



# Quincy Park News



Autumn

2006

## Haunted Playground at Quincy Park

**Saturday, October 28th  
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Crafts for Tiny Tots  
Halloween Scavenger Hunt  
Plenty of Treats and Prizes  
Pumpkin Decorating Contest  
Take Skeleton and Ghost Photos  
Best Mask and Best Costume Contest  
Spooky Stories at the Glowing Cauldron

Don't miss this special night for kids of all ages. The hours for each activity appear on the autumn calendar. If you would like to help with this event, please call the Quincy Park office to volunteer your time and talents. The Social Events Committee will be glad to have your assistance. Some residents can help from home, in buildings 154 to 211, for the scavenger hunt. Call the office to volunteer to help with this fun autumn celebration.

## Pumpkin House Marker Enclosed

We've included a special pumpkin house marker, to help direct neighborhood children toward homes that wish to participate in annual trick or treat festivities. If you choose to distribute Halloween candy, please tape the marker on the inside of your storm door with the welcome sign facing out.

Parents should instruct children to knock at doors displaying the pumpkin sign and avoid intrusion where the home is dark or does not display any Halloween decorations. Children should not trick or treat alone. If you can't accompany your child, please make sure he or she travels with a group of children. We recommend all children wear at least one light or reflective piece of clothing, so they can be seen by drivers, when crossing streets. Avoid dark costumes without reflective strips, to make sure your child will be visible after dusk.

The City has designated the hours from 3:00PM to 7:00PM for trick or treating. Please respect your neighbors by completing your Halloween fun within that time frame.

## Important Election November 7<sup>th</sup>

In November 2002, residents of Prospect Heights voted to reduce the size of City Council from ten to five aldermen, one for each ward. Last year, a small but vocal group of citizens gathered enough signatures to put the issue back on the ballot, asking for two more aldermen, elected "at large" from the entire city. The measure passed.

We who opposed it feared it could be a first step toward village government. Adoption of the village form of government might leave the area east of Wolf Road with little or no representation, due to the much larger number of registered voters west of Wolf Road. In the village form of government, all trustees could live on one street, if that street had the most registered voters and candidates.

A good example was the recent Illinois American Water town meeting. Because Prospect Heights and Des Plaines are cities, aldermen were present from each of the wards who struggle with high water rates. There were no representatives from the Village of Mount Prospect, because none of the trustees are served by Illinois American Water.

Seven of the eight current elected officials believe "at large" aldermen are a bad idea, because the ward with the greatest number of registered voters will have more representation than other wards.

Like the founders of Prospect Heights, we believe a city form of government is superior because it provides for equal representation from each ward. Wards are divided as evenly as possible by population, without regard to the number of voters.

You can help preserve our representation by voting to limit the number of aldermen to five. If you are not yet registered to vote, please register before the spring election, to help elect officials that will be responsive to the needs of Quincy Park residents.

- Darlene Ahlstedt

*The opinion expressed in the editorial above is that of the writer and is not necessarily the opinion of the Board of Directors of Quincy Park.*



## Karen's Autumn Checklist



Please look over this quick checklist to make sure you're not the "fall" guy this autumn.

- *Patio furniture must be stored by December first, whether you have a patio or not.*
- *Grills may be left on approved patios or grill pads, but should be covered securely.*
- *Window screens should never be removed. City ordinance requires screens at all times.*
- *Plastic window insulation may only be installed inside the units; never outside.*
- *Charcoal and lighter fluid must always be stored inside your unit, where it belongs.*
- *Continue to water trees and shrubs during dry spells, until Thanksgiving.*
- *By December first, hoses should be emptied of all water and stored in or under your garage storage cabinet.*
- *Faucets should be completely shut off and any dripping exterior faucets should be repaired.*
- *Be watchful and drive very slowly on Cove and Quaker during Halloween trick or treat time.*
- *Remove all weeds and all spent flowers from flower beds before the first snowfall.*
- *Continue to pick up papers and debris around your unit and driveway throughout winter.*
- *Remove fall and winter holiday decorations ten days after the holiday, whether permitting.*
- *Pick up a fresh supply of ice melt at the office before the first snowfall.*
- *Exchange empty ice melt containers for full ones all winter, through April 15th.*
- *Return your proxy promptly and plan to attend the Quincy Park annual meeting in December!*

Enjoy the autumn season and all the festivities between now and year's end. We wish you a safe Halloween and a blessed Thanksgiving. Thanks to all of you for your continued cooperation.

- Karen Nordstrom

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police or Fire Emergency	911
Quincy Park Office	1 847 459-0350
QP After-Hours Emergency	1 847 459-0000
SBC/AT&T	1 800 346-3988
Illinois American Water	1 800 942-2481
Commonwealth Edison	1 800 334-7661
Nicor Gas	1 888 642-6748
Comcast Cable Service	1 866 594-1234
WOW! Cable Service	1 800 848-2278
Prospect Heights City Hall	1 847 398-6070

## Recipes from our Readers

This was a big hit at the Block Party! Try using ¼ cup of Splenda, instead of sugar, if you are trying to reduce sugar in your diet.

