

HONEYTREE/MEADOWWALK NEWSLETTER

**MARCH
2021**

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Letter from the President

By Lorenzo Lampignano

Spring is in the air! We've had a few weeks of Father winter dumping on us and I for one am glad this is over!

With March beginning, that means Easter is on its way. Our Social Committee is working hard to get the EASTER EGG HUNT ready. The Egg Hunt will be on April 3, 2021. The sign up sheet is enclosed with this newsletter, please sign up and join my children and me to find some goodies. I will be available after the EGG HUNT to speak with any residents that have questions or concerns.

We had our Annual Board meeting/election on February 16, 2021. Unfortunately we did not have enough voting proxies, or resident participation to establish a quorum and legally have an election. The current board will stay in effect with the current positions until we can have another election. We will be looking at different options for re-doing the election and will keep you posted on updates as they arise.

Our office staff has been working on getting bids for upgrading our pool area and clubhouse. Some of the areas of improvement are fixing the cement decking around the pool. Repairing the plumbing in the Cabana. Replacing the carpet in the clubhouse. Replacing the furniture in the clubhouse. Stairway from Cedarbend to the clubhouse by the mailboxes for easier access to the clubhouse.

Not all of these things can or will be done this year, however we need to at least start getting prices.

Thank you, Lorenzo Lampignano

Board Members

Lorenzo Lampignano

President

Dave Stachura

Vice President

OPEN POSITION

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Felicia McGee-Dinon

Treasurer

Susan Bauer

Member at Large

Carl Rosa

Member at Large

Pete Cernicky

Member at Large

Upcoming Board Workshops (WS) & Meetings (BM).

A combined Workshop and Board Meeting will be held on March 9, 2021

Meeting will be held via ZOOM. The personal meeting ID (PMI) is: 534-529-8837

Workshop meeting 7pm Board meeting 8pm
Please note you can now find us on Facebook. Look for Honeytree Improvement Association official page

What's a *Tot Lot" and what do you do with it?

By David Stachura

Somewhere in the area between 108 and 202 Six Pines the secret entrance to a large field once known as the "Tot Lot" can be found. This area, about the size of Rhode Island, was once, I am told, some kind of children's play area. This play area was closed once reports of repeated alien abductions were said to have occurred.

Since that time this Board and earlier ones have entertained ideas regarding how best to use this property. Some of the more credible ideas were:

A dog park for use by the residents.

This idea was considered but the aroma, the noise and potential liability of dogs biting other dogs as well as residents and the response from neighbors in that area led to that being tabled.

A Miniature Golf Course for use by the residents

This idea was also considered but there are the issues of cost to build, cost to maintain, staff and the possibility of damage due to vandalism. Also, since the size of the area is a little larger than Butler National and Pebble Beach combined, we thought we would also need a clubhouse to service the golfers.

A subdivision of parcels for gardening by the residents

This idea was the best one received, however, upon investigation with the Village on the cost of bringing water to the area it was found that this cost would be prohibitively expensive, somewhere around \$10,000+.

So, none of those ideas seemed to work and the Board began to consider less likely options:

- Lease out the area to the Air Force as a missile silo farm housing ICBM missiles. Unfortunately, the Air Force reported they don't have that many missiles.
- Lease the area to NASA as a launch point for all future Mars rovers. However, when NASA sent a team to check out the area, they were initially enthusiastic providing we would have no problem with the rocket launches taking out the entire association. The Board said we would get back to them.
- Sell or lease the land to the government as a nuclear waste storage facility. The Board was pretty excited about this idea as the government would pay top dollar to use this area for that purpose. However, as you might have guessed a few of our less-than-civic minded residents (especially those living next door to the area, were, for some namby-pamby, tree-hugger, save-the-whales, liberal nonsensical reason, against the whole idea and the Board was forced to scrap the idea. LOL

So, here we are. A land mass large enough to be seen from outer space and, so far, no good ideas on what to do with it. If you have a good idea on how we might use the "Tot Lot " area, please contact the HOA office staff at:

office@honeytreehoa.com.

Architectural Control Committee for 2021

By Dave Stachura

Looking forward to 2021 for the work of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), at this point it looks as though the first association walk-through will occur sometime in April, weather and pandemic restrictions permitting. This is because the month of April is probably the first time that a lot of structural repairs can be made: roofs, siding, sidewalks, chimneys and fences.

