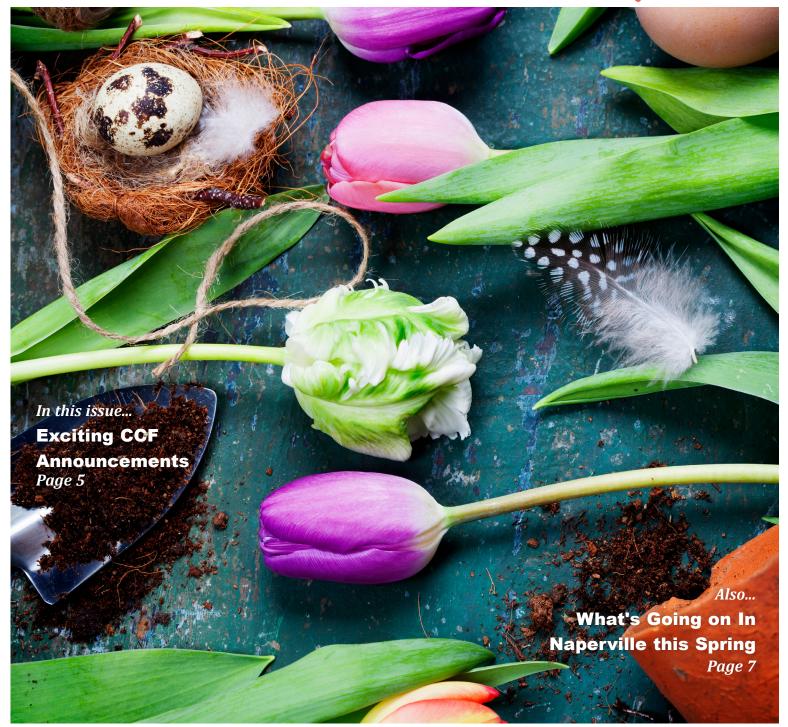


# Clow Creek Farm The Farm Report



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## **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**

Brian Marsalli | Editor | CCF HOA | ccfhoabmarsalli@gmail.com

Spring has sprung. We hope you enjoyed your recent spring break.

Speaking of breaking, now is a good time to get a jump on those repairs to the mailbox, window screens, lawn, garden structures and anything else that needs a little TLC. Many mailboxes have seen better days. Now that the snow plowing season is over, it's time to replace or repair. Last year, we offered an opportunity to purchase mailboxes at a discount. The response was underwhelming. We respect your response. Beginning in June, the board will be identifying mailboxes that need to be repaired or replaced. Please prioritize this simple and inexpensive fix. The small cash outlay and effort creates a nice ROI, as well as goodwill with our mail deliverers.



Please come to us for your outdoor projects. We've had a flurry of project requests within the past two weeks. All received quick HOA approvals for patios and fences. One anticipated project received tentative approval until more information is provided. It's better to come to us now for approval than to wait and find out when selling your home that the project has either not been approved or met HOA standards. Not only may you lose time at closing, either you or the new homeowner may have to pay to bring the property into compliance. Avoid the hassle.

If you plan to participate in Naperville's No Mow 'til Mother's Day, please be sure to register with the City, display your participation sign and end your participation no later than the Saturday following Mother's Day. Not displaying the sign or extending past the deadline may result in a City or HOA warning or fine.

Inside this newsletter, read about the continuing improvements to the tot lot and detention basin. The generational gift from the Clow family will spur a two-year detention basin project to transform underutilized space into a wonderful asset for our community.

As always, volunteers are needed. If anyone wants to help plan an event for end of the school year, July 4th or National Night Out in early August, please reach out to Social Activities Chairperson Deanna Duncan at deanna.duncan29@gmail.com. The board is happy to promote the event and provide additional assistance. The complete calendar of scheduled events is available in this newsletter on Page 3.

On May 26th, we commemorate Memorial Day to honor all veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Take time to reflect on what their service means to our freedom and express your gratitude and support for their family and friends. One way to do this is to participate in the National Moment of Remembrance, by observing one minute of silence at 3:00 pm for the many military veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Veterans, we thank you!

Hope to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th.

Happy Mother's Day to all on May 11th!

The CCF HOA Board

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# NEWSLETTER ARTICLES & CLASSIFIED AD DEADLINE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

## **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

### **CCF HOA WELCOMES YOUR INPUT**

If interested in planning and helping with social events, please reach out to social activities chairperson Deanna Duncan at deanna.duncan29@gmail.com. If interested in joining the board or a committee, please tell a board member or contact the board at ccfhoaboard@clowcreekfarm.com.

