



# The Farm Report

The Newsletter of the Clow Creek Farm Homeowners Association

## From the President

April | 2017

### *Spring has Sprung!*

Well, after what seemed to be a gentle end to winter, the cold has finally snapped and seasonal spring weather is upon us. With the moderate temperatures come kids out playing, so please keep an eye out while driving through the neighborhood.



In keeping with the kids, we had our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Tot Lot, and it was a very nice event for all that attended! Gabri... I mean the Easter Bunny (haha) came out to greet the kids and hand out the well deserved candy for those that found all the eggs, while the bigger kids sipped coffee and caught up with neighbors. Even some dogs came out to find the eggs. Next year we'll have to get some treats for our canine egg hunters.

Coming up in May is the subdivision wide Annual Garage Sale. The dates are May 18, 19, and 20th. The board will be taking out ads in area/city newspapers and online advertising to get the word out. Remember, all you need to do to participate is place your items to sell on your drive/garage, and hope for a line of people to buy all your stuff. So get your salesman on and good luck; we hope the weather is favorable for a successful sale.

With the weather getting better, the board has received several work review requests. Please remember all decks, fences, and other structures need to be approved by the board's architectural review committee. The board has been receiving them through our website, [www.clowcreekfarm.com](http://www.clowcreekfarm.com) and it has been working quite well. Another shameless plug for Jeremie who has been helping us out with the site, thanks again JEREMIE! Please allow enough time for our board committee to review the plans/work order prior to project start date.

Lastly, the board has received several requests for those that pick up kids from Kendall Elementary School. Please do not block driveways while waiting in line along Pradel Drive, Meadowlake Drive or Haider Avenue. Thanks in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

As always, please let a board member know if there is an issue that requires board attention because we can't fix what we don't know needs fixin'. "And with that being said...."

Carl Reina | CCFHA President

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# Easter Egg Hunt





# Clow Creek Association Meeting

## March 14, 2017 - Tommy Nevins

### In Attendance

Carl Reina (President), Jeff Sell (Vice President), Bob Raimondi (Treasurer), Matt Stredney (Secretary), Rob Gosma (Director), David Luciano (Director), Chuck Manganelli (Director), Ju Sohng (Finance Committee). Called to order at 8:23 pm.

### Old Business

- Treasury Report - Communicating Financials • Bob discusses how he would like to utilize the newly updated Clow Creek Farm website ([www.clowcreekfarm.com](http://www.clowcreekfarm.com)) to communicate financial statements.
- Registry concerns - Bob motions that he would like to receive a list of all units that are currently occupied by renters. This information will allow the board to properly bill annual assessments and have up to date contact information for neighborhood news and events.
- The board will be seeking copy of all active leases. If you are a renter, please reach out to an association board member.

### Board Meeting Schedule

- Thursday February 2 - 8 pm - Location - Reina Home  
Focus Topic - 2017 assessments, 2016 annual meeting review, CY 2017.
- Tuesday March 14 - 8 pm - Location - Tommy Nevins's  
Focus Topic - Easter Egg Hunt
- Wednesday May 17 - 8 pm - Location - Tommy Nevins  
Focus Topic - Summer Block Party
- July/August – Meet to finalize and execute Summer Block Party arrangements.
- Thursday September 7 - 8 pm - Location - Tommy Nevins  
Focus Topic - Financial Review and annual meeting preparation.
- Tuesday November 7 - 7:30 pm - Location - 95th Street Library (Tentative reservation)
- Annual Meeting

### Outdoor Report

- The 2016 project on the wooden fence was completed. As communicated prior, Carl feels that maintenance of the current fence is costly and not sustainable. He has communicated that he would like the board members to look into a more sustainable (PVC or Wrought Iron) fence that will require less annual maintenance and be more aesthetically pleasing.
- The board discusses how they feel the neighborhood sign on Book Road is difficult to see and would like to look into opportunities to elevate the sign to increase visibility.

### Neighborhood Aesthetics

- The board reviews a complaint from a neighbor regarding mailboxes. The board will investigate this complaint and determine the regulations as stated by the codes and covenants.
- The board reviews a complaint from a neighbor regarding non-approved structures outside of the home. The board will investigate this complaint.
- The board has begun drafting a communication to all neighbors about acceptable neighborhood aesthetics. This communication will be distributed to all units by hand and will include further enforcement details.

