

October 2016

# Fox Point News



Fox Point Homeowners Association • Barrington, Illinois

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## ANNUAL FALL FEST

Palatine Stables

Sunday, October 23rd 1 – 4 PM

RSVP by October 10<sup>th</sup>



## WOMEN'S COOKING CLASS

Deer Park Williams-Sonoma

Thursday, October 27th 7 – 9 PM

RSVP by October 21<sup>st</sup>

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE JOIN THE FPHA BOARD!

Contact Nominating Chair  
Erik Vandenberg for more info



### Also In This Month's Issue

- Slow down...Safety first!
- Architecture review before new work begins
- Go TEAL for Halloween

## THE FOX POINT CALENDAR

### **October 2016**

<b>October 6</b>	Grey Foxes Meeting, Onion Pub, 12 PM
<b>October 17</b>	Fox Point Homeowner's Association Board Meeting, Village Church, 7 PM
<b>October 23</b>	Fox Point Fall Fest, Palatine Stables, 1 – 4 PM
<b>October 27</b>	Fox Point Women's Cooking Class, Deer Park Williams-Sonoma, 7 – 9 PM

### **November 2016**

<b>November 3</b>	Grey Foxes Meeting, Onion Pub, 12 PM
<b>November 21</b>	Fox Point Homeowner's Association Board Meeting, Village Church, 7 PM

## FOX POINT NEWS INFORMATION

### **Newsletter Staff**

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### **Newsletter Submission Policies**

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### **Newsletter Distribution**

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### **Architectural Change Applications**

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

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



By Jeff Janssen ([J3\\_Investments@yahoo.com](mailto:J3_Investments@yahoo.com), 309-846-0250)

Although I am more than a little saddened with the conclusion of yet another summer, the welcoming of fall is still a wonderful time of year and even better if you are so fortunate as to be a part of our Fox Point Community! Personally, I can't fully express my excitement and my appreciation of seeing the great assets of Fox Point being enjoyed by so many of our residents. The tennis courts, the pool and the lakes have all been great places to get to know your neighbors better and build new relationships. Not to mention bringing home the illustrious Traveling Trophy for the Fox Point vs. Biltmore Tennis Open and numerous victories for our Fox Point Dolphins. The summer social activities have been outstanding and will be hard to top, but our Social Committee is up to the challenge. The Annual Fall Fest will be here soon! So please take advantage of the beautiful fall temperatures that we have been experiencing to get out and spend some time with your neighbors. Maybe take in a football game or two (Barrington HS Football is outstanding!) or celebrate the Cubs playing more baseball in October.

The Fox Point Board has been hard at work and had a full agenda for our September Board Meeting. We are progressing on several projects, including new flowers and plants at the entrances to provide us some fall colors. We have also begun preparing the 2017 Operating and Capital budgets. Please contact one of the Board members or attend our October meeting if you would like to express your thoughts on next year's budget.

**OPPORTUNITY:** As I receive phone calls and notes throughout the year, I am pleasantly reminded of how much everyone cares for community and desires for Fox Point to continue to prosper in the future. If you would like to make an impact in your community, I strongly encourage you to explore serving on the **Fox Point Homeowners Association Board**. We will have at least four openings for the 2017 term starting in January and will need representatives from both Lake and Cook County. For more information, please contact the Nominating Chair Erik Vandenberg ([evbergh@gmail.com](mailto:evbergh@gmail.com)) or one of our current Board Members.

Just one more note... Recently my 4 year old daughter and her preschool classmates were rewarded with a dress up day and small celebration. Of course, my daughter wanted to be Princess Elsa with a purple tiara. They received their reward for being "RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, & SAFE" in the classroom. After reading a barrage of comments on Next Door and in emails, I thought, how much better would our community be if we were all able to follow these principles? BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, & SAFE.

Please let me know if I may be of service to you.

Jeff J. Janssen

## BOARD REPORT: TENNIS



By Therese Donoghue ([tdonoghue8@gmail.com](mailto:tdonoghue8@gmail.com))

Happy Fall! I drove by the courts this evening and was happy to see the Tuesday evening Men's group out there playing! The nets will be up until the first week of November – I hope to see more of you out there!

If you have any questions or ideas for our tennis program, please email us.