We always need volunteers!

## **CCF HOA UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **MAY 13**

Board Meeting | 6:30 PM | 95th Street Library

### **AUGUST 5**

National Night Out | 6:30 PM | TBD

#### **AUGUST 12**

Board Meeting | 6:30 PM | Tot Lot

### **SEPTEMBER 6**

Block Party | TBD | Tot Lot

#### **OCTOBER 14**

Board Meeting | 6:30 PM | 95th Street Library

## **OCTOBER 31**

Halloween Event | TBD | TBD

#### **NOVEMBER 11**

Annual Meeting | 6:30 PM | 95<sup>th</sup> St Library

Residents are welcome to attend the bi-monthly board meetings. Please note that meetings begin at 6:30 PM. Residents will present their topic at 7:00 PM or later. Time, date and location is subject to change.

Stay tuned to future newsletters, our website and Facebook page for updated details about events. The committee heads and volunteers will coordinate the times, dates, and activities for hosting social events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sale, National Night Out and Block Party. Volunteers for the social committee are needed to help create and plan events.

THE CCF HOA is looking for social committee volunteers to help create and plan events.

## **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 us with a request for this information as soon as the closing date is determined.

We will ask for an email address and cell phone number of the incoming homeowner if none are presented by the individual requesting the documents. For a smooth transition, please avoid waiting until the last minute to ask for the information.

Reach out to Heidi at ccfhoahweiland@gmail.com.



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Heidi Weiland | Secretary | CCF HOA | ccfhoahweiland@gmail.com

### CCF HOA Board Meeting Summary - March 11, 2025, 95th St. Library

Attendees: Board members present were Brian Marsalli, Matt Schuman, and Andy Hollinger. Heidi Weiland and Umar Ahmad were absent. Denna Duncan, Social Activities Chairperson, attended. No other residents attended.

## **Secretary's Report**

The January 13 board meeting minutes was approved unanimously (3-0) by attending board members. 98% of the members have paid their dues. No new residents to report. One closing is scheduled for this week.

#### Treasurer's Report

Total expenses (\$3490.51) are low at this point. Working through a billing issue with the new supplier to reduce the cost. Currently, it's the largest expense. New contract went into effect with Clarence Davids, our landscape services provider. The only cost was a service call to empty the dog waste receptacle. Late fees added to revenue. Matt will reconcile outstanding dues with Heidi. Reserves are \$126,670.18. Reserves will decrease once traditional expenses begin.

### **Covenants, Conditions, Restriction Report**

Garbage receptacles are being left outside at multiple homes. More diligence is needed in evaluating properties and contacting homeowners who may or are in violation of standards. Brian will send the violation log to board members after the meeting.

## **Outdoor Beautification Report**

Regular maintenance to begin in April. Andy called Clarence Davids to empty the dog waste receptacle. Adding it has eliminated dog walkers from dumping waste into the standard garbage receptacle. Our previous account manager retired. We will meet with the new one soon. Matt expressed concern regarding the wear on the metal bench at tot lot, as well as the picnic table and sitting wood bench near the pavilion. Should the bench and table be replaced with upgraded plastic products or re-stained? Concern expressed about cost to upgrade versus maintenance. Currently, maintenance appears to be the choice. Brian recommended painting the metal bench, which was salvaged from the removal of the first workout station. Andy and Brian thought re-staining the wood items was the best option. Regardless, Andy to get cost of benches and table. Also, the condition and layout of the playground equipment was discussed.

#### **Social Events/Communications Report**

Easter Egg Hunt update: Deanna prepared the flyer and booked the face painter. Block Party: To allow residents to finish their morning and afternoon activities, we may move the starting time of the block party on September 6 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The food vendor will remain the same and the menu is tweaked based on last year's consumption and suggestions – eliminate beef and pasta, reduce salad, increase hot dogs and chips, add hamburgers – from tonight's meeting. A Halloween event and other potential events were also discussed.

New Business - None.

## **TREASURER'S** REPORT

Matt Schuman | Treasurer | CCF HOA

Annual Dues – Thank you to all the residents who have paid the annual assessment dues. For more information regarding Maintenance Assessments for Clow Creek Farm, please refer to Article IV, Sections 1,2,3,9 and 10 of the Clow Creek Farm Covenants and Restrictions.

