, Rebecca Wren, and Nathan Keelan who poured cider, and controlled donut consumption. Thanks again to the neighbors who gave and enforced how important events like this are in making these streets our home. Don't forget to join the parade next year, we'll be counting on you.

**-Cindy,
Head Witch and Candy
Packer**

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



Attention All Neighbors!

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

CITY OF DEARBORN NEIGHBORHOOD CALL CENTER

Report issues to 313-943-2150

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION

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 SPRINGWELLS PARK.ORG

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Type of work to be done

☐ Roof	☐ Fence	☐ Addition to garage
☐ Windows/Doors	☐ Pavers	☐ Deck / Hot Tub
☐ Siding / Trim	☐ Exterior Paint	☐ Permanent play equipment
☐ Concrete	☐ Addition to home	☐ 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 WINTER AGLOW

The City Beautiful Commission will be accepting nominations for the Winter Aglow recognition program for seasonal outdoor decorations from Dec. 1-10, with judging taking place Dec. 12-16.

Honorees will be announced before Dec. 24.

Look for the nomination form at dearborn.gov



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