### New Business

- Treasury Report - As of 3/11/2017 Treasury Reports the following balances - Checking \$USD \$4,588.39 - Business Premium Money Market (Savings) USD \$133,211.05 - Net Total = USD \$137,799.44

### 2016 Annual Assessments Update

- As of 3/11/2017, 5 units have not paid their 2017 annual assessments. The treasurer will proceed with fourth mailings to the delinquent units inclusive of late fees. Final notice to be sent.

### Homeowner Contact Information

- Jeff makes a motion for the Association board to pursue up to date homeowner contact information (Owner name, owner phone number, owner email, home address, and where applicable, current renter and/or other contact information should be provided.) This information will be required for all units within the association. - Dave seconds the motion, unanimous agreement.

### Outdoor Report

- All spring plantings have been scheduled.
- Irrigation to be turned on within the next few weeks.
- Fence on 103rd - The board has started receiving bids on a more sustainable fence, which will require less annual maintenance.
- Board continues to receive blight complaints on mailboxes suggesting such mailboxes decrease curb appeal. The Board is looking into setting reasonable condition requirements.
- Over the past couple of months the board has received an increasing amount of complaints related to the poor conditions of certain mailboxes, fences, sheds (rectified), and landscaping.

### Other Clow Creek Business

- Construction has started on the lot at the corner of Wicklow and Dairyman's Circle with nothing new to report.
- In order to formalize the process of homeowner construction projects, (the required) project approval requests will now be preserved electronically for future references.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Date: April 8th (April 15th backup); 10 am - Location: Tot Lot  
Duties:

- Bob & Dave - Donuts/Coffee/ Plates/Napkins/Juice/
- Matt - Neighborhood Signs and Eggs
- Jeff - Candy

### Garage Sale

Date: May 18-20

- Rob will manage advertising
- Matt will post signs

David motions to end the meeting. Bob seconds, unanimous agreement.

Meeting adjourned 9:44 pm.



### CCFHOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTACT INFORMATION

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Outdoor Beautification Committee .....Carl Reina

Communication Committee Chair .....Kelly Reina

Communication - Website Committee .....Bob Raimondi

Block Captains Committee .....Rachel Schwartz & Kelli Reina

Social Committee Chair .....Tori Manganelli

City Liaison Committee .....Carl Reina

### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES & CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE** **15th of each month**

**Submit newsletter articles and  
classified ads (no charge for residents)  
by e-mail to:**  
**Carl Reina**  
**creina@clowcreekfarm.com**

### **COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING DEADLINE** **15th of each month**

**Preferred Business Services, Inc.**  
630-585-9340 • Fax 630-585-8232  
E-mail: fosterpbs@msn.com  
www.pbspublishations.com

### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

Any resident interested in adding content to the newsletter is welcome. Residents looking to buy or sell, advertise an upcoming event, praise a resident for a kind act, or share a recipe, should send any information to Jeff Sell at jsell@clowcreekfarm.com.

### **MOVING?**

If you will be moving out of Clow Creek, you will need to have a paid assessment letter for your closing to go through. Be sure to contact Bob Raimondi, Treasurer for a letter. Bob can be reached at braimondi@clowcreekfarm.com or 630-369-6145.

**“Publication of paid advertisements in the Association’s newsletter is not an endorsement or recommendation of any advertised product or service. The Association is not responsible nor liable for the content of any advertisement published, here.”**



“I used to text, but now there’s a patch that allows me to communicate face to face.”

# Pet Tales

By the Naperville Area Humane Society



## The Naperville Area Humane Society's K9 MATTERS PROGRAM

K9 Manners is a 5-session class for the spring and fall that allows kids to work with a humane society dog. Children will learn positive reinforcement training techniques and have the opportunity each class to work with our shelter dogs. The training the dogs receive will be in line with the requirements on the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) evaluation. At the conclusion of each session, the children will have a strong sense of accomplishment knowing that they helped their dog-partner get one step closer towards achieving his or her CGC certificate.

### K9 MATTERS TWO 5-WEEK SESSIONS (SPRING AND FALL)

#### SPRING SESSION

May 4, 11, 18, 25 / June 1

#### FALL SESSION

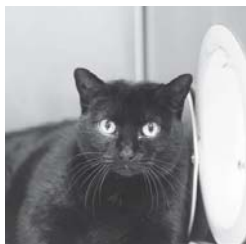
August 24, 31 / Sept. 7, 14, 21

Held on Thursdays from 4 - 4:45 pm

**Ages: 11-13 years-old**

**Cost: \$50 per student**

## Adoptable Pets!



### Lyra | 10Y 9M | Domestic Shorthair | Female

Are you interested in music, astronomy, or mythology? If you are then you already know that in Greek it means lyre or lyrical. And that there is a whole story behind the constellation, but I won't get into those details. After all, you're here for me, not a history lesson. I'm used to a quiet home without many visitors and would prefer to be the only animal in my home. According to my previous owners, I'm an independent cat so you won't need to worry about me walking across your computer. However, I would love for you to play with me. I enjoy feather toys, toy mice, and the laser pointer. If you're a mellow person searching for a mellow cat, I just might be the one for you. My adoption fee is waived thanks to The Lucky 7 Fund!



