

THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

February 2026

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

What a winter we had. It was easily the coldest I have felt for many years, and it reminded me of some of the winters I endured when I was a kid. Thankfully, spring approaches and it looks like we are through the worst of it.

Although I could not make it, I heard the Santa Trolley was a great event, as it usually is. Thank you to all the volunteers for their effort and making it happen every year. Thanks also to the City of Dearborn for their continued support at that event and pretty much all of our events throughout the year; they have always done a great job for us.

With spring approaching, I always make it a point to remind everyone that any exterior improvements must be approved by our deeds and restrictions committee. If you are new resident, or maybe you are longtime resident but unaware of our deed's restrictions, feel free to visit our website for more information. You will find an excerpt of the restrictions along with the by-laws that govern our Association. Please submit all plans for approval BEFORE you start any exterior work so you can get your approval in time to get started. Please be patient as we often get a lot of applications in the spring and summer and review time can be delayed, but our committee does its very best to ensure that it reviews and responds to all applications as quickly as possible.

This year is an even year, so that means we have officer elections at our annual meeting. Please consider assisting in furtherance of keeping our neighborhood as great as possible. We desperately need more help, so I ask if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to me or one of the other board members by email and we can find something for you to do. I assure you that we have roles that take up very little time over the course of a year but make a big impact on the neighborhood as a whole.

We will be at the club room on February 25, 2026, at 7 pm at the Dearborn Civic Center for our February meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Sincerely,

Afan Bapacker
SPA President



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SLOW
DOWN**



Make Our Streets Safer and Quieter



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GENERAL MEETING

February 25 @7pm

Ford Performing
Arts Center — Club Rom

**KEEP YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
BEAUTIFUL**

**PLEASE PICK UP THE
TRASH ON YOUR LAWN
AND STREET**

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please contact Therese Terns
for your
welcome packet

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Easter Egg Hunt

The Bunny's coming to Springwell Park. Saturday, March 28 !

It has been a truly Michigan Winter, the kind I remember from my childhood. I love the four seasons and the anticipation and changes that come.

So..... It's time to start planning for the arrival of the Big White Bunny and the annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Be sure to join us in Commons 3 on Saturday, March 28th, 2026, 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 Easter 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 Polakowski, Events Chair



SANTA VISIT 2025

Santa once again returned to his favorite neighborhood, Springwells Park, on Friday December 12th 2025 and was greeted by enthusiastic children of all ages.

The crowds included moms, dads, grandparents, and friends who chatted and posed for pictures with the one and only Santa Claus. 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, our very own Dearborn Police Officer Farhat was on hand to properly escort Santa and make sure all his visitors were safe and seen.

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

Chuck Demske and Therese Terns 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.



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 11th, 2026, 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, Santa Visit Chair

WINTER SHOUT OUT!

Santa and his merry friends made their way around the neighborhood stops in December meeting families with great joy!

When our Santa entourage pulled up at the corner of Longmeadow and Eastham, we were greeted by the family of Jenna Gebara, Ahmed Zaarour, their son Adam and other close family members with milk and freshly baked cookies, still soft and warm from the oven!

What a pleasant surprise, and well timed as we were all feeling like we needed a delicious cookie to continue our journey to the next two stops. The kindness shown by this wonderful family is an example of how great our neighborhood is!

- Therese Terns

CITY SERVICE DAYS START MONDAY MARCH 2ND

YARD WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS MARCH 9TH

PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PETS

What a winter we are having! I know I'm not alone in my deep longing for spring.

Despite the subzero temps and snow, I'm getting out many times a day to walk the trusty Golden Retriever I am fostering. I can't ignore his pleading eyes and, no surprise, he loves the cold and snow.

I'm pleading with my fellow dog owners and walkers in the neighborhood to please pick up after your dog, even if IT happens to occur in your own front yard.

Also, if you are a late night walker and IT occurs when no one is looking, please also pick IT up. There are many reasons to have health concerns about dog excrement no matter where it occurs.

This is just standard neighborly courtesy, so let's keep our good habits even in this miserable cold.

Pick-up bags in a package of eight rolls (120 bags) are sold at Kroger, Meijer, Petco and PetSmart. Easy to purchase.

Thank you,
-Cathy Carroll

HISTORIANS NEEDED!

Local historian L. Glenn O’Kray wants to add a book about Springwells to the seven books he has edited or co-edited about Dearborn. The Historical Society of Michigan has awarded two of his books the designation, “Outstanding Michigan History Publication-Private Printing.”

Volunteers are needed to research the history of the homes, to take photographs of the homes, and to raise money for the publication of the book. All profits will go to the Museum Guild of Dearborn.

There will be a meeting to begin the process of writing the book on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the McFadden-Ross Museum at 7 p.m.

O’Kray can be reached at (313) 480-9415.

Read more about this project, plus a history from Judy Buck, at our website: springwellspark.org



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 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		

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

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