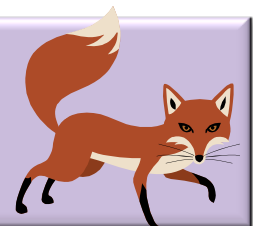


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YOUR BOAT MUST FLOAT



Two Opportunities to Register Your Boat (5/28 or 6/12) and Help Us Update the Boat Dock Listings

Details in this month's Lake Report

Also In This Month's Issue

- **Tennis Nets Are Going Up and Pickleball May Be Coming to Fox Point!
See Tennis Report for More Info**
 - **Grey Foxes Resume Regular Meetings
(Bring your smart phone or tablet April 7)**
 - **Volunteer Opportunity: Fox Point News Editor**
- **Volunteer Opportunity: Lake Louise Water Data Collection
(2 Hours/Month in Spring/Summer)**

THE FOX POINT CALENDAR

April 2016

April 2	Annual Card Party at Biltmore Country Club (Registration required)
April 7	Grey Foxes at Chessie's, Noon
April 18	FPHA Board Meeting, Village Church, 7 PM

May 2016

May 5	Grey Foxes at Chessie's, Noon
May 14	Tennis Festival, 3 – 6 p.m., Fox Point Tennis Courts
May 16	FPHA Board Meeting, Village Church, 7 PM
May 28	Boat Registration at the Dock

Save the Date for the Fox Point Pig Roast on Saturday, June 18. More info to come!

FOX POINT NEWS INFORMATION

Newsletter Staff

Editor	Jennifer Frighetto
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Publication Schedule

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Newsletter Submission Policies

Residents who want to submit reports and notices for the newsletter should first review the "*Fox Point News* Policies and Guidelines" for style, content, length, and deadline requirements. This document is posted at www.foxpoint.org (click on "FP News Policy" in the right-hand column).

Newsletter Distribution

Residents can receive a copy of the newsletter by e-mail. To sign up, go to www.foxpoint.org, click on "E-newsletter Registration," and complete the form. The newsletter can also be viewed on the website. Residents (without email access) who would like a printed copy delivered to their home must request this service by contacting Dinnie Dickenson at 847-382-1092.

Architectural Change Applications

Plans and proposals, along with applications for architectural changes and home additions, are due the first Monday of the month to Marc Muhs, Architecture Chair.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



by Jeff Janssen (J3_Investments@yahoo.com, 309-846-0250)

Spring is definitely in the air and I am looking forward to all that Fox Point has to offer with the warmer temperatures. We did not have a March Fox Point Board meeting and thus will have a full agenda for our April meeting. Please come join us at Village Church for our next meeting on April 18 at 7 p.m.

Since I have limited pressing Board items to report, I am going to go with a recently received suggestion for my President's Letter. Following are tips on "How to be a Good Neighbor."

#1. COMMUNICATE. The next time you see one of your neighbors, take a moment to say "Hello." You may be amazed how far a warm smile and a friendly greeting will go. If you don't already know your neighbor, try introducing yourself (or introduce yourself again if necessary). If there is an event in Barrington that may be of interest to them, send them an email (e.g. a high school play or a concert at Barrington's White House).

#2. RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS. Get to know your neighbors. You may be able to alleviate potential concerns or remedy problems before they occur. For example, if your neighbors have infants or toddlers, quiet evenings may be very important to them. If your neighbors work in the evenings or at night, they may not appreciate a lawn mower early in the morning.

#3. BE AWARE. Obviously we want everyone to be able to thoroughly enjoy their residence, but be aware that your neighbors may not enjoy toys and tools being spread across your yard as much as you do. From time to time, take a moment to take a fresh perspective of your front yard to see if there is anything that you should be tending to or taking care of.

#4. PRACTICE PARKING ETIQUETTE. Be conscientious when parking your vehicles. Be sure not to block your neighbor's driveway and try not to park in front of your neighbor's house when there is plenty of room in front of your house. Try to avoid shining your headlights into your neighbor's windows at night. Make sure vehicles can still safely drive down your street. You get the idea...

#5. KEEP THEM INFORMED. If you are hosting a large gathering or going to be out of town for an extended time period, let them know ahead of time. They will most likely be willing to make you aware of any unusual activity.

Although I'm sure there are many more, time and space are running short on me. Let me know what you think or if I can be of service to you. Have a great spring!

