



Quincy Park News



Spring

2007

Supervised Basketball Offered

Long-time resident Irving Wide has offered to supervise youth basketball, here at Quincy Park. Irving has many years of experience officiating in little league sports and has agreed to put his knowledge to use, for the benefit of our residents.

The informal games will take place at the end of Cove Drive, in the maintenance shop and recycling center enclosure. The Board of Directors invested in a portable basketball hoop. Both boys and girls are welcome to participate.

Join the fun on Saturdays from 11:00AM to 1:00PM or from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Parents are invited to stop by and meet the coach. They may recognize Irving as one of our Precinct 116 election judges.

We thank Irving for his expertise and community spirit and we hope many of our youngsters will take advantage of this fun opportunity.

City Election Results

After a nail-biter of an election, incumbent Mayor Rodney Pace and City Clerk William "Bill" Kearns will each serve another four-year term. Treasurer Rich Tibbits ran without opposition, so it seems the executive branch remains intact. The same cannot be said for the City Council, where three seats changed hands. Past Ward 1 Alderman Dolly Vole was successful in her campaign to replace Ward 3 Alderman Bob McLoughlin and newcomer Richard Hamen narrowly defeated Ward 1 Alderman Luis Mendez. The Daily Herald recently announced that Bree Higgins defeated challenger Tiaa Tuntland in our own Ward 5. Both candidates were write-ins. Elected officials will be sworn in on May 21st.

We congratulate Bree and thank both her and Tiaa for their willingness to serve our community. We also commend residents who took time to vote in this consolidated election. Of approximately 400 registered voters, only 70 cast their vote. It is very unfortunate that so few people exercise the right to determine the course of local governing bodies. These are organizations that affect the quality of our everyday lives, including the library, schools, park district, and police and fire protection.

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

Quincy Park Website

The official Quincy Park website, quincypark.org, is up and running, thanks to resident Sophie Kim. The site will be a great resource for residents, as well as prospective buyers, their attorneys and their realtors. Visitors will be able to print forms, view reminders, download past issues of the newsletter, and contact the office staff via the website. Buyers will be able to view all unit floor plans, read the condominium declaration and rules and regulations online, and find out everything they need to know about Quincy Park. Investor owners will be able to print copies of the rules and regulations for their tenants, at no cost.

Though the site was established many years ago, we didn't always have personnel knowledgeable about website design and updating. When Bree Higgins and Sophie Kim discussed this, Sophie agreed to become our first true webmaster. She has been hard at work updating the site ever since.

The site will contain everything available in the QP owner's manual and much more. In the future, we hope to add a history of unit sale prices, photos and details of social events, and before and after photos of Quincy Park's improvement projects.

Visit the website and watch our progress!

www.quincypark.org



Karen's Spring Check-List



Please look over this quick checklist to make sure your home looks as fresh as spring!

- Give patio and lawn furniture a good cleaning and replace any items in poor condition.
- Make certain your patio is even and at ground level, with no blocks raised or out of place.
- Remove weeds growing between patio blocks.
- Give your grill a fresh coat of grill paint before the outdoor cooking season is in full swing and get a new propane tank if yours looks shabby.
- Always store charcoal and lighter fluid inside your unit or garage storage cabinet where it belongs and out of reach of children.
- Remind family members not to prop open storm doors, to keep out rodents and bugs.
- Check storm door and window screens for rips and holes and get torn screens replaced.
- Check your entrance light for nesting materials and remove them promptly, to prevent fires.
- Use bulbs that are no more than 60 watts in your entrance lights.
- Clean lint from your dryer vent and sweep lint and leaves from the garage floor.
- Make sure all hoses are in good condition and stored properly, when not in use.
- Pick up any papers and debris that accumulate around your unit, garage and air conditioner.
- Pick up grass seed at the office, to repair lawn damaged by your pet.
- Spread mulch on shrub and flower beds, so pets and children won't track mud indoors.
- Plant flowers after landscape crews finish the spring clean-up and mark small seedlings with the flower markers that came with the plant.

Thanks to all for your kindness and cooperation. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

- Karen Nordstrom

Women's Beginner Bible Study Non-Denominational

7:00 PM

2nd and 4th Mondays of every month

Call the office for more details

847 459-0350

Recipes from our Readers....

Maintenance man Rigoberto Mendez shared these great authentic recipes for guacamole and salsa.

Guacamole

1 medium onion, chopped
 1 medium tomato, chopped
 Few leaves of cilantro, chopped
 2 or 3 Serrano peppers, finely chopped
 1 avocado per person (up to five)
 3 small limes
 Dash of seasoned salt

Cut avocado in half; remove pits and scoop out pulp. Discard rind (skin). Blend avocados with first four ingredients and chop with a hard spoon. Add just a dash of seasoned salt and the juice of three limes and mix well.