You can find this information on our website clowcreekfarm.com.

Or please send an email to one of your Board Members requesting a copy.

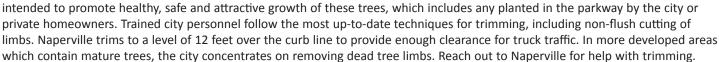
Annual Budget – The budget through February is included in this newsletter on Page 8. The Final 2024 and Proposed 2025 budgets are in the February newsletter.



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# PROTECT WALKERS CLIP THOSE LOW HANGING BRANCHES

Parkway trees are the responsibility of the homeowner. Please trim low-lying branches. Naperville handles the trimming of parkway trees on a seven-year cycle. The tree trimming program is



Learn more at naperville.il.us/residents/our-urban-forest/maintenance-and-landscaping/.



Exciting news! Clow Creek Farm is adding a multipurpose sports complex to our subdivision. The facility will be constructed in the detention basin near the tot lot, which is behind the Pillar of Faith church at our Book Road entrance. The project is made possible with a grant from the William F. and Betty Jean Clow Foundation.

Seating will be built into all the sides of the basin, like those you may have experienced in outdoor theatre venues. Once completed, the complex will seat 5000. As a courtesy to our residents and neighbors in Clow Creek Addition, Saddle Creek and River Run, no lights will be erected at the multiplex. City ordinances for sound apply. Events must be completed by 10 pm. Parking will be available in the church lot. Shuttles from yet-to-contracted locations and walkability reduce the need for more parking.

In a nod to the Clow's Scottish family heritage, Clarence Davids, our landscaping service provider, will be planting Scots pines along the perimeter of the basin. The pines, as well as supplemental plantings, will provide a nice backdrop and sound barrier. In an unexpected and pleasant development, the Chicago Cubs have been gracious enough to provide strands of ivy clipped from their outfield walls. The ivy will be planted on the chain link fence surrounding the basin on September 31 to provide additional sound deadening. It's expected the vines will be fully grown within two years.

As for the layout, the multiplex will serve as a playing surface for several sports. It can be configured to be a cricket, rugby or soccer pitch, two small softball/baseball fields for younger players and a regulation field for high school softball or 10-12 year old baseball. It also converts to lacrosse and football fields. Designers are still determining if the plan can accommodate a pickleball court, as well as a mini-golf tract going around the top of ridge. The venue can also host concerts.

The complex will provide CCF with a revenue generating opportunity through organizations renting the venue. This will help keep association dues low. Although not publicly announced until now, the future venue is already drawing interest from teams. The Chicago Hounds Rugby Club is looking for a site for an academy team to practice and play. If a deal can be reached, the team will be named the CCF Holsteins. Neuqua Valley is considering the site for a Saturday afternoon football game with Plainfield North tentatively titled "The Battle of 111th Street." Gate receipts will go to a worthy cause determined by both teams and CCF.

The complex also provides opportunities for residents. For aspiring batsmen and bowlers, the Clow Creek Cricketer Club (C4 Southside) will hold an informational meeting on April 31. According to team manager, Jiminy April, "Fools, those are the ones who will miss an opportunity to represent their neighborhood and play a growing sport." In addition to the cricket club, at the behest of the Clows and to fulfill the requirements of the grant, CCF must promote and field a team in the Scottish sport of shinty. The Dairy Association of Illinois will help with sponsorship. Additional sponsors include Old Stone Creamery, Dairy King and Scots Lawn Care.

We'll have a ribbon cutting at the block party on September 6th. The Scottish rock band Simple Minds, which has ties to the Clow family, will perform. Simple Minds, whose best known song is Don't You (Forget About Me), is in town to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Breakfast Club reunion, as well honor the late writer-producer-director John Hughes.

Look for further announcements in our newsletters. Direct your inquiries regarding the complex to the CCF Board.

## **CODES & COVENANTS**

## Brian Marsalli | Committee Chairperson ccfhoabmarsalli@gmail.com

Your HOA Board is a nonpaid, volunteer position. We try our best to enforce the contract you signed while keeping the neighborhood a friendly and desirable place to live in. Help us avoid compromising that balance by simply following the rules.