BOARD REPORT: TREASURY

By Mike Uhran (michael_uhran@yahoo.com)

As a reminder, 2016 annual dues of \$950 were due on March 31. If you have not paid, please send your payment to:

Fox Point Homeowners Association
c/o Picker & Associates
1130 Lake Cook Road, Suite 130
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Late fees will be assessed in mid-April.

BOARD REPORT: ARCHITECTURE



by Marc Muhs (marcdmuhs@yahoo.com)

If the spring has you preparing to work on something new at your house, don't forget to fill out the Architecture Property Alteration form on the Fox Point website (www.foxpoint.org, under Download Forms) and ask your neighbors in the project sight line to sign off on it. The form, along with any drawings or sketches, should be dropped off at my home (100 Old Mill) ASAP. Requests are reviewed monthly at our Board meetings. Projects cannot start until they are approved so please plan accordingly.

Thank you in advance.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: FOX POINT NEWS EDITOR

Do you enjoy reading Fox Point News? Here's your chance to volunteer for your community from the comfort of your own home. It's a great way to meet neighbors and be among the first to know about everything going on in our community. Job requirements: Computer/email access and a little bit of spare time. *No professional editing/writing experience needed.*

We've had a couple of neighbors interested in the volunteer position only to have to bow out for various reasons, so we're hoping someone will be able to step up soon. Co-editors are an option too; consider teaming up with a Fox Point friend and splitting up the issues!

The current editor will train the new editor(s) so you are fully up to speed. Interested? Contact Jennifer Frighetto at Jennifer@frighettocommunications.com or 847.702.5304 with any questions.

BOARD REPORT: LAKE



by Geoff Ommen (geoff.ommen@bairdwarner.com)

Now that April is here the ice fishermen have hung up their parkas! I want to let you know about a few things going on in the world of Lake Louise:

The Lake committee will have met (by time of publication) with Lake County to discuss the overall health of the lake. Lake County does this study every five – seven years. These are good data points for us to understand what is happening, and what we need to do to ensure the lake continues to be a usable asset. Look for more information in the May newsletter and Nextdoor.com.

Environmental Aquatic Management (EAM) will continue to treat the lake in 2016. During the spring, the lake is nice and clear. As spring turns to summer, the lake requires chemical treatments to help reduce the growth of algae. We have modified the chemicals being used this year in an attempt to better control the algal blooms. EAM will also continue to conduct carp removals throughout the year and manage the circulation systems in the small neck of the lake.

A carp fence was installed last fall across from the spillway. This is intended to stop carp from swimming upstream into our lake during storm surges. EAM will service this fence weekly to make sure no major debris is in the way and causing flooding. If you happen to see something stuck there, please feel free to reach out so it can be addressed. Any anecdotal information on carp jumping the spillway is also appreciated.

Lastly, I am looking for a volunteer to help me with water quality data collection. It involves about two hours a month on the lake during the late spring and summer. It is a great excuse to get out onto the water two times a month. Anyone from Barrington High School on up would be a perfect candidate.

That's it on my end. Now for a note from our boat dock managers, Brian and Christine Mickey:

Neighbors –

We recently volunteered to help manage the boat docks on Lake Louise and are excited to get involved helping the community. After taking over the position, we quickly noticed we have a serious space issue with the boat docks. More specifically:

- Fox Point currently has a wait list for boat dock space.
- There are a number of boats that do not appear to either have been used this past year or are completely un-navigable.

Therefore, we introduce a campaign called “**Your Boat Must Float**”.

As part of the campaign, we ask each homeowner who currently has a boat at the boat dock or other homeowners who would like to place a boat at the boat dock to meet with us on Saturday, May 28 from 1 – 4 p.m. or on Sunday, June 12 from 1 – 4 p.m. to register your boat.

At that time we will provide you with a boat dock sticker with an identifying number and a boat rack location. We will also ask for your commitment to use the boat, as we want to make sure we only provide spaces to families that truly want to use their boats.

Anyone that does not register their boat during this time will be asked to either remove their boat from the boat dock or consider donating their boat to the Association. This will allow us to update our boat dock listing so that we can more efficiently help others whom would like a space at the boat docks to obtain one.

Thank you everyone for your attention to this. We look forward to seeing you on either May 28 or June 12.