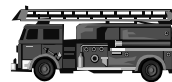
### Chris & Cindy's Killer Slaw

- 1 package beef-flavored Ramen noodle mix
- 1 package prepared coleslaw greens
- 1 package slivered almonds
- 1 package sunflower seed (or ½ jar)
- 2 or 3 scallions
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup vinegar

Make dressing by combining oil, sugar, vinegar and beef packet from Ramen noodle mix. Whisk together and let stand until ready to serve.

Prepare slaw. In a medium size bowl, break up Ramen noodles into small pieces. Add slaw greens, sliced onions and sunflower seeds. Lightly toast almonds in oven or toaster oven. Let cool. When ready to serve, add dressing to slaw and mix well. Serves 8-10.

- Tracy Binder



**Fire Department**







**Public Works**





**Police Department**

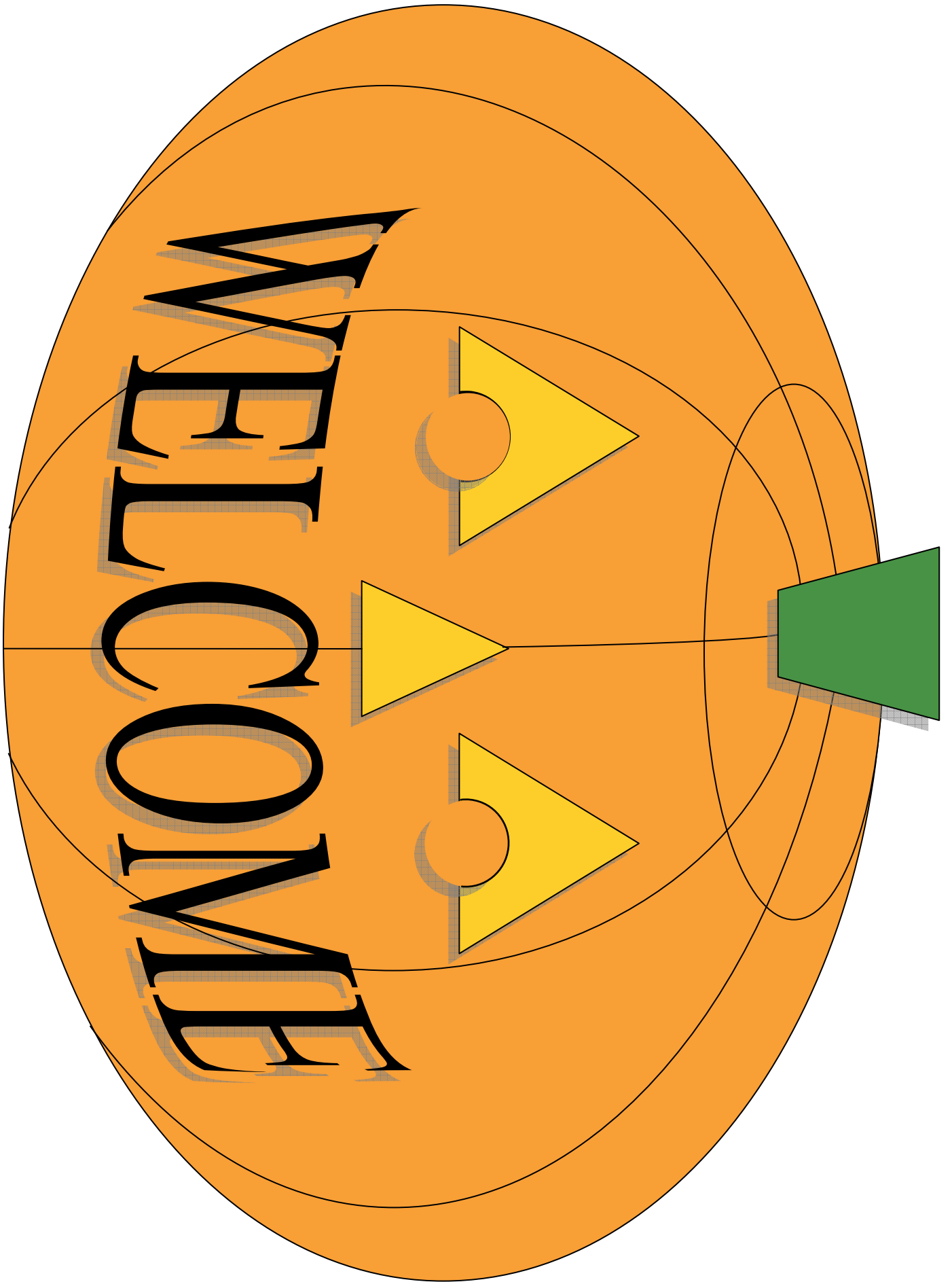
**Open House  
Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

## OCTOBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	3	4	5 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	6	7	
8	9 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	10	11	12 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	13 Indian Trails Library Used Book Sale & Bake Sale 5PM-9PM	14 Indian Trails Library Used Book Sale & Bake Sale 9AM-5PM	
15 Indian Trails Library Used Book Sale Noon-3:00PM	16 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	17 Quincy Park Board Meeting 7:15PM	18	19 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	20	21	
22	23 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	24	25	26 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	27	28  <b>HAUNTED PLAYGROUND</b> 3:00-7:00PM	
29 <b>HAUNTED PLAYGROUND</b> {Rain Date}	30 	31 	 <b>Visit Quincy Park's Haunted Playground</b> 3:00PM Spooky stories at the glowing cauldron 4:00PM Best mask and best costume contest 5:00PM Scary scavenger hunt - pumpkin painting & crafts Don't forget to bring your camera for ghostly photos!				

## NOVEMBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Thanksgiving is the perfect time to remember the homeless and less fortunate. Please bring canned and packaged non-perishable foods, sample sized toiletries and disposable razors to the office this month, for delivery to local food pantries and shelters.</i>			1	2 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	3	4
5	6 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	7 Election Day	8	9 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	10	11 Indian Trails Library Community Day at Carson's
12	13 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	14	15	16 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	17	18
19	20 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	21 Quincy Park Board Meeting 7:15PM	22	23 	24 Office Closed	25 Library Bookmobile visits Quaker Lane 2:30-3:00PM
26	27 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	28	29	30 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	<b>Have a blessed Thanksgiving!</b> 	



DECEMBER 2006							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
 <i>Peace on Earth</i>				<i>Good Will to All</i>		1	2
3 Quincy Park Annual Meeting 2:00PM Robt. Frost School	4 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	5	6	7 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	8	9 Library Bookmobile visits Quaker Lane 2:30-3:00PM	
10	11 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	12	13	14 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	15	16 Hannukah 	
17	18 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	19	20	21 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	22	23	
24	25 Christmas 	26 Office Closed	27	28 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	29	30	
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### Charlie's Workshop

This fall, we turn to a very serious subject. It has come to our attention that too many Quincy Park residents are not aware of necessary maintenance required for their electrical service. Quincy Park homes were built in 1971-1972, before sweeping changes to housing codes were made in 1977.

Wires from the exterior electrical box to the interior box are aluminum, not copper, like the rest of the system. Aluminum wire tends to loosen and must be tightened by a licensed electrician every few years. If this maintenance is not performed, the loose connection will cause the electrical box to eventually arc, resulting in sparks or even fire.

The permanent solution is to have the aluminum wires replaced with copper, as many owners have already done. Copper wire will maintain the tight connection required and keep the system operating at peak performance. At the same time, you can upgrade electrical service from 60 to 100 amps.

You will know it's time for action, when breakers begin to trip easily, causing frequent trips to the circuit breaker box, to turn them back on. You may reach a point when you can no longer run two appliances at the same time, like the washer and dryer. If you continue to ignore the problem, it will occur more frequently, until you are in danger of fire damage. Most households continue to run an air conditioner or furnace blower at night. A loose connection can result in fire, and you don't need that while you are asleep in your bed.

The cost to replace substandard aluminum wiring may not be as out of reach as you think. One complication can adversely impact cost, and that is when an underground conduit is bent or broken, making it impossible to pull new wires through. Should this happen, contact the office immediately. They will either dispatch a maintenance man to the site or offer advice on the best alternative method of routing the wiring. Call several electricians for competitive estimates before you make a final decision. At the very least, arrange to have your aluminum wires tightened regularly by a licensed electrician.

- Charlie Lome

## Quincy Park Market Place

### Child care available:

Dependable, reliable, experienced QP resident adult female will care for your child. Reference provided upon request. Call Sue at 847 947-1992.

English/Spanish speaking woman will babysit; prefer mornings. Call Felipa at 847 850-5599.

### Tutor available:

Patient, dedicated, enthusiastic substitute teacher will tutor adults or children in language, math skills, social studies, history, geography, computer skills. ACT, SAT and GED test preparation. ESL or ADD welcome. After school, evening, weekend hours available. Call Dina at 847-259-0746.

### Wanted:

Seeking loving home for my 3-year-old, long-haired gray tiger cat. Front de-clawed, spayed, healthy and very affectionate. Needs more human contact than I can provide. Call Lisa at 847 476-2107.

Original windows for penthouse "D" unit needed. If you are replacing yours, let me have the old ones. Immediate pickup when your contractor removes them. Call Phil at 847-459-5837.

### For Sale:

Four white mini-blinds fit windows for 2-story unit; FREE. White ceiling fan with frosted globes, used just 6 months, \$50. Call Mary at 708 955-0523.

Quincy Park Condominium Association  
1592 Quaker Lane  
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

## Community Bulletin Board

Between our newsletter issues, you can find ads, bulletins and Board meeting agendas posted on the community bulletin board at the end of the sidewalk between the office and the pool house.

Personal and small business ads are free to all owners and residents with current accounts and census forms on file. Limit one ad per unit per issue. Ads are published in the order received, as space allows. Retailers, dealers and commercial accounts, please call the Quincy Park office for display ad rates and space availability. To place your ad, clip, complete and return the form below.

<b>CIRCLE AD CATEGORY:</b>			
FOR SALE	WANTED	NEWS ITEM	OTHER
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UNIT # _____		PHONE _____	
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