



The Farm Report

The Newsletter of the Clow Creek Farm Homeowners Association

Nighborhood NEWS You Can Use April | 2022

Here are a few key reminders to sustain the beauty and safety of our neighborhood:

- Please assess the exterior of your home to see if anything needs attention such as your house or deck may need staining or painting, gutters may have fallen off your home, yards need spring clean-up, picking up waste, leaves, removing dead branches or trees, etc.
- **Lawn Upkeep** - Spring showers bring fast growing grass and weeds. Remember the City of Naperville ordinance requires grass and weeds to be maintained at an appropriate height not to exceed 8 inches. Violations can be reported to the Naperville Code Enforcement group at ce@naperville.il.us.
- **Yard Waste Collection** - Naperville's yard waste collection resumed in mid-March. Landscape waste (placed in paper yard waste bags) or bundled small branches can be placed at the curb for collection. Don't forget to attach a Naperville yard sticker. Be sure yard waste bags are put at the curb no earlier than the evening before pickup. Refer to the City of Naperville's website.
- **Garbage & Recycle Bins** - Store garbage and recycling containers in your garage. You are allowed to put garbage and recycling containers to the curb no earlier than the evening before pickup. All refuse must either be in a city-issued cart or bagged.
- **Basketball Hoops** - Install basketball hoop stands correctly. Do not place bricks, bags of sand, etc. holding the stand down. The base should be filled with water or sand or there are anchors to hold the portable hoops down at hoopanchor.com. Also, replace nets that are either missing or are torn. If the basketball pole or rim is rusted, please consider painting or replacing the stand.
- **Watch Your Speed** - There seems to be a growing number of speeders throughout our neighborhood. Please watch your speed and remind your young drivers of the same.
- **Mailbox Repairs** - We are aware that multiple mailboxes suffered damage over the winter due to snowplows or delivery trucks not able to navigate the snow piles. The Architectural Rules require that our mailboxes be in good condition. Now that the ground has thawed, it's a good time to put in that new post and mailbox.
- **Night Parking** - The City of Naperville prohibits overnight parking from 2 to 5 am. If you see violators or any suspicious activity, please contact the Naperville police.

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Please work together to continue to keep Clow Creek a beautiful place to call home!



Happy
SPRING!



PRIME TIME FOR PLANTING

Annette Carson - The Growing Place

We know you are itching to get in the garden and you can! Now is a great time to plant trees, shrubs, and perennials. Stretch your hand into those gardening gloves and try some different cool weather loving annuals and vegetables this year.

Cooler temperatures and more frequent rains in spring offer an excellent time to plant. Root growth is vigorous in cool temperatures making for good strong plants. Soil is friable when it easily crumbles between your fingers and is not soggy wet. Feed clay soil with amendments that add nutrients and loosen the soil.

VEGETABLES & HERBS

Have you caught the gardening craze and want to try your hand at growing more of your own food? Crops like lettuce, cauliflower, broccoli, kale, cabbage, strawberries, Brussels sprouts, leeks, onions, and more thrive in cooler temperatures. Many seeds and herbs may be planted now also.

If new to gardening, we suggest starting small and planting what you like to eat. Pick a sunny spot and plant your favorite salad items. There are many varieties of herbs that can be grown in containers and picked fresh for the grill or cocktails.

If you enjoy trying new varieties, a few vegetables we've added this year are 'Mellow Yellow' pumpkin, 'Dragon's Tongue' beans, and 'Sungreen' cherry tomatoes. Mint, Rosemary, Thyme, Cilantro, and Lavender are popular herbs for drinks and dining.

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

Most of the perennials and annuals sold in spring at The Growing Place have already been hardened off and can be safely planted. To harden off a plant, or acclimate to cold temperatures if starting indoors, place outside during the day and bring into the garage at night for about a week. Keep an eye on temperatures. If night time temperatures fall into the twenties, bring your plants in or cover with a light cloth to

prevent frost damage. Our average frost free date is May 15.

If switching your winter containers over to early spring color, choose from flowering bulbs, Pansies, Violas, Alyssum, and more. There are so many varieties of cold tolerant annuals!

Perennials such as Hellebore, Heuchera, Sedum, and Carex can be grouped together in a larger container for curb appeal then planted in the ground once the soil is friable for year after year of early spring color in your landscape.

TREES & SHRUBS

Early flowering shrubs and trees are a welcomed sight in spring. Plant Forsythia and Witchhazel for the earliest blooming shrubs. Lilac, Viburnum, and Aronia are late spring bloomers. Trees with pink and white blossoms include



Magnolia, Crab, Serviceberry, Redbud, and Cherry. 'Butterflies' and 'Sunsation' Magnolia present yellow blooms mid to late spring.

However you freshen up your landscape

and choose to garden, The Growing Place is your local expert for plant advice. We help you choose the right plant for the right place so you can dig in, get your hands dirty, and enjoy the scenery for years to come.



Pet Tales

By the Naperville Area Humane Society
1620 W. Diehl Road | Naperville | 630-420-8989

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K-9 Matters Dog Training for Teens

The K9 Manners program allows kids ages 11 to 14 to work with the shelter dogs in each class and learn positive reinforcement training techniques. Students will be preparing dogs for the requirements of the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification. At the conclusion of each session, the children will have a strong sense of accomplishment knowing that they helped a dog get one step closer toward achieving his or her CGC certificate.

