



Park Forest Cooperative III

Area J

Summer 2018

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Greetings to Area J Members,

Our very own Linda Marron has retired from the Board of Directors. Linda served five years on our board. She was a valuable member of the marketing team in her role as the liaison and served some of the years as our treasurer. We are also grateful for the years she spent volunteering on past committees. She will be greatly missed. Paul Narcisi was appointed by the Board to replace Linda. He has many years experience on our board. It is a pleasure to have him back on our team.

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INSERT:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018



Please see the enclosed flyer for the Park Forest National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7th from 6:00—8:15 p.m. Police Chief Mannino has ideas for all members and families to participate. The Park Forest Police Department will have officers specially assigned to visit the courts to interact with you and your neighbors, offer crime prevention tips, and maybe even have some goodies to give out! The office staff has their own contest to add to the fun for all members to participate in. The staff will be circulating throughout the hours of 6:00—7:45 p.m. that night to pass out raffle tickets. Meet at the office at 8:00 p.m. for your chance to win a prize below. See the flyer to see how you can qualify to receive up to 3 raffle tickets.

4 PRIZES (1 prize per member):

1st Prize - a bucket of water poured over your choice of: Tania, Euricka, Sergio or Police Chief Chris Mannino

2nd Prize - \$50 cash

3rd Prize - \$40 cash

4th Prize - \$30 credit for reasonable maintenance at your unit

Please read through the newsletter to see all that we are doing in our beautiful area!

Enjoy your summer, Tania Schreiber - Property Manager

Margrit's Corner:



Yes, we made the WGN news! Tom Skilling reported that Park Forest had 4.11" of rain for our first day of summer. I'm sure a third of our members would tell us that at least half of that water is in their basements. Our hearts go out to each of you! There is no **"one"** solid solution to fixing leaky basements, and certainly no quick fixes. It's one basement at a time...right Sergio?

I know you all think I do an amazing job with the upkeep of grounds. I think I'm pretty amazing too! But listen, I can't do it all alone. Your help is needed! With just a little effort from member's, you can help by keeping your window wells clean & free of debris. A cluttered window well is a good recipe for leaky basements. While I'm honored that some of you request my help with cleaning your window wells, eventually Grandma (that's me) will be on twelve pills a day, and will lose the honor of cleaning and digging out your window wells. So please, please, please, do your part by removing trash, leaves and weeds or invest in window well covers.

On the very positive side we have summer help! When the weather turned from 40 to 90 degrees, we could barely keep up with grass cutting. Poor Jason! But school is finally out and graduations are behind us. Edgar was finally able to start his second year with us. He is now a pro handling the mower and the weed whacker. Last year I dragged him around to weed and dig up our yards. Thanks for coming back Edgar. This year we also have Connor's help. Connor is a young man who grew up in our Co-op. He has volunteered many hours with different Co-op functions and delivering newsletters. Also, Toby, my granddaughter has also found a spot working in the Co-op office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you management for giving these three young people a chance to earn money for their college expenses. They will be our future leaders and good luck to them. With a bit of hard work for the next three months we will keep them grounded.

As always the whole crew is happy to serve you. We wish you all a good summer!

Affectionately yours, Margrit Withers

Sales Report

By Rosane Krumb

Area J is continuing to upgrade and maintain our buildings. Our property looks beautiful and prospective buyers have noticed this. We have several approved applicants hoping to move into Area J. Some are looking for 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom units. The demand for cooperative living has increased in the past few years.

We have been successful in selling many of our member's units. If you are considering putting your unit up for sale, this might be a good time. The demand is higher than the availability.

Please contact me if I can be of any help.

Quote for Summer:

"I love how summer wraps its arms around you like a warm blanket."

Kellie Elmore



The Hou Family	J-20
The Wilson/Smith Family	J-4
The Berkhalter Family	J-5
The King/Frazier Family	J-16
The Edwards Family	J-19
The Cruz/Avila Family	J-2



KEEP IN MIND



PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO DOGS ALLOWED

- ◆ You are allowed to dog sit for two weeks out of the year or have a visitor with a dog. Please call the office to let us know how many days the dog will be staying.
- ◆ When you see a blocked number after hours for emergencies it may be maintenance calling you back. If you **don't pickup the call they will leave a voicemail.**
- ◆ The office is open late on Wednesday's until 7pm. Every other day until 4:30 p.m. except on weekends
- ◆ NO grilling on back porches, damage will be charged to the shareholder.
- ◆ Put mat/pad down before putting gas lawn mower on porch.
- ◆ Help keep the property litter free by placing small weight recyclables at the bottom of your blue recycle bins and place heavy weighted items on top.
- ◆ Put a shower curtain on the bathroom window to prevent the window and crank from rusting.
- ◆ Put a strainer over your tub drain.
- ◆ An "Alter Dwelling Form" must be filled out and approved before beginning work in your unit.
- ◆ HO6 Condo Insurance is mandatory. A copy must be given to the office each year for your file.

Maintenance Happenings

⇒ SAFETY FIRST!

