



# Quincy Park News



Summer

2010

## Social Committee Schedules 2010 Events

Calling all butterflies or “reclusive spider” types, no “biters” please, to get “caught up” in this year’s web of activities. Every good ant colony has a few good soldiers. Quincy Park’s Social Committee needs you to join the ranks. Please consider volunteering your ideas and time for an individual event or the whole season. Be a busy bee and find out what all the buzz is about; no experience necessary. This is a great way to become better neighbors and make new friends. Everyone is welcome.

### Sidewalk Sale June 12 and 13

Clean the cobwebs from your closets and storage cabinet...bring your unused items out to sell. This is an easy and cheap way to meet your neighbors.

### Block Party July 17

Swarm out to the park for a fun day of food, games and music. All ages will think it’s the bee’s knees. Bring a side dish to share, if you can.

### Teen Swim July 17

Following the block party is a water bug’s dream, but only if you’re a teenager! No adults tonight!

### Adults Only Water Aerobics and Games

Come out and make some waves, starting in June. Watch for signs at the pool and bulletin board, posing dates and times. All adults are welcome to join this low-mild intensity workout. We enjoy music of the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s, while having fun in the pool. Feel free to bring water shoes for foot protection, noodles, or water weights to increase resistance. Find your waistline and new friends! Be sure to ask your physician if you are healthy enough to perform mild aerobic activity.

### Later This Year ... Details to Follow!

- Senior Health Fest - New!**
- Haunted Playground**
- Holiday Tree Lighting - New!**

Social Committee Chairwoman Avis Lucas

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Police or Fire Emergency   | 911            |
| Quincy Park Office         | 1 847 459-0350 |
| QP After-Hours Emergency   | 1 847 459-0000 |
| 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 |
| AT&T Phone/Internet        | 1 800 346-3988 |
| Prospect Heights City Hall | 1 847 398-6070 |

## Quincy Park Summer Safety

Now that the weather is good, there will be children playing, mothers walking their babies in strollers, people walking or jogging for exercise and folks of all ages riding bicycles. Everybody will be outside.

We ask all Quincy Park residents to drive slowly and watch out for all children and adults. We plan to add signs to remind you. Caution is important wherever a cul de sac meets a street and near the blind curve on Cove Drive.

If you own bicycles, please register them with the City, so the Police Department can help you locate lost or stolen bikes. Our maintenance and office staff have found and returned at least five missing bikes already this year. Lock your cars and garage doors, to protect your property and your neighbor’s.

Residents tell us they are reluctant to dial 911 for minor problems. Please don’t hesitate to call 911 for police assistance, whether emergency or not.

Quincy Park is a Neighborhood Watch community. The watch group holds regular meetings. Look for meeting signs and join us with your safety ideas. Let’s have a safe summer this year and...keep kids alive...drive 25!

Director George Nixon





## Karen's Summer Checklist



Please look over this quick checklist to make sure the heat isn't on you this summer:

- *Is my patio furniture stored when not in use or on an approved patio?*
- *Is my grill stored when not in use or on an approved grill pad?*
- *Do I continually remove weeds from my patio, grill pad and/or walkway?*
- *Do I always cool charcoal briquettes completely before putting them in a bag and in the trash?*
- *Is my charcoal and lighter fluid stored inside my unit, where it belongs?*
- *Do I remind family members not to prop open entrance doors, to keep out rodents and bugs?*
- *Are all my window screens in good condition?*
- *Do I remember to water the shrubs and trees surrounding my unit in dry weather?*
- *Are all my hoses in good condition and properly stored when not in use?*
- *Do I drive very slowly on Cove and Quaker and watch out for children playing?*
- *Do I always accompany and supervise children under age 12 at the swimming pool?*
- *Do I remember to pick up all papers and debris around my unit and in my driveway?*
- *Do I remove weeds and spent flowers from my flower beds so they will not be unsightly?*
- *Do I rinse recycled items and tightly bag and tie trash to reduce wasp and hornet attractions?*
- *Did I repair lawn damaged by my pet?*
- *Did I clean out my storage areas and get ready for the rummage sale?*
- *Was my air conditioner serviced and checked?*

If you answered yes, everything's cool. Thanks for your cooperation. We hope you enjoy time spent outdoors this summer and the pleasant weather.

Karen Nordstrom



**Don't forget to bring your box tops to the office for Robert Frost Elementary School... Hold taxes down with free school supplies!**

## Summer Capital Improvements

Because we spent last year inspecting roofs and improving replacement specifications, we must replace 30 roofs this year. We finally found a way to replace gable vents, which will eventually end raccoon and squirrel infestation and stop damage from wind-driven snow and rain. We are part of a class action suit against an organic shingle maker.

We are in the process of replacing more than 6,000 square feet of concrete, including installation of an ADA compliant sidewalk from the parking lot to the pool and office. Pool patrons should note that the smoking area was moved to the northwest corner of the pool house, near the community patio. There is no smoking within 20 feet of the pool gate.