As we move toward May the ACC will begin to review and examine issues to do with painting, staining and lawn care.

Regarding lawns and the disposition of weeds and weed infestation, April (early spring) might be the time to lay down pre-emergence for crabgrass and then in May, the first application of weed and feed should be considered. Weed killer should be applied when weeds are beginning to grow, usually around Mother's Day is the last time this area sees a hard frost and is safe to till and plant. My own experience has been to apply the weed killer and after the weeds turn brown, till the soil to remove the dead weeds and sow the new grass seed. Along the curbside, the application of salt-tolerant grass seed should be considered. After planting, water, water, water. You will probably need a village permit to water every day for about two to three weeks before seed germination.

By mid-May paint, stain and driveway coating is usually safe to apply and ACC committee members will be looking for progress from last year's notification of potential paint, coating and stain violations.

Remember this season violations will no longer be warnings and may result in fines and suspensions. Extensions to accomplish work started but not yet finished are still possible through contact with the HOA office.

Let's take advantage of the upcoming warmer weather to make our association bright, clean and well presented.



REMEMBER:

WE SPRING AHEAD AND CHANGE OUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY MARCH 14TH!

DAYS WILL BE GETTING LONGER AND OUR NIGHTS SHORTER. SUMMER IS NOT TO FAR AWAY!

Office Update;

By Office Staff:

It's almost that season! That's right, Spring is in the air and Summer will be here soon! That means the Pool will be opening! Avoid the rush and contact Sandy in the office for your **Activity/Pool Pass!**

Passes will be processed and handed out Monday-Friday from 9am-12:30pm only!

You will need to fill out an Activity pass form and show proof of residency for all passes requested. Sorry, No NON-RESIDENT passes allowed.

More news; we are now accepting ZELLE payments for your convenience! Over the past year, the office staff has worked tirelessly to make paying your Association Dues more convenient. Remember, Dues need to be paid before the 15th of each month to avoid a late fee. You can pay on line with Yardi Breeze, or by Check, Money order, Certified Check, Cash, Credit Card, or Debit Card.

If using ZELLE, please put your address in the memo line so that we can credit the correct account.

We have been working with the Village to replace Street signs and Dead End signs, as well as No-Parking Areas of Honeytree/Meadowwalk. Politics runs slow, but be assured we in the office are in constant contact with the Village to get this done!

We are also working on establishing a community website for updated news and information. This would be more accessible than Facebook and more secure. More information regarding this will come as we continue to improve communication.

Your Social Committee, headed by Jackie Lampignano is putting together an EASTER EGG RUN on April 3, 2021 starting at 10 am for ages 2-4, 11am for ages 5-7 and noon for ages 8-10.

Baskets will be handed out for gathering of candy filled eggs. After attending the egg run, stop by the Clubhouse for your Easter basket of goodies.

Enclosed in the newsletter is the sign-up sheet. Please return to the Clubhouse by March 19th so we may get an accurate head count.

Remember you **MUST** be **CURRENT** on your dues!

If you or someone you know is in need:

Local Food Pantries

DuPage Township Food Pantry

719 Parkwood Ave.

Phone: 815-886-7986

<https://www.dupagetownship.com/food-pantry/>

Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Service Area/Eligibility: DuPage Township resident. Need ID and recent utility bill

Treasurer's Report*

by: Felicia McGee-Dinon

Treasurer

Operating Fund: \$74,970.98

Reserves: \$235,270.58

Accounts Receivable: \$130,260.00

**Amounts are constantly changing and numbers reflect amount at the time this issue was printed.*

ACC COMMITTEE:

We are in need of volunteers for the ACC committee! Please help out your community. You would only need to walk your assigned area once or twice a month and ensure that ACC regulations are being followed to benefit Your community as a whole! A little of your time can help make Your Association a better place to live and raise a family.

Contact the office at:

ACC@HONEYTREEHOA.COM

We will be starting our walks beginning in April 2021.

Love Fellowship Baptist Church

730 N. Independence Blvd.

Phone: 630-759-1551

<https://lfbconline.com/home>

Hours: Every 3rd Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon

Service Area/Eligibility: Service anyone. Just need to register. Receives a box of several meals, bread, and 1-2 meat items.