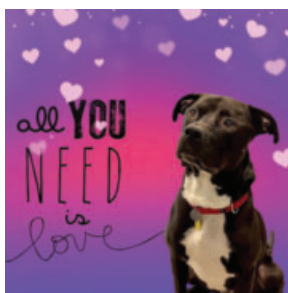
Classes meet weekly on Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm

Spring 2022 Session: April 28 & May 5, 12, 19, 26

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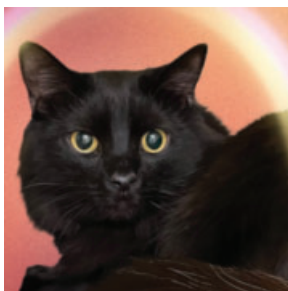
For more information or to register, please visit:
<https://www.naperhumane.org/k9-manners>

Adoptable Pets of the Month...



Patrick | Male | 2.5 Years Old

Hi, I'm Patrick! My name might make you think of shamrocks and leprechauns, and I promise I can be your good luck charm! Though I weigh about 75lbs, every pound is full of love and curiosity! I enjoy meeting new people and really enjoy playtime. I prefer to be the only pet in my new home and will soak in all the attention you give me! Call Naperville Area Humane Society for more information and to make an appointment!



Jax | Male | 2 Years Old

I am super sweet, super social, and obviously super handsome. Like everyone, I have my special routine... cuddles in the morning, naps in the afternoon, and energetic playtime in the afternoon. And oh how I love mealtime! I'm very good when it comes to using a scratching post, and I can't wait to show you. I have to be the only cat in the house because I am FeLV positive. I'm so great, though, that I should be enough for anyone.

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CCFHOA UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
March 7	Board Meeting	7 pm	2303 Haider
April 9	Easter Egg Hunt	TBD	Tot Lot
May 3	Board Meeting	7 pm	4120 Joe Willie
July 11	Board Meeting	7 pm	4423 Buttermilk
August 2	National Night Out	TBD	TBD
September 12	Board Meeting	7 pm	4035 Jersey Ct
October 7	*Planning Meeting	7 pm	2316 Cloverdale
November 8	Annual Meeting	6:30 pm	95th St. Library

- Residents are welcome to attend the bi-monthly board meetings. Residents will present their topic at 7:30 pm. Time, date and location are subject to change. *Board Planning Meeting is only open to board members.
- Looking for a social committee volunteers to help plan events.
- Stay tuned to future newsletters, our website and Facebook page for updated details about events. The committee heads and their volunteers will coordinate the times, dates and activities for the Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sale, National Night Out, Block Party, and other social events.

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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 our editor Brian Marsalli
ccfhoabmarsalli@gmail.com

MOVING?

If you are selling your home, you will need a paid assessment letter and a 22.1 disclosure form. Please have your attorney email me with a request for this information as soon as a closing date is determined. Please reach out at ccfhoapmurray@gmail.com.

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Editor's Note

Please note that information can change after the CCFHOA Newsletter goes to press.

Then & Now...

**Did you move into Clow Creek Farm in 1995?
Are you an original homeowner?**



If so, please contact me with information regarding your move with dates and photos. Photos of the neighborhood in its earliest stages of development, from the opening of Kendall, Crone and Neuqua, or simply first day of school in the early days are also appreciated. I would like to use the info in upcoming newsletters. Please send your info at your earliest convenience to ccfhoabmarsalli@gmail.com.

CCFHOA Welcomes YOUR Involvement



We are looking for residents to assist in planning social events! If you are interested in heading up an event, please reach out to a board member or attend our next board meeting.

We are always looking for help with our annual subdivision party which takes place in late summer. Hopefully, we will be able to have the party after a two-year hiatus due to the recent "challenge". Please consider helping with this or developing another subdivision event!

If you would like to submit a recipe or story for publication about someone or something in our neighborhood, please contact a board member.

Codes & Covenants

Alex Bacchetti | Director | CCFHOA

Homeowners receive a copy of the "Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges, and Liens for Clow Creek Farm" when purchasing a home in our



subdivision. You may also have seen the documentation referred to as the Codes & Covenants and Rules & Regulations. The Codes and Covenants were put in place to protect the value of our properties. Whenever in doubt whether a project requires board

approval, please reach out to the Board. The Board quickly reviews the request and provides an answer. Both the Codes and Covenants and Rules and Regulations are available on our website at www.clowcreekfarm.com under the "Association Documentation" section.

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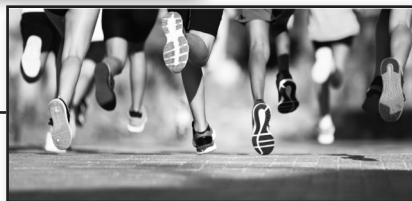
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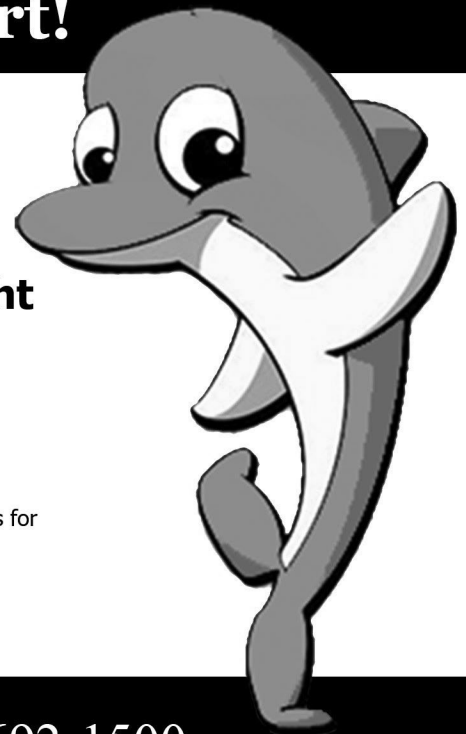
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