We will also replace 14 garage support posts. This project is intended to improve structural support and protect the supports from moisture and salt.

We apologize for some delay in replacing damaged garage door panels. Panels for doors that were replaced as part of the 1994-95 siding project are not available and we must change an entire cul de sac in order to gather enough panels in useable condition. We will do that this summer.

Wooden timbers in the two play areas will be replaced with synthetic "Tuff Timbers" that don't rot and are not subject to carpenter ant infestation. Modern plastics like those used for the pool fence and park benches reduce maintenance costs.

Another small project will extend the storm drain system to the northwest corner of the property. During the last heavy rain, the neighboring parking lot flooded and that area was under water. The two additional storm drains will help keep it dry. This project will be covered by the taxes you pay to Special Service Area 5, which also covers some detention pond inspections and repairs.

Darlene Ahlstedt



## Quincy Park Workshop



### Birds Nesting in Coach Lights

Quincy Park has over 400 shade and ornamental trees. There is no reason to let birds nest in coach lights. It may be tempting to watch birds nest and raise young, but we've suffered many thousands of dollars in damage from nests that are dry and burn easily; damage is charged to the owner who failed to remove the nest. Please remove all materials before the bird completes the nest. If you remove a nest, use gloves, tongs and a plastic bag. Birds host microscopic lice and bird nests are often filled with these lice long after the birds have left.



### Hornets and Wasps

Call the office immediately if you spot wasps or hornets nesting in the building trim or nearby trees. Staff will determine whether or not to call in an exterminator or eliminate the pests themselves. Some owners question why we removed so many old crabapple trees. Newer varieties don't produce and drop large, heavy fruits that attract hornets and wasps. Unsuspecting children and dogs frequently walked beneath trees and were stung by hornets.



### Forest Preserve Critters

Raccoons, opossum, skunks and coyotes will be roaming the area looking for table scraps. Bag and tie trash and put it in the dumpster immediately. Don't put seed, bread or scraps on the ground for birds; use small bird feeders. Protect pets and kids.



### Ants

You can handle these little guys by yourself. Most ants here are slab ants, grease or sugar ants and other small pests, easily removed by buying a can of crawling insect killer and using it regularly. Natural remedies include boric acid, vinegar and bleach. If you want to keep assessments low, don't call the office to request an exterminator for a harmless bug occurring naturally everywhere.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH



*Interested in our Neighborhood Crime Watch?  
Have a great new safety idea?  
Join us at the Quincy Park office...  
Watch for signs announcing meetings!*

### City News

With summer almost here, I want to tell you about summer events coming up in Prospect Heights.

Once again, River Trails Park District and the Prospect Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau will host the Annual Summerfest on June 26th at Lions Park on Camp McDonald Rd at Elm Street from 5:30 to 10:30 PM. Summerfest activities include 3 live bands, food vendors, beer garden, carnival games and inflatable attractions. Lions Pool will host a free swim night for all ages.

Because the 4th of July falls on Sunday this year, the City of Prospect Heights will hold its parade on July 3rd starting at 9:00 AM. The parade route runs from Apple Drive to Prospect Crossing. From Wolf Road, the parade turns east on Old Willow Road, then heads south on Mandel Lane, which is just west of Quincy Park. The best location for viewing should be at the southernmost end of Briarwood Apartments. Please contact city hall if you or your organization would like to be in this year's parade.

Many of you may not know that you can view City Council meetings on cable Channel 17 whether you have Comcast or WOW. The meetings are shown every Wednesday at noon.

Prospect Heights police officers ask me to remind all of you to lock side and overhead garage doors, vehicle doors and even your front doors. If you are a victim of theft or attempted break-in please call 911 to make a report so patrols of the area are increased. Officers are dedicated and hardworking, but can't help if they don't know about break-ins.

If you wish to contact me about any City business, please don't hesitate to call me or stop into the Quincy Park office.

Ward 5 Alderman Bree Higgins

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[www.quincypark.org](http://www.quincypark.org)*

## Quincy Park Market Place

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### Financial Planning Assistance:

Exclusively for Quincy Park Condo residents: Complimentary financial analysis of your mortgage, life insurance and/or retirement plan. For more info, call Sophie at 847-849-0998.



***Non-Denominational Bible Study  
Women - 2nd and 4th Mondays  
Men - 2nd and 4th Thursdays  
7:00 PM at the Quincy Park Office  
All Residents & Guests Welcome!***

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

## Community Bulletin Board

Between newsletter issues, 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. Please place a new ad for each newsletter, as the application is for one issue and must be renewed quarterly. Ads for the bulletin board are also removed quarterly.

Personal and small business ads are free to all owners and residents with current accounts and in compliance with rules. 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

### FALL ISSUE - PLEASE CIRCLE AD CATEGORY:

FOR SALE    WANTED    NEWS ITEM    OTHER

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