A homeowner may receive a reminder placard or personal visit when the Board determines a minor violation of our codes has been discovered. We will send a certified letter for a major violation with instructions for resolution. The letter will be personalized, dated and have the Clow Creek Farm logo with contact information. Please contact us immediately to discuss the next steps. In addition, a prompt response will confirm the validity

of the correspondence. If we discover correspondence impersonating the Board has been sent, we will pursue legal means to remedy the felonious action.

When in doubt whether a project requires approval, please reach out to the Board with a quick email. The Board provides an answer directly to you. The contractor never receives direct approval from us. The Codes and Covenants were put in place to protect the value of our properties. Both the Codes and Covenants and Rules and Regulations are available on our website at clowcreekfarm. com under the "Association Documentation" section.

Please follow the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Charges, and Liens for Clow Creek Farm. Understanding your commitment to the neighborhood is the best way to avoid issues. Thank you.

#### NAPERVILLE CUSTOMER CARE CENTER

Call 630-420-6187 to report power outages, roadway flooding, damaged streetlights and signs, water main breaks and streets in need of repair. The NCCC is available 24/7. Find additional contacts at *naperville.il.us/contact-us*.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: APRIL 15; MAY 6, 20; JUNE 3, 17; JULY 15

Meetings are held at 7-10 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center at 400 S. Eagle Street. Dates and topics are subject to change. Community members who wish to address the council must be physically present in council chambers. Online speaker sign-up for City Council meetings closes at 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. More info is found at *naperville.il.us/speakersignup*. For a listing of all board and commission meetings, visit *naperville.il.us/boards/*.

Did you know that you can watch City Council meetings live and rebroadcast on the City's government access channel WCNC (Ch. 6 – WOW, Ch. 10 – Comcast, Ch. 99 – AT&T)? The meetings are also broadcast live or on-demand at naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

## CITY CONTACT INFO

Official City Website: naperville.il.us
Naper Notify: napernotify.com

**Meetings:** naperville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

**Facebook:** facebook.com/NapervilleIL **Twitter:** twitter.com/NapervilleIL

YouTube: youtube.com/OfficialNapervilleIL (630) 420-6187

WPFP City Radio: 1610 AM

WCNC Government Access TV: Ch. 6 - WOW,

Ch. 10 - Comcast, Ch. 99 - AT&T

City Manager's Office: (630) 420-6031 Emergency Ambulance, Fire and Police: 9-1-1 Non-Emergency Police: (630) 420-6666 Non-Emergency Fire: (630) 305-5900

**Electric, Street Light, Water & Sewer Problems:** 

eNews: naperville.il.us/enews

**General City Phone Number:** (630) 420-6111

Office of the Mayor: (630) 420-6018
Office of the City Council: (630) 548-2983

## **EASY TO BE GREEN**

Adopt A Drain: naperville.il.us/adoptadrain

Household Hazardous Waste: naperville.il.us/hhw

Safely Discard Prescriptions: naperville.il.us/rxdrugdropbox

Yard Waste/Organics: naperville.il.us/yardwaste

Energy Efficiency Programs: naperville.il.us/renewable Native Plantings: naperville.il.us/nativeplantings Solar Panel Guidelines: naperville.il.us/solar-panel Learn more at naperville.il.us/sustainability.

## **CITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**

## Naperville Memorial Day Observances and Parade

Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873, American Legion Post 43 and the Naperville Municipal Band will conduct Memorial Day observance activities on Monday, May 26. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10:30 am. The main parade starts off from Jackson Avenue and West Street. It heads east along Jackson to Washington Street, then north to Benton Avenue. It turns east to Ellsworth Street. A Memorial Day Observance Ceremony will be held at Central Park following the parade, beginning at approximately 12:00 pm.

Prior to the parade, the day's events will begin with a 7:45 am memorial service behind City Hall at the Commander Dan Shanower/9-11 Memorial. Additional memorial services will be held at various military memorials around Naperville including the G.A.R. Monument in Naperville Cemetery (8:15 am), Veterans Park (8:35 AM), Ss Peter and Paul Cemetery (9:00 am) and Burlington Square (9:25 am). Members of the community are invited to join the memorial services.

Our local Veterans organizations also ask that we "participate in the National Moment of Remembrance, by observing one minute of silence at 3:00 pm for the many military veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in service to our country, including the 114 residents of Naperville that died while on Active Duty."

#### **Yard Waste Collection**

Place grass, weeds, small branches, twigs and leaves in 32-gallon paper yard waste bags. Branches less than 3" in diameter may be tied in bundles up to four feet long and two feet wide. Secure each bundle with biodegradable twine.