Salsa

3 tomatoes, chopped
 ½ medium onion, chopped
 Few leaves of cilantro, chopped
 2 or 3 Serrano peppers, finely chopped
 1 clove garlic, minced
 Pinch of seasoned salt

Blend all ingredients until salsa reaches the same consistency as purchased salsa. Enjoy with tortilla chips and to add zest to any Mexican dish.

- Rigoberto Mendez

The Quincy Park pool opens on Saturday, May 26th. Pool hours will be posted on the bulletin board between the pool and the office. Pool passes can be obtained during office hours. Beginning May 15th, the office will be open until 7:00PM on Wednesdays.

Periodical Cicadas Emerge in 2007

Beginning in May, you will start to see and hear periodical cicadas, which emerge from the earth only once every 17 years. Expect to see vertical tunnels that resemble tiny volcanoes. The insects have been living underground, feeding on tree and shrub roots, since 1990. Their “chirping” is slightly different from that of annual cicadas, but with both species present, the noise will be much louder and more frequent. The cicadas will mate and lay eggs in the areas where branches meet tree and shrub trunks. The adults die, so cicada carcasses will be apparent everywhere. The larvae feed on young trees and shrubs and then burrow back into the ground, where they will stay until the year 2024. It is said the cicadas are edible, but don’t expect the Social Events Committee to hold a cicada festival. They sound pretty gruesome to us. No planting will be done until the cicadas are underground, in the fall, when young trees and shrubs should be safe.



Periodical Cicada

PLEASE NOTE: ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS SUFFERED \$5000 IN DAMAGES WHEN HER ATTIC WAS INFESTED WITH RACCOONS! RACCOONS DESTROY WALLS, CEILINGS, INSULATION AND WOOD SUPPORT BEAMS. SCREEN YOUR ATTIC GABLE VENTS!

Feeding the Birds of Quincy Park

Quincy Park is home to many songbirds, including bluejays, chickadees, goldfinches, cardinals, house finches, robins, cedar waxwings and an occasional oriole, hummingbird or woodpecker.

If you don’t use squirrel-proof feeders, plan to buy seed in 40-pound bags. Squirrels will eat all they can and “squirrel” away food for hard times.

Wild Birds Unlimited, across from the North Point Shopping Center in Arlington Heights, carries many feeders, including several squirrel-proof models. Prices are steep, but they offer lifetime warranties and honor them. You’ll also save money on seed, feeding just birds. The feeders also deter pigeons.

Cardinals enjoy both safflower and sunflower seed. No birds other than cardinals and house finches seem to like safflower, so buy it if you’re weary of feeding sparrows, starlings and grackles. Nyjer thistle is the only bird seed goldfinches will eat.. Woodpeckers, chickadees and bluejays like nut suet and peanuts. Orioles, cedar waxwings and robins eat worms and berries, but you can entice them with a small birdbath. Hummingbirds are very common at feeders in Palatine, so try hanging a hummingbird nectar feeder!

- Darlene Ahlstedt



Northern Cardinal



American Goldfinch




Cedar Waxwing




Bluejay

Garbage pick-up days have been changed to Mondays and Thursdays. Please put large items out only Wednesday or Sunday nights. Thank you for your cooperation!

MAY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>QP pool opens May 26th! <i>Make sure you have new pool passes! Don't put it off...do it now!</i></p>		1	2	3 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>
6	7 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	8	9	10 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	11	12 Bookmobile visits Quaker Lane 2:30-3:00PM
13 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 	14	15 Quincy Park Board Meeting 7:15PM	16	17 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	18	19 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
20	21 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	22	23	24 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	25	26 Bookmobile visits Quaker Lane 2:30-3:00PM <i>Pool Opens!</i>
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> Honor <i>American Veterans!</i>	29	30	31 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	<i>Summer hours begin in May... the office will be open until 7:00PM on Wednesday evenings during the pool season for your convenience!</i>	

JUNE 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>School is out and children are playing in the neighborhood... <i>please slow down and drive carefully through Quincy Park! The children are counting on you to help keep them safe! Thank you for your cooperation!</i></p>					1	2
3	4 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	5	6	7 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	8	9 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 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16
17 <i>Fathers' Day</i> 	18 City Council Morava Center 7:00PM	19 Quincy Park Board Meeting 7:15PM	20	21 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	22	23 Bookmobile visits Quaker Lane 2:30-3:00PM
24	25 Women's Bible Study 7:00PM	26	27	28 No Parking Cove & Quaker 10AM-4PM	29	30



Charlie's Workshop

The replacement and improvement season is well underway, with cul de sac replacement being the most visible and extensive of the projects planned for this year. You may already have noticed the large underground pipes installed, during the rehab of the cul de sac that serves buildings 204-211. To further protect residents from icy winter conditions, water runoff from second story roofs will be routed underground, to the retention pond. Until now, the downspouts poured out over our sloping driveways, turning them into a great place for sledding...but not for walking to your garage. A second measure will also protect cul de sacs from depressions; the areas where garbage trucks operate will have extra reinforcement, beneath the asphalt, to support the extra weight of the trucks and dumpsters. This will help to prevent the ponding that currently occurs in depressions in some of our old asphalt cul de sacs.