Brian and Christine Mickey

GREY FOXES

by **Stan Stack** (saintsjs@yahoo.com) and **Tom Malia** (thosmalia3@msn.com)

After a winter hiatus, the Grey Foxes will resume our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month. The April Grey Fox meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7. Lunch at Chessie's will start at noon; come early and enjoy some conversation with your neighbors. We encourage you to invite any of your Fox Point neighbors and friends that may have an interest.

Our program is focused on helping us better utilize one of our excellent local resources, namely, the Barrington Area Library. Gwyneth Stupar and other librarians will join us to provide details on how to download e-books, audiobooks, movies, music and more. *Bring your smartphones or tablets.* Our speakers' objective is to educate us so that with our tablet or smartphone, we can be well on our way to enjoying free content from the Barrington Area Library.

Gwyneth and her staff will also apprise us of several other non-traditional online services available to library cardholders. For instance, you can learn a new language (Mango Languages), work on computer skills (Lynda.com), or take an online course on writing, guitar, eBay and more (Gale Courses). These librarians will explain how to utilize these resources and will be happy to answer questions about any other library services. Finally, for those in need of further help in accessing library resources, they can describe how to schedule one-on-one appointments at the library.

Finally, please give some thought on future speakers, either in terms of a specific individual or general topic, e.g., finances, travel, health, etc. you think might be of interest to the group. We look forward to your suggestions.

We hope many of you can join us on April 7.

BOARD REPORT: TENNIS



By Therese Donoghue (tdonoghue8@gmail.com)

Get your racquets ready – the nets will be up the first week of April!

Upcoming dates:

Tennis Festival - Saturday, May 14, 3-6 p.m. at the Tennis Courts

First Session of Tennis Lessons – Monday, June 6

Second Session of Tennis Lessons – Monday, July 11

Adult Wimbledon Doubles Tournament – Saturday, June 25

Youth Singles Tournament – Friday, July 29

Women's Drop in League – Friday mornings 9-11 a.m., starting June 10

Friday Evening Adult Mixed Doubles – 7 p.m. starting June 10

We are excited to have First Serve back with us again this season. Lesson schedules will be available on Team Unify and in May's newsletter. Each youth participant will receive a Fox Point Tennis t-shirt.

Pickleball may be coming to the Fox Point tennis courts! Please email me if you are interested. Never played – no problem! We are looking to have open play with First Serve instruction one evening a week.

If you have any questions regarding the tennis program please email Joanna Carl, joanna_carl@hotmail.com, or me.

See you on the courts!

FOX POINT DOLPHINS

By Doreen Colletti-Muhs and Margaret Graff

Dolphins Swim Team

It was wonderful to see so many returning faces and new swimmers at the swimsuit try on!

There's still time to sign up to be part of the Dolphins 2016! New families please log in and set up your account as a first time user. Returning families please sign up and update all info such as phone numbers, insurance info and t-shirt sizes. Registration is open at <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=reczzfpdii>

We want to have kids signed up so we can know what numbers we have for the season, so please don't delay.

To receive a team shirt all kids must be registered no later than April 30, if you register after you will not be guaranteed a shirt.

Speaking of our shirts a HUGE thank you to our returning sponsors Nonie Brown and Patsy Thalheimer of Keller Williams.

We need more sponsors and are looking for silent auction donations to raise funds for the team so please contact Doreen @mdmuhs@hotmail.com if interested.

Dolphins Water Polo

Registration for the 2016 Fox Point Water Polo team is officially open (via the Dolphins Team Unify System)! We're pleased to announce that Sam Miseyka will be returning to the Fox Point Water Polo team as head coach.

Practices are typically held twice a week between 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. beginning in June and matches take place on Monday evenings. Registration fee is \$110 if paid before April 15 (after that date a \$25 late fee will be charged as we cannot hire assistant coaches without knowing the team size).

The team is looking to cultivate new players as well as field returning players – all Fox Point boys and girls ages 9-15 are welcome! Questions? Please contact Margaret Graff at mgraff1126@msn.com

CLASSIFIEDS

Most Fox Point residents are now posting their classified ads themselves on Nextdoor.com. However, if you are unable or unwilling to do that, Lynn Douglas can do it for you. Contact Lynn at 847-382-6051 or lynndouglas@kw.com.

If you want to place an ad in the Fox Point newsletter, Lynn needs to receive it no later than the 20th of the month. Lynn will confirm the receipt of all ads placed by voicemail or e-mail. If you do not receive confirmation, please call her. "Classified Kids" is published in the March, June, September, and December newsletters.