A yard waste sticker is required on each bag or bundle placed at the curb for collection on garbage day. Yard waste stickers are \$2.75 each and may be purchased at Naperville hardware and grocery stores or from the Finance Department in the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle St. To view a list of local retailers that sell yard waste stickers, visit naperville. il.us/yardwaste. Stickers that were \$2.50 in 2023 can be used through April 30, 2029.

Residents with greater yard waste needs and/or an interest in recycling organics such as food scraps can choose between two yard waste cart sizes. In lieu of purchasing paper yard waste bags and stickers, residents may rent a 65-gallon cart that holds approximately 3 bags a week, or a 95-gallon cart that holds approximately 4 bags a week. The 2024 fee to rent a 65-gallon cart is \$194.25 and a 95-gallon cart is \$236.25.

Residents choosing to utilize this convenient service can place all their yard waste in the provided cart as well as certain types of food waste. Please note: food waste composting will only be available to residents who subscribe to the yard waste cart option to avoid animal pilferage.

To sign up for the yard waste cart program and order your cart, please call Groot at (630) 892-9294. For more information, visit www.naperville.il.us/yardwaste.For more info about bagged or bulk curbside pickup, visit naperville.il.us/services/brush-leaf-and-yard-waste-collection/.

#### **Garbage and Recycling App Available**

The Groot Recycling and Waste mobile app provides info regarding garbage, recycling and yard waste. View the collection calendar, sign up for collection reminders, receive service alerts and plan an e-waste pickup. The app's Waste Wizard also helps you to quickly find out how to properly dispose of various items. Go to naperville.groot.com for additional info.

## **Arbor Day Tree Sale Closes April 16th**

The City of Naperville's Arbor Day Tree Sale ends on Wednesday, April 16 at 5 p.m. or until all trees are sold, whichever comes first. Residents purchase via a sale link. They are limited to six trees. Residents will schedule their pickup time online after the order is complete. A drive-thru tree pickup will take place at the Public Works Service Center, 180 Fort Hill Dr., on Saturday April 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For safety reasons, residents are asked to stay in their vehicles. City staff members will load the tree(s). For more info, visit naperville. il.us/arbordaytreesale/.

### **Rain Barrels and Composters Available**

Naperville, in partnership with the Conservation Foundation and Upcycle Products, offers rain barrels and composters for purchase. Your order must be received in mail-in form by April 10 or online before April 14 in order to be picked up during the tree sale drive-thru on Saturday, April 20 at the Public Works Service Center from 8 am to 1 pm. A portion of rain barrel sales will be donated to the Conservation Foundation. Rain barrel orders must be placed through \*Please bring receipt for order when picking up. https://upcycle-products.com/il-programs/nprv/

## \$50 Electric Lawn Rebate Available

Naperville residents can apply after April 1 for a \$50 rebate by purchasing electric lawn equipment such as a battery-powered electric lawn mower, trimmer, edger or snow blower. Also included are manually powered reel lawn mowers. A copy of the purchase receipt is required. You are eligible for one rebate per household pe calendar year and available on a first-come, first served basis. To apply, visit https://www.naperville.il.us/sustainabilityincentives.

## **Frontier Kite Fly Festival**



The Kite Fly Festival will be held on Sunday, June 1 from 12-4 pm at the Frontier Sports Complex, 3380 Cedar Glade Drive. Kite enthusiasts from Chicago Kite will fly gigantic kites. Bring a kite to fly or purchase one at the event. General admission is free. For details, visit https://www.napervilleparks.org/kitefly. Photo courtesy of the Naperville Park District

## **Naperville Park District's Summer Camps**

Summer registration begins April 28 at 8:30 am. Explore NPD's summer camps online and download registration forms at https://napervilleparks.org/programguides.

