

HARVEST RUN - PHASE III HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – 3rd Quarter 2008

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SIREN – DISCONNECTED

Recently it came to our attention that our siren located at the firehouse on Bard Road just west of Huntley Road near the water tower was disconnected and deemed unnecessary. The City of Crystal Lake apparently had a survey performed some time earlier that recommended the sirens in the community increased from nine to eleven. Unfortunately, our siren was considered no longer necessary based on the relocation of other existing and new sirens.

The City of Crystal Lake's Police Department was contacted by several homeowners and management to get more information regarding this decision such as the type of survey performed, the criteria used in the survey, who or what was surveyed, a map and/or location of the nine sirens and a map and/or location of the new eleven sirens and why our community was not advised in advance that our siren, that has been here since before our community was developed, was considered unnecessary.

Commander Karr of the City of Crystal Lake's Police Department is responsible for providing this information and is currently on vacation for a few weeks. We have sent a formal letter of our requests and will advise the community of the information when it is available.

In the meantime, you should be aware that our siren is not functioning and to take the necessary precautions with your families during unstable weather patterns.

Visit the City of Crystal Lake's website at www.crystallake.org and click on the **Outdoor Warning Siren Information** link listed on the home page.

TREE DAMAGE

Over the winter months one of our willow trees planted around the pond received some damage at the base of the trunk. The landscaper felt it might survive so they re-established this tree. Unfortunately, due to the high winds and severe storms we had this spring, the damage was too much for the tree to overcome. We have had it removed and will put a plan together for its replacements as soon as possible.

One of the trees along the parkway on Huntley Road was also damaged by the

spring storms. This tree was removed by the City of Crystal Lake and will be on their replacement list for us either this fall or next spring.

Additionally, some residents had trees come down in their yards and had to make arrangements for their removal. To our knowledge, no one was hurt and we're glad the damage we received as a community was not worse as there were several areas within our City limits that received a lot of damage.

STORM DRAIN UPDATE

Management has been communicating with both the City of Crystal Lake and Ryland Homes regarding the partial reimbursement of the expense the community had to make last fall for the storm drain leading from Autumn Drive to the pond. This issue is still pending and we will update you with a resolution as soon as it is available. For more information on this subject please see past newsletters located on the website www.HarvestRun.org.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

If anyone is interested in having a community wide garage sale please contact management and talk to your neighbors to see of their interest as well. Management was informed by the realtor who has organized this in the past that they need at least a month to prepare for the event with mailing, etc. They will also work with Harvest Run Phase 1 & 2 as well.

WETLAND/PRAIRIE UPDATE

Per the Association's Declaration and By-Laws it is our responsibility to maintain the wetland areas within our community.

Red Buffalo Nursery of Hebron was retained to work on our various wetland and prairie areas over the next three years to help beautify them.

This year the plan is to concentrate on our entrance area located at Huntley and Barlina Roads and the prairie located between this area and the pond just to the north.

Red Buffalo performed some site preparation in April and May of this year of initial mowing and herbiciding and marking off the areas for the landscapers to stay clear of to create a weed free environment for planting. Planting of native prairie seed grass mix and wild

flowers will take place this Fall/Winter.

These areas will be mowed two to three times per year to a height not less than 6-8 inches to deter weeds from invading. The overall beauty of this area will take two to three years to develop.

In the prairie area several evasive trees were cut down and prairie grass and wild flower seeds will be laid here as well and will take a couple of years to establish. The dead wood currently in these areas will be chipped and redistributed within the area as natural mulch.

ANNUAL ELECTION

The Harvest Run Phase 3 annual election and homeowner meeting was held at Panera Bread on June 6, 2008. There were two director positions up for re-election. Susi Crohn announced she would run for the two-year term and her nomination was accepted. No other homeowners advised their interest in joining the current Board of Directors Nick Falco as President, Mark Rekowski as V.P. and Mike Antongiovanni as Treasurer. Therefore, Susi Crohn was re-elected to the BOD and will serve as the secretary. There is a vacant director position that remains on the Board. Should anyone be interested in filling this position, please contact management.

2008 HOA MEETING DATES

The Board of Directors has worked with management to schedule open homeowner meeting dates. We look forward to seeing you there. These meetings will be held at Panera Bread Co. in their private room.

Panera Bread Co.

**6000 Northwest Hwy (Rte. 14)
Meeting Time – 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Tuesday – August 19, 2008
Tuesday – October 21, 2008**

HARVEST RUN WEBSITE

(www.HarvestRun.org). The site contains information and updates regarding our association, including various forms, declarations and bylaws, minutes from meetings, links to important information, etc.

MAKING SOME CHANGES?

REMEMBER – You must have Board approval PRIOR to any alterations or improvements. Contact our property manager, Lynda Potas, with any questions.