Therese Donoghue and Joanna Carl [Joanna\\_carl@hotmail.com](mailto:Joanna_carl@hotmail.com)

## BOARD REPORT: ARCHITECTURE



By Marc Muhs ([marcdmuhs@yahoo.com](mailto:marcdmuhs@yahoo.com) or 630-338-6311)

We have received some neighbor comments in regards to the excessive use of various signs in their fellow neighbor's yards. Examples of this are contractor signs, painter's signs or handyman services. Some of these signs seem to stay up for a long time, and in an effort to be a "good neighbor" we are asking that signs do not stay up for too long. This request will be added to our good neighbor guidelines that were put together in 2015.

While we understand that some of us put up event signs or those signs announcing our sports players or BHS graduates (I personally fall into the sports category) these signs seem to come down in a more reasonable amount of time versus the contractor signs. So when putting up any signage, plan to take them down in a timely manner, in consideration of our neighbors and the "look" of Fox Point.

If you have a home improvement project coming up please turn in your Architecture form (on the Fox Point website, [www.foxpoint.org](http://www.foxpoint.org), under Download Forms), **signed by all neighbors that are in the sight line prior to starting the project.** We vote on architecture requests at our monthly Board meetings, which take place the third Monday of each month. Please submit all paperwork to me (100 Old Mill) by the Friday before the meeting so I have time to review it and connect with you regarding any questions prior to the meeting. ***Please do not start a project prior to approval.***

Remember, if you have questions or concerns please feel free to email me at [marcdmuhs@yahoo.com](mailto:marcdmuhs@yahoo.com) or come to our monthly board meetings to discuss.

Thank you in advance on behalf of our committee.

## BOARD REPORT: SAFETY AND WELFARE



By Erik Vandenberg ([evbergh@gmail.com](mailto:evbergh@gmail.com))

A friendly reminder to everyone, the pathway leading to Lines Elementary School and Station Middle School is there so that Fox Point families may WALK to school without having to cut through homeowners' yards. It is not intended to be used as a drop off and pick up zone for Fox Point families or any other Lines and Station families. Increased traffic in this area creates a safety concern for those families who are on foot, as intended. In the past, several children have been nearly struck by automobiles.

While I understand that it is not always convenient to drive through the Lines or Station drop off/pick up line, we are asking that you follow the same rules as all other families. If you choose to walk to school from home, please take advantage of the pathway provided. Otherwise, please drive through your respective drop off/pick up line. Thank you for understanding, and while we believe you will comply with the rules we have set, Barrington Police Department will frequently patrol the Fox Point neighborhood before and after school as an extra precaution.





by Mike Moran ([mdmoran@morandist.com](mailto:mdmoran@morandist.com) 847.344.9365)

Fall is here and the winter months are right around the corner!!! This is the time of year we start planning for the next calendar year in terms of our regular maintenance, projects, and budgets.

This year has us winding down the landscaping maintenance programs, which include a final trim of the necessary bushes and a fall clean up by the landscape team. After that, we will be focused on the snow removal for neighborhood. For the new folks in the neighborhood, snow removal responsibilities for Fox Point include the path on the South side that connects Fox Point to the Lines School Campus, the sidewalks on both the North side and South side of Lake Cook Road, and the boat dock area in the January and February time frames. We also try to salt each of them as they ice over in the winter months.

This year we tackled the Valley entrance capitol project, which included replacing all of the lights and underground electrical, as well as replanting the garden beds on both sides of the entrance. I am not sure that we are totally done with that project, as I really am not comfortable with the final outcome. I reduced my budget last year for this project, and I think I may have underestimated the financial need for that area of landscaping. I think the landscaping at the pool/tennis courts turned out incredible, and my hope is that we can do the same at the Valley entrance. Both parcels have a landscape warrantee, so any plantings that do not make it will be replaced with like kind plants in the spring of next year. In the spring we will also see much larger plantings at the Valley entrance, as they will have had a year to grow and mature. I think a little more TLC in the spring will bring that area back in line with the pool/tennis court complex.

Recently we have addressed the following:

- Replanted some landscaping at the pool/boat docks for plants that did not make it during our landscaping rebuilding project of last year. This was a warrantee replacement so there was no additional