## **CCF ANNUAL BUDGET**

#### CLOW CREEK FARM HOA - FINANCIAL STATEMENT - 2025 (as of 2.28.25)

Income		2024	2	025 Budget	2025 YTD
Association Dues (\$225 x 260 Households)	\$	58,275.00	\$	58,500.00	\$ 56,700.00
Late Fees	\$	1,142.65	\$	-	\$ 817.96
Start Up Fees	\$	350.00	\$	200.00	\$ 50.00
Other	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$ 1,027.88
Interest	\$	7.03	\$	-	\$ 0.81
Total Income	\$	59,974.68	\$	58,700.00	\$ 58,596.65
Expenses		Actual		Budget	Actual
Landscaping and Groundskeeping	\$	35,215.00	\$	37,000.00	\$ -
Capital Improvements, Repairs, Maintenance					 
Tot Lot Improvements	\$	15,900.00	\$	3,000.00	\$ 1,510.00
Entrance Renovations	\$	14,955.00	\$	-	\$ 
Insect/Vole Treatments	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$ _
Capital/General Improvements	\$	1,479.81	\$	20,000.00	\$ _
Total Capital Improvements, Repairs, Maint.	\$	32,334.81	\$	23,500.00	\$ 1,510.00
Social Events	\$	5,164.74	\$	7,000.00	\$ -
Easter Egg Hunt, Block Party, Garage Sale, etc	;				 
Misc Expenses					 
Utilities	\$	2,807.81	\$	3,500.00	\$ 239.77
Legal and Professional	\$	2,679.70	\$	3,000.00	\$ 105.00
Insurance Expense	\$	2,817.72	\$	3,000.00	\$ 1,139.00
Storage Unit	\$	1,612.00	\$	1,800.00	\$ -
Holiday Lighting	\$	2,600.00	\$	5,000.00	\$ -
Office Expenses	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	251.82	\$	1,000.00	\$ 46.74
Miscellaneous	\$	369.25	\$	1,000.00	\$ -
Taxes	\$	450.00	\$	500.00	\$ 450.00
P.O. Box Rental	\$	256.00	\$	300.00	\$ -
Website	\$	228.00	\$	300.00	\$ -
Newsletter	\$	1,250.00	\$	1,500.00	\$ -
Bank Charges	\$ <b>\$</b>	-	\$	100.00	\$ -
Total Misc	\$	15,322.30	\$	21,000.00	\$ 1,980.51
Toal Expenses	\$	88,036.85	\$	88,500.00	\$ 3,490.51
		2024	2	025 Budget	2025 YTD
	\$	99,626.21	\$	71,564.04	\$ 71,564.04
	\$	59,974.68	\$	58,700.00	\$ 58,596.65
	\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	88,036.85	\$	88,500.00	\$ 3,490.51
		71,564.04	\$	41,764.04	\$ 126,670.18
Checking	\$	21,562.72			\$ 76,668.05
Money Market	\$	50,001.32			\$ 50,002.13

## **APRIL EDITOR'S NOTE**

Is there anything you would like to see added to the newsletter? Would you like to submit a recipe or story about someone or something in our neighborhood? Do you have a question regarding the newsletter? Do you have something to sell? Do you want to edit and manage it? Contact Brian at ccfhoabmarsalli@gmail.com.

Please note that information can change after the CCF HOA
The Farm Report goes to press.

Hey, hey, hey, hey / Ooh, woah
Won't you come see about me?
I'll be alone, dancing, you know it, baby.
Happy belated April 1.
We hope you enjoyed our wicket story.







## HELLO APRIL







## APRIL 17 FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

7:45 - 8:15pm @ Knoch Knolls Park Lower Picnic Grove

Grab your flashlight and hunt for candy and prize-filled eggs under the stars! Please bring a flashlight and a bag or basket to put your eggs and prizes in. This event is held outside: please dress appropriately. Parents must be present with their children, but may not assist them during the hunt. Price: \$15 (R) / \$22 (NR)

## APRIL 17 CHEF SHOWDOWN

6 - 9pm @ Linnea Eleanor Rutkowski Food Distribution Hub, 580 Exchange Court

Community participants are invited to enter the playing field and witness local chefs from two revered restaurants go head-to-head in a thrilling - and delicious - culinary battle! Within a one-hour period, these culinary virtuosos will create scrumptious three-course masterpieces, all while under the discerning gaze of a distinguished panel of judges. Utilizing the freshest ingredients sourced from Loaves & Fishes' very own market, the competition is set within the heart of our Aurora warehouse, which will be expertly transformed into a unique kitchen. While watching the hot rivalry, guests will be treated to an array of delicious delights from My Chef Catering, ensuring an unforgettable experience from start to finish!

