

# THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER

September 2026

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

As the old saying goes, all good things have to come to an end. As many of you know, I will no longer be serving as your president as of this fiscal year starting July 1, 2026. Kyle St. James has stepped up to take on the role, and I look forward to serving the next two years as the Association past president to help Kyle get on his feet in the position and make it his own.

It has been a very eventful 8 years for me serving as president. I had the honor of meeting many of the homeowners in the neighborhood. Most encounters were very nice, but sometimes we did not see eye to eye. Even in the instances when we could not agree, we resolved our differences after we had a chance to meet and discuss the issues. Those experiences taught me a lot, and I am glad to have had this opportunity.

Over the years, I have called you to action in many of these letters. I asked for support and volunteers from all of you. While we have had some people, like Kyle, that have stepped up and answered that call, we still need more help. I assure you, you can make the time to help. I and many other board members are some of the busiest people in the neighborhood, yet we make time for the neighborhood because we know how important it is for ourselves, our families, and the community at large. It's often not easy, but not many good things in this world come easy. This is my last call to action before you start hearing from Kyle, and I hope to see new volunteers stand and take charge. I made the decision to do so about nine years ago, and I assure you it was one of the best decisions I ever made.

I wanted to thank all of you for putting your trust in me. I also wanted to thank all the association board members, area reps, liaisons, and volunteers over the years that have worked so hard to keep things moving in the right direction. I am happy with the progress we have made over the last eight years and excited to see it grow knowing that I am turning over the position to a very capable leader. Over my time as president, I have made a lot of relationships and got to know so many new people. That alone was worth all the hard work and effort.

For our September meeting, we will be at the club room on September 23, at 7 pm at the Dearborn Civic Center. Mayor Hammoud will be there to speak, and we are looking 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

September 23 @7pm

Ford Performing  
Arts Center — Club Rom

**NO DUMPING YARD  
WASTE OR STACKING  
LIMBS IN THE  
COMMONS**

**KEEP YOUR  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
BEAUTIFUL**

**NEW  
NEIGHBORS**

Please contact Therese Terns  
for your  
welcome packet

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN PARADE and SOCIAL 2026

Calling all spirited Springwell Parkers, young and old, short and tall, to assemble at Eastham and Woodland at One O'clock on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for our annual Halloween Parade and social. 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.

I am appealing to all our neighbors to note the date (October 25<sup>th</sup> 1pm) and participate by handing out candy on our route. This adds a great deal to the parade and the children light up when they see a neighbor waiting at the bottom of their drive. If you are on a cul de sac with multiple homes interested, let me know in advance and we may be able to detour to let the parade pass your homes.



Please contact me, Cindy Polakowski, at 313-982-1982 or at [events@springwellspark.org](mailto:events@springwellspark.org), and let me know if you and yours plan to attend so that I can get an idea of a headcount for treats. Volunteers are needed and always welcome and appreciated, give me a call at 313-982-1982 — many hands make it much more fun.

As usual, these activities are not fully 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 by the Halloween Social committee, and also at our Square page easily accessible on our website [springwellspark.org](http://springwellspark.org)

- **Cindy Polakowski, Events Chair**



### BOXWOOD MOTH INFORMATION



### NEIGHBORHOOD SHOUT OUT

If you live on Amherst Lane you must know James Branch!

One might think he lives at several of the homes on this street because you will find him mowing a neighbor's lawn, trimming someone's bushes, cleaning street drains, and doing a number of random acts of kindness.

He maintains his own property with a variety of flowers, plants, shrubs, and always has a neatly pedicured green lawn.

Let's all try to be like James Branch by reaching out, literally, to those around us, being attentive, caring neighbors!

Thank you James!

### BON FIRE 2026



Thanks to the efforts of a group of wonderful volunteers, the annual SPA Bonfire is returning this Fall to common Area #5.

Everyone is invited on that evening starting at 6 o'clock. SPA will provide hot dogs, fixings for s'mores, hot chocolate, and of course the fire!

We are planning for a Friday in early October, but are holding off on a specific date so we can watch the weather

and pick the best for a successful event. You will need to bring a chair or blanket and any beverages you may want, plus a treat or dish to share.

Commons #5 can be accessed at the side-walks entering at Ashby, Adams, Branford, and Brewster.

Watch for a SPA email announcing the date!

-**Cindy**



### DONATIONS NEEDED!

Local historian L. Glenn O'Kray is adding Springwells Park to the seven award winning books he has edited or co-edited about Dearborn.

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.

Please consider donating \$ — private publication and printing is costly.

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

## CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES!

When: Saturday, October 3 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Rain or Shine!)

Where: The Secret HQ (Our Backyard Common Area) | 15837 Andover Dr

- 2:00 PM ALERT: Spider-Man himself is swinging by for some legendary superhero shenanigans!

- Show Your Super Moves: Head under the big tent to unleash your vocal stylings and best dance moves with karaoke and dancing! Our tent has sides, so the fun stays dry no matter the weather!

- Refuel: Don't forget to grab some heroic food and sweet treats!

*Weather-permitting backyard games. We hope to see you there!*

Please RSVP to me at [rebecca.dunn.kania@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.dunn.kania@gmail.com)

Grab your mask and swing on by,  
Our neighborhood Spiderman party is about to fly!

Let's bring the community together  
for some web-slinging fun,

An awesome day of games and laughter for  
everyone!



## 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](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"/> Porch             | <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 house | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                    |
| Details of work to be done:<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____                                 |                                            |                                                   |
| Company or person completing work:<br>_____                                            |                                            |                                                   |
| Start and end dates work will be done:<br>_____<br>_____                               |                                            |                                                   |
| SPA Approved: _____<br>_____<br>Richard Sims, Deeds and Improvements _____ Date: _____ |                                            |                                                   |

## PUT 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 and yard waste 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.***

## ATTENTION ALL NEIGHBORS

Please avoid parking on the grass and easement on Eastham Road. Repeated parking damages the vegetation, compresses the soil and stresses the roots of nearby trees causing long-term damage. Eastham easily accommodates parking on both sides when necessary.

Parking on the west/golf course side of Eastham on city service days is also prohibited. It prevents street cleaners from accessing this portion of the road leading to a build up of debris that can enter our sewer systems and cause backups as well as being unsightly.

***Please help protect and maintain this beautiful corner of Dearborn.***

## OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

### SPA BOARD

|                           |                  |                  |              |                            |
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