

Timberline Valley North Subdivision HOA

Champaign, Illinois

April/May Newsletter

UPDATE ON SUBDIVISION STREET CONDITIONS

Board members, Mike Lowery and Jimmy Koss went on a tour of the subdivision with public works representatives to review the degrading street conditions. After the visit, Chris Sokolowski, the Assistant City Engineer, provided a detailed summary for a plan of work to be done on specific areas in need of repair. This information included a tentative timeline for specific repairs to sections of pavement needing new cement, sections needing additional patch, and inlet drains needing fixed. Funding available from the city will determine the final decision on the initiation of repairs.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COMMONS

The subdivision received a donation of 4 really nice trash receptacles and two picnic tables for the lake areas that will be put out soon for use! We appreciate the generous donation of these items from our friends at Parkland College!





THE LAKES

The weather is turning nice and our fountains will soon be on! Also, the contractor taking care of the lakes will be using a new chemical regimen this year to help control the algae bloom that occurs annually. We appreciate everyone doing their part to keep our commons areas clean by picking up litter so that wildlife and fish are not impacted.

Spring garage saleTIMBERLINE VALLEY NORTH &SOUTH SUBBINISIONSMAY 14TH7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

TIMBERLINE COMMONS AREA CLEANUP May 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM

You are invited to our bi-annual neighborhood cleanup effort! Please join us **Saturday**, **May 21 at 9:00 am** for a chance to meet your neighbors and help provide a clean and enjoyable neighborhood space for all of our residents!

We'll meet at the entrance to the large lake on Timberline Drive at 9am (just west of Alpine). Trash bags will be provided. We'll start out with light refreshments to kick off the morning. Then we'll team up to clean up around each of the lakes and the green space bordering our neighborhood on Duncan and Bradley. Remember, many hands make light work! Bring your gloves or grabbers and come pitch in to beautify our neighborhood.

We'd love to know if you can make it! Please feel free to reach out to Michelle Martin at killebrewmichelle@yahoo.com or 219-309-9073

with any questions, or to let us know we can count on you. We hope to see you there!

> Other Questions? You may also contact the HOA Board at: <u>timberlinevalleynorthhoa@gmail.com</u>

POPULATION CONTROL OF GEESE IN THE SUBDIVISION

The Timberline Valley HOA partnered with the Friends of Geese organization to humanely reduce the population of geese in the subdivision. Friends of Geese is a volunteer non-profit organization whose goal is to diminish geese/people conflicts.

There are many geese around the commons ponds, which leads to goose droppings and the potential for negative interactions with humans. Like many species that were once at risk of extinction due to human impact, society did too good of a job of bringing their populations back up. Now looked upon as a nuisance species, Canadian geese can cause many problems in many different ways. Along with the sight of feces on sidewalks and greenspaces, their feces can also spread diseases and parasites such as salmonella, listeria, E.coli, and taxoplasmosis. Goose feces also can cause bodies of water to become eutrophic--meaning that the increased nutrients in the water due to the feces results in an increase in algae which takes away oxygen and kills organisms in the pond.

Volunteers (Michelle & Brock Martin, Kimberly Bradlley, Penny Hanna, and Jessica) worked with the Friends of Geese to identify 6 nests on March 26 and April 10. They oiled the freshly laid eggs to keep them from maturing, removed all the nests and humanely buried the eggs at another site. Timberline Valley North HOA donated \$350 to the Friends of Geese to help with their efforts to educate and train people to control geese populations. Everything was done in accordance with Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources regulations and all permits were filed.

Humane programs have been successfully resolving conflicts with geese in many communities for many years. The best geese control programs combine three methods: Limiting flock growth, frightening geese (humanely) so they decide to leave on their own and changing the habitat so it isn't attractive to geese. This is not a one year project but a commitment that will show results over time.

If you have questions, please contact Viktoria Ford (viktoriaford@gmail.com) or Penny Hanna (hanna.penny8@gmail.com)

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CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE!

Homeowners may find information about upcoming events, contact information for the board, past newsletters and more!

https://timberlinevalleynorth.com

CITY LANDSCAPE WASTE PICKUP INFORMATION

Timberline Valley North Subdivision has one more scheduled collection this spring. All residences in our subdivision should put materials out by 6 a.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.

To find information on all collection zones, please visit Champaign's Yard Waste Collection Map and enter an address. Collection is available to all residential properties within the Champaign City limits.

To review all information about the yard waste pickup program please visit:

https://champaignil.gov/publicworks/find-a-service/yard-waste



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- As the weather gets nicer please check your yard light to ensure it is working order for those walking in the evenings within the subdivision.
- - Homeowners with yards backing on Duncan and Bradley are asked to care for the area on the outside of their fence as part of their property normal maintenance.

Please be kind to your neighbors and pick up after your pets as you travel through the subdivision and visit commons areas.

AVIAN FLU UPDATE

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) issued recommendations regarding wild birds and the Avian Influenza currently impacting some wild and domestic bird species. While the HPAI strain has not been detected in songbird species, IDNR recommends the use of bird feeders and bird baths be discontinued through May 31, or until HPAI infections in the Midwest subside, especially for feeders/baths that waterfowl may visit. Other information:
• Clean and rinse bird feeders and baths with a diluted bleach solution (nine parts water to one part bleach) and put away or clean weekly if they can't be moved away from birds. • Remove any bird seed at the base of bird feeders to discourage large gatherings of birds or other wildlife. For more details from IDNR visit https://tinyurl.com/4x4xefyv