## APRIL 19 FREE-THE GREAT EGG HUNT

9am @ Frontier Sports Complex Softball Fields

This long-time annual Naperville Jaycees tradition promises there will be lots of colorful eggs to be hunted. The eggs hunt begins at 9am sharp, so please be on time because the eggs disappear fast! Only children age 2 or younger may have help from a parent. The Jaycees also will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items to benefit DuPage Pads. Event parking is limited.

## APRIL 24 CRAFT BY BEER: BIRDHOUSES

7 - 9pm @ Naper Settlement

Welcome spring as you paint a charming birdhouse, all while sipping on your favorite adult beverage! This program is for adults only - you must be at least 21 years of age to participate. Valid ID is required for entry.



## THE CLOW CREEK FARM Legacy

As residents of Clow Creek Farm, we live on a storied property in Wheatland Township. The Robert Clow family immigrated from Scotland and settled in Naperville in 1844. Robert paid \$1.25 an acre for what now includes Clow Creek Farm. For five generations, the Clow family property served as their homestead and dairy farm. Robert's great-great grandson William F. Clow sold the property to MAF Developers, Inc. The development of our community began in the mid '90's. During the growth of our neighborhood, William F.'s wife Betty Jean continued to live on the undeveloped property which became Clow Creek Farm Addition. Betty Jean was a terrific neighbor for several years before moving. Betty Jean, who lived most of her adult life on the Clow-Land Dairy Farm, passed away in February of 2023 at 101. Clow Creek Farm was good for her as she was for it. Let us honor the legacy of Betty Jean and William F. and the rest of the Clow family by respecting the history of the land, upholding its beauty and creating our own family memories.

## THEN & Mow

Homeowners, do you have CCF photos that you are willing to share? Photos from earlier times can be especially fun for the newer residents to learn about CCF and for long term residents to reminisce. If so, please send them to me with information regarding the photos. Photos can be of the neighborhood in its earliest stages of development, the opening of Kendall, Crone and Neuqua, the first day of school in the early days and past events such as the CCF summer party. Please send your info at your earliest convenience to ccfhoabmarsalli@gmail.com.





# DIVE IN. COOL DOWN. HEAT UP THE LANES.

## LOOKING FOR A CHANGE OF PACE THIS SUMMER?

Join the South Pointe Sea Stars swim team! An exciting summer activity where you can learn a great skill, challenge yourself to improve, develop lifelong friendships and have a ton of fun doing it! For members and non-members.

Available for kids 5-18. Scan the QR code for more information register.

Registration opens March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

SOUTH POINTE SEA STARS







Sharing timely crime prevention information relevant to residents to improve awareness and crime prevention efforts throughout the City of Naperville. Please pass this information on to your fellow neighbors through your HOA's newsletter, email distribution list or social media sites.

Online

Safety

## **KEEPING SAFE ONLINE**

In an online world where we all regularly use the Internet to shop, keep up with friends and family, and see what is going on in the world, <u>keeping safe online is crucial</u>. Here are some internet safety tips to help you stay safe when online:

- Don't Share Personal Information: Think before you post anything online or share information in emails.
   Sharing sensitive information with others you do not know personally is a huge risk and should be avoided.
- Keep Your Privacy Settings On: Enable privacy settings on web browsers and on mobile operating systems.
- **Practice Safe Browsing:** One careless click on a malicious link could expose personal data or infect your device with malware. Never click on an unknown link or pop-up.
- Make Sure Your Internet Connection is Secure. Use a secure VPN (virtual private network) connection. A VPN enables you to have a secure connection between your device and an Internet server that no one can monitor or access the data that you're exchanging.
- Be Careful What You Download: Don't download apps that look suspicious or come from a site you don't trust, as they could carry malware or a virus to steal your information.
- Choose Strong Passwords: Use a unique password for each of your accounts. Strong passwords include a string of text that mixes upper- and lower-case letters, numbers, and special characters.
- Make Online Purchases from Secure Sites: Don't buy anything online from a site that doesn't have SSL (secure sockets layer) encryption installed. An SSL site will start with HTTPS:// (instead of just HTTP://). Look for a locked padlock icon in the status bar at the bottom of your web browser or right next to the URL in the address bar.



- Be Careful What You Post: Think before you post, as what you post online can stay online forever.
- Be Careful Who You Meet Online: People you meet online are not always who they claim to be and may not even be real. Scammers often create fake social media profiles to scam you into sending them money, usually via cryptocurrency or gift cards.
- Updates: Keep your computer's operating system, browsers, and antivirus and other software up to date with the latest or daily security patches.