### Chewy | 4Y 7M | German Shepherd Mix | Male

Chewy here to tell you all the wonderful things about myself. First things first, I'm very big and I'm very strong. I enjoy going for walks and being outside, but it might be best for everyone if I have a fenced in yard to play in. I love to play with all types of toys, balls, frisbees, squeaky, tug toys, you name it, I'll play with it. I can be nervous around new people, but if you show me that I can trust you then we'll be good friends. I do need to be the only pet in my new home, but I promise I'll be so great you won't need anyone else. Children in my new home should be at least 16 years old and have experience with large dogs.

# Out & About Naperville

## Naper Settlement Announces 2017 Lineup for *Naper Nights*



Naper Nights Community Concert Series will kick off this summer with another exciting line-up covering the best in rock and roll history. Naper Settlement invites visitors to relax under the stars while enjoying some cold drinks, delicious food and amazing music with family and friends. The concert series will take place from 5 to 10 pm Friday and Saturday nights on June 16-17, July 21-22 and August 18-19 at Naper Settlement located at 523 S. Webster St. in Naperville.

The first night will open with Fortunate Sons, a Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, on Friday, June 16, known for using original vintage instruments and spot-on musical ability to create a full experience of CCR's best songs; followed by Trippin Billies, a popular Dave Matthews tribute band, that has been touring the Midwest for over 20 years.

Enjoy the explosive beginning of rock and roll on Saturday, June 17, where the Neverly Brothers will perform music ranging from Elvis to the Beatles. The evening's headliner is a Naper Night's favorite, American English. In celebration of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band's 50th anniversary, American English will be performing the album in full, along with some Paul McCartney and George Harrison solo songs.

July will be jam-packed with bands that have never before graced the Naper Nights Stage. Beginning on Friday, July 21, will be

Journeyman, an Eric Clapton tribute band; followed by the nation's premier tribute to Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, the Pettybreakers. "For people who have seen Tom Petty live, they can expect a pretty accurate reproduction of a Tom Petty and the Heartbreaker's show.

Visitors will "groove" to a fun-filled evening on Saturday, July 22. Kicking the night off will be The Chicago Experience, a tribute to the legendary band Chicago. They are then followed by Shining Star, a band that recreates the magic of Earth, Wind & Fire, and are sure to perform all the songs you know by heart.

The August concerts move the music into mid to late rock and roll favorites beginning Friday, August 18 with Synchronicity, a tribute to the music of the Police; followed by Landslide, a tribute band to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers Fleetwood Mac.

Don't miss the last night of the series on Saturday, August 19 showcasing some tribute powerhouses. Opening will be Simply Billy, a tribute to Billy Joel's incredible songwriting, vocals and pianistic virtuosity. Bruce in the USA, deemed one of the World's Greatest Tribute bands by AXS TV, will end the night and showcase the high-energy, spot-on musical performance and accurate recreation of Bruce Springsteen & the E St. Band.

Be sure to show up early to catch performances from School of Rock's local musicians as they welcome guests to Naper Nights each night.

Details regarding Naper Night's Children's Activity Tent and food vendors will be announced later this spring. Beverages will be provided by Bell's Brewery and Rodney Strong Vineyards.

Tickets will be available beginning March 20. Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 youth 4-12, members and children under 4 are free. No outside food or beverages are permitted. For more information, visit [www.napernights.org](http://www.napernights.org).

## NAPER NIGHTS 2017 MUSIC LINEUP

### June 16

The Fortunate Sons 6 pm  
Trippin Billies 8 pm

### June 17

The Neverly Brothers 6 pm  
American English 7:30 pm

### July 21

Journeyman 6 pm  
The Pettybreakers 8 pm

### July 22

The Chicago Experience 6 pm  
Shining Star 8 pm

### August 18

Synchronicity 6:30 pm  
Landslide 8:30 pm

### August 19

Simply Billy 6 pm  
Bruce in the USA 8 pm