Romeoville Community Pantry

2 Belmont Dr.

Phone: 815-570-9772

<https://www.facebook.com/romeovillecommunitypantry>

Hours: Every Saturday 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Food given out drive-thru style

St. Andrew the Apostle We Care Food Pantry

219 Arlington Dr.

Phone: 630-945-1317

<https://andrewcc.org/volunteer-opportunities>

Hours: Wednesdays 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Service Area/Eligibility: Romeoville residents only. Will need ID and utility bill.

SOME IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR RESIDENTS:

THE VILLAGE OF ROMEOVILLE HAS MANY RESIDENT SERVICES THAT THEY PROVIDE, HERE ARE A LIST OF SOME OF THE NUMBERS YOU CAN CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.

GENERAL NUMBER (815) 886-7200

ANIMAL CONTROL (815) 886-1018

BUILDING INSPECTION/PERMITS (815) 886-5049

CODE ENFORCEMENT (815) 886-7215

NON-EMERGENCY FIRE (815) 886-7227

GARBAGE/RECYCLING ISSUES: Waste Management (815) 725-4200

POLICE- NON EMERGENCY (815) 886-7219

PUBLIC WORKS: (815) 886-1870

Potholes

Sanitary sewer backups

Street flooding

Streetlight outage

Parkway trees

Water meter issues

Winter operations

ROMEOVILLE ALSO HAS A TREE-TRIMMING & CHIPPER SERVICE FROM APRIL 1ST TO NOVEMBER 30TH.

* CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS AT (815) 886-1870 TO SCHEDULE A PICK UP REQUEST

* BRUSH AND BRANCHES MUST MEASURE BETWEEN 3 AND 8 FEET IN LENGTH AND UP TO 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER

* BRUSH MUST BE STACKED ON THE PARKWAY IN FRONT OF HOME WITH CUT ENDS TOWARD THE STREET

* BRUSH WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE SERVICE DAY, OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

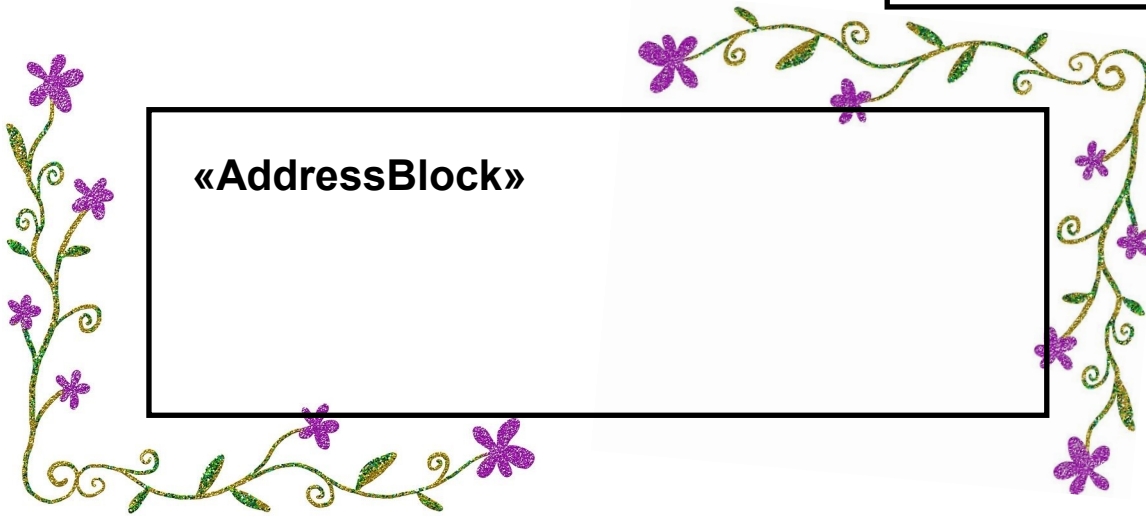
* THE VILLAGE DOES NOT TRIM TREES OR REMOVE BRANCHES FROM ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY AREAS!

* THE VILLAGE DOES TRIM PARKWAY TREES. IF YOU KNOW OF A TREE THAT IS BLOCKING VIEW OF A STOP SIGN OR TRAFFICE SIGNAL, CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT!



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