# LICENSE PLATE READERS

The use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) technology has been garnering attention recently as a beneficial crime prevention tool and a useful method for aiding police investigations. The Naperville Police Department has multiple ALPRs located thought the City and has successfully used this technology to generate leads, identify suspects, and provide crucial evidence for prosecution.

Recently some local homeowners' associations have expressed interest in placing ALPRs in their subdivisions and on City property (i.e., parkways). This can be a challenging process that we would be happy to help you navigate. If your homeowner's association or multi-family property is interested in obtaining more information about automated license plate readers and how we can assist with the implementation process, please have a HOA representative or property manager contact **Deputy Chief Zbrozek** at **ZbrozekJ@naperville.il.us**.

Learn more about online safety at www.naperville.il.us/ASaferNaper.

We encourage your association to share and like our Facebook and Twitter accounts and urge your neighbors to sign up for Naper Notify for more time sensitive news and information. Information can also be found on the City of Naperville's website:

www.naperville.il.us/npd.

## THE PUZZLE PAGE

## Kitchen Gadgets

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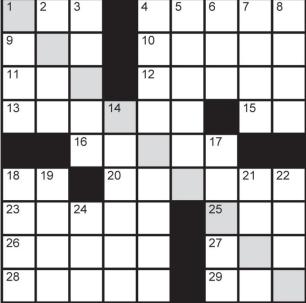
## Flying Helicopter Bug

#### Across

- 1. Not an orig.
- 4. Like some renewable energy
- 9. WWW address
- 10. Livid
- 11. Turkish title
- 12. Mutton or lamb leg
- 13. Lowers oneself
- 15. Northeasternmost st.
- 16. Drivel
- 18. Radio mode
- 20. Flowering plant with healing properties
- 23. Cousin of a raccoon
- 25. In support of
- 26. Moth-
- 27. Freddy Krueger's street
- 28. Cubic meter
- 29. Beam

### Down

- 1. Couple
- 2. Exhort
- 3. Kilt pattern
- 4. Italian unmarried woman
- 5. Prayer



- 6. Hang back
- 7. Proton's place
- 8. Neural network
- 14. Kitchen gadget
- 17. Inmate who's never getting out
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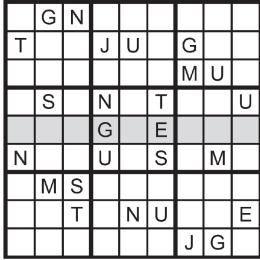
## April Wordoku

## How to solve wordoku puzzies

You only need logic and patience to solve a wordoku.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one letter from the word JUDGMENT. Similarly, each letter can only appear once in a column or row in

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the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is medium.

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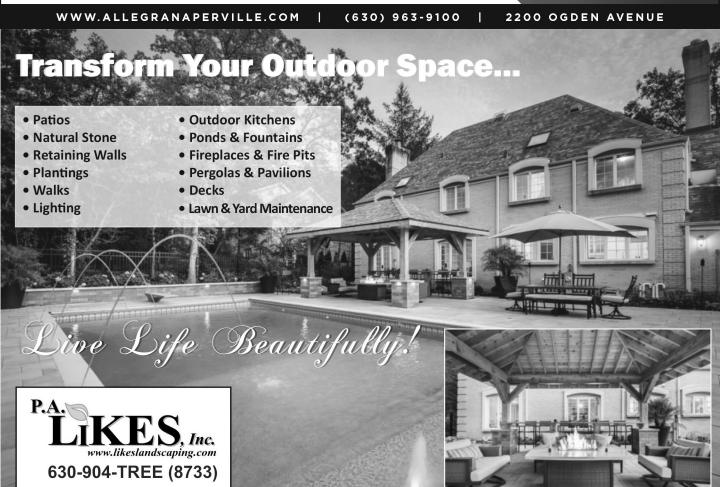
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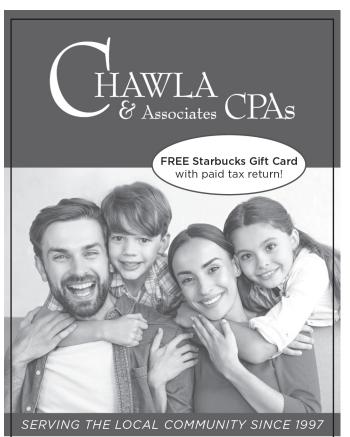


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