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MAINTENANCE CAN HAVE EASY ACCESS TO WORK AROUND YOUR UNIT FOR GENERAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES SCHEDULED BY AREA J OR CALLED IN BY MEMBERS.

House and Grounds Manuel page 17 SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS - INTERIOR

⇒ **Basements** Point 5. Do not store anything within three feet of the area around your hot water heater or furnace. Also, the furnace area must be accessible for work at all times.

⇒ KEEP DRYER VENT HOSE AND DRYER LINT CATCHER CLEAR TO PREVENT A FIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO CLEAN THEM VISIT:

<https://www.thespruce.com/clean-your-dryer-vent-1824761>

YOU MAY CALL THE OFFICE TO REPLACE YOUR DRIER VENT HOSE FOR A FEE OF \$34.50



Recently Completed Projects

Water Main replacements: 10 completed of 14 buildings (this is the last year of this project)

Zarlengo Asphalt seal coating of courts: J-7, J-13, J-14, J-17, office lot & paving of the east Juniper Island lot

Porch roofs, bases and sidewalks replaced: 262 Lakewood, 78-80 Norwood, 90 Norwood, 92-94 Norwood

Current & Upcoming Projects Include:

Seal coating of courts: J-4, J-6, J-8, J-16

*Flat roof replacements: 238-240 Juniper

Porch roofs, bases and sidewalks replaced: 242 Juniper, 300 Juniper, 257 Juniper, 241 Juniper, 281 Juniper, 269 Juniper, 211 Juniper, 100 Forest, 201 Juniper, 206 Fir, 297 Juniper, +

Upgraded roof lights

New court posts and signs

Our committees are looking for some great enthusiastic team players with new ideas to join them on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Come be a productive member of Area J!

The House & Grounds

Committee

Meets the
2nd Tuesday of April to
September
@ 7 PM
Here at the office.

Liaison:

Kathy Wallace

The Marketing

Committee

Meets the
2nd Tuesday of
Each month
@ 7 PM
Here at the office.

Liaison:

Carol Macklin

The Board of

Directors

Meets the
4th Tuesday of
each month
@ 7:30 PM
here at the office.

Board President:

Kitty Watson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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KATHY WALLACE
VICE PRESIDENT
HOUSE &
GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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BENNETTA EATON
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SUPERVISOR

HUMBERTO HERRERA
HVAC

RAFAEL CRUZ

GROUNDS:
JASON HEFNER
CREW LEADER

MARGRIT WITHERS
CONNOR ELMORE
EDGAR POMPA

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Ground's News

Summer 2018

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN MAKING AREA J LOOKING GOOD!

- ⇒ PURCHASE LAWN BAGS \$3.00 AND STICKERS \$2.50 AT THE OFFICE FOR GRASS, BRANCHES AND LEAVES
- ⇒ PLEASE DO NOT USE COMMON AREAS TO THROW OUT BRANCHES OR DEAD GRASS
- ⇒ KEEP YARD WASTE OUT OF TRASH CANS
- ⇒ PICK UP CIGARETTE BUTTS
- ⇒ CLEAN OUT WINDOW WELLS THAT GET FULL OF TRASH AND LEAVES!!!
- ⇒ KEEP GRASS CUT, BUSHES TRIMMED AND LAWN FREE OF WEEDS!!!

This last fall and through the spring, an invasive weed called "witch grass" or "tumbleweed grass" (Latin name *Panicum capillare* L.) tumbled into Area J from the wetlands in Central Park. The many seeds delivered to our lawns and gardens are sprouting now. To prevent further spreading of this invasive weed, we need to take the following measure suggested by the Grounds Committee.

In your garden, pull and dispose of the weed before it goes to seed. In the lawn, regular cutting will prevent it from going to seed. If allowed to mature it will deliver many more new seeds and weeds. Let's work together to prevent its spread! It is easy to pull especially now that it is just getting started! A picture is provided to help you identify it.

Compliments of Bernadette Maune



Our deepest condolences to the
Marron and Colon Family.

Gary Marron
Krotiak Road
March 11, 2018

Ramon Colon
Juniper Street
January 23, 2018

SHRED DAY RESULTS

55 MEMBERS OF AREA J PARTICIPATED

WE HAD ABOUT 3000 LBS. OF PAPER SHREDDED ON JUNE 2, 2018

2018 GROWING GREEN RECYCLE FEST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 28 AT 8 AM TO NOON IN DOWNTOWN PARK FOREST, INTERSECTION OF MAIN ST. & CUNNINGHAM LANE.

TELEVISION DISPOSAL: \$20.00 PER TV

DOCUMENT SHREDDING, ELECTRONICS, BATTERIES, EYE GLASSES, SHOE, USED CLOTHING, PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS DISPOSAL WILL BE AVAILABLE

DRUG DISPOSAL AVAILABLE AT POLICE STATION DROP BOX

GETTING RID OF AN OLD TV FOR FREE : GO TO WILLCOUNTYGREEN.COM

**The office will be closed in observance of Labor Day,
Monday, September 3, 2018**