

CENTURY FARMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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OUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION IS FEBRUARY 15!

BOARD MEMBERS TERMS ARE EXPIRING



We Want You!

In March, the terms for Patrick Temesvary and Anna Budnik will expire.

Patrick and Anna having fulfilled their duties with patience and thoughtfulness, have chosen not to run for another term.

This being the case, we are currently looking for candidates willing to run for the board.

The term will last 2 years starting with the election in March 2003. After the election, the designations of the board positions are

discussed and chosen by the members.

Although Patrick is the president and Anna is the treasurer, we aren't necessarily looking for their roles to be replaced.

We are really just looking for people who would demonstrate leadership ability and neighborly wisdom.

Your role will be determined by your commitment level and ability to fulfill the duty of the role.

Our association heavily relies on volunteer effort to help keep our association fees down and control in our corner.

One volunteer was instru-

mental to the neighborhood, in constructing all of the NO TRESSPASSING SIGNS for the ponds.

Jerry McManigal, we would like to publicly thank you for an excellent job. Enormous thanks to everyone else who helped to install the signs.

If the management company were to make all the decisions and handle all the issues, more expensive management fees would result with fewer improvements to the neighborhood.

Improvements to our neighborhood in 2002 included: better pond water quality, walking trail development, and traffic sign upgrades, addressing violations and the installation of the no trespassing pond.



Participants will view boards with 5 site layouts of equipment and get to vote for colors and items to a certain degree.

Also if we want any future amenities, such as a basket-

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CENTURY FARMS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TAKES FORM!

**ATTENTION ALL HOMEOWNERS!
YOUR INPUT IS VALUED AND MUCH NEEDED AT THE MEETING WITH THE**

NAPERVILLE PARK DISTRICT ON JANUARY 29TH, WEDNESDAY, 6:00-7:00 PM

AT THE ALFRED RUBIN COMMUNITY CENTER: 305 W. JACKSON ROOM 205.

RSVP TO DEBI AT 848-5011 SO THE PARK DISTRICT CAN ANTICIPATE OUR ATTENDANCE!

PONDS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT



BY: DIANE BARBRET

Residents are invited to hike or cross-country ski the trails along the two smaller ponds off William Penn Drive and Erb Farm Court.



The common area to enter the trail begins on the south side of William Penn on the east side of the middle pond.

Be prepared for rugged terrain and a few hills, but also plenty of scenery.

The trails give residents access to the pond bordering Cress Creek and a beautiful stand of oak trees off Erb Farm Court. Many animal tracks can be seen in the snow while enjoying the beauty of a natural area.

This area was planted with wildflowers and native vegetation beginning in spring of 2000.

A noxious weed citation issued by the City of Naperville prompted the board to involve Kimball Hill to establish this area as wildflower meadows.

This in effect, reduces the maintenance costs of installing sod and the expense to the homeowners of

maintaining such a labor intensive large area.

The deep-rooted prairie plants aid in filtering out nutrients from the runoff of fertilizers which in turn support ugly algae growth.

These natural areas are a benefit for our community in the diversity of wildlife they support and the opportunity to enjoy wildflowers.



The 2002 growing season saw some nice stands of wildflowers. In any newly established area weed control is essential and sometimes difficult. As the native plants gain strength, the weeds will diminish.

Maintenance plans for this area must include a burn with fire from professional environmental management people to reduce weed seeds and activate native growth. This will hopefully occur in the spring depending upon weather conditions.

In any case, the old growth will be removed either by fire or mowing.

Further seeding will be applied in areas where necessary.

Within 2 years the area should be well established and require far less upkeep expense than lawn grass.

Some Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts have already helped collect seed heads from the wildflowers for dispersal in thinly growing areas.

The Fish and Wildlife Service suggests removal of buckthorn trees—a highly invasive non-native species along the pond berm edge near Cress Creek. Volunteer labor is sought for that.

Future development includes a picnic table and entryway sign to the trails, as well as making the hilly entrance more accessible by hiring a landscaper.



Residents interested in more detailed information about the ponds and wildflowers may review our report and minutes from CFNA's board meeting on Nov. 25, 2002, which are posted on our website.

Any volunteers that would like to help on the Ponds or Grounds Committee please contact the board at cfna-board@vahoogroups.com.



CFNA would like to thank the Girl Scouts of Troop 1495 and the Boy Scouts who participated in collecting wildflower seeds.



APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Return your completed form and have a say in your community!

This form is due no later than February 15th!

You can return the form immediately by mail or dropped off to Fran Bixler 1608 Mohler Court,
or you can email your application to cfna-board@yahoogleroups.com.

Homeowner participation is what makes this subdivision great, get involved!

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Numbers:

I would make a good addition to the Century Farm Neighborhood Association board because . . .

My qualifications include . . .

This form can also be found on our website: www.centuryfarms.org.