This year, we replace the underground wiring for the last of the seven light systems, in the area surrounding buildings 122-140. Rigo and I are busy replacing old lights throughout the property and will work elsewhere until the wiring is finished.

As usual, we will replace at least 15 roofs. As we do, we will improve roof and soffit vents and add an exterior vent for every bathroom fan. Don't forget, this vent will not operate with original fans, which are not powerful enough to open the vent. If you upgrade to a stronger fan, at least 80-100CFM, the fan can be connected to the new vent. Ice shield is added, to prevent ice damming. Insulation should be upgraded to R30, after roof replacement. Gable vents may be closed after roof replacement. We screen gable vents only during roof replacements.

Please report any concrete problems to the office immediately, as we are formulating the concrete list at this time. For the first time, we plan to replace a number of stoops, if the cost is not too prohibitive.

The last of the common brick will also disappear, when brick is replaced at building 221. Face brick is much more durable than common brick, which is known to deteriorate quickly.

We will continue to replace garage support posts until all are replaced. Garage doors may not be replaced this year, as we want to be sure we have enough funds to first replace the two cul de sacs.

Quincy Park's Easter Egg Hunt

Our first Easter egg hunt was held on April 7th. It didn't take long for the children to scramble for the 1000 candy-filled eggs, hidden among the shrubs and flowers in the playground.

The festivities continued in the office, where each child had an opportunity to make his or her own Easter bunny cupcake, complete with marshmallow ears and nose and coconut "fur".

At the large conference table, children turned out eggs in a rainbow of colors, some with drawings or names. In the kitchen, "tie-dyed" eggs were also a big hit with some of the boys and girls. Every child also left with a bag of goodies, including jellybeans, bunny cookies and the ever-popular marshmallow Peeps, both chicks and bunnies.

Members of the Social Events Committee sported Easter bunny attire, including rabbit ears and fluffy cotton tails, hand-crafted by Judy Lesser. Thanks to Avis Lucas, Judy Lesser, Barb Liberty, George Nixon, Lori Gosstrom, Carrie Dawson, Val Mlejnek, Bree Higgins, Tracy Binder and especially Mary O'Connor, the Easter chicken, for another fun event. To join the Social Events Committee, just call the office, give Bree your name and number, and Avis will contact you, prior to the next event.

More Cul de Sac Replacement Details

After years of planning, the Board of Directors has begun replacing cul de sacs. Each one will have a small turn-around area at the end. All walks will be ramped to ADA standards. Stormwater from downspouts will go directly underground, into the stormwater system, to prevent black ice on sloped driveways. In some cases, lights and dumpsters may be relocated, but we will make every effort to place trash bins away from owner patios. Concrete walks will be placed at garage utility doors that do not abut asphalt. We will try to preserve mature trees and will replace any lost trees with large specimens. We know this work will create parking problems. We have arranged to provide overnight parking on Old Willow Road and in visitor parking. We apologize for any inconvenience, but trust that you will understand the need to do this work. The Board hopes to replace two cul de sacs every year, for the next ten years. This year, cul de sacs for buildings 204-211 and 235-239 will be replaced. Next year, we plan to replace the two cul de sacs that serve buildings 162-175.

Quincy Park Market Place

Services available:

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

Tutor: Patient, dedicated, enthusiastic substitute teacher will tutor adults or children in language, math skills, social studies, history, geography, computer skills, ACT/SAT/GED test preparation. ESL and ADD welcome. After school, evening, weekend hours available. References supplied upon request. Call Dina at 847-459-0746.

Handyman: Experienced handyman can help with various home repairs. Call Erick at 847-541-0370.

Wanted:

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:

Never used Shappell DX3000 ice fishing shelter. Two person; 4'x6' folds to 3'x4'. \$269.99 list; asking \$150. Call Gil at 847-345-5312.

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.

CIRCLE AD CATEGORY:			
FOR SALE	WANTED	NEWS ITEM	OTHER
NAME _____			
UNIT # _____		PHONE _____	
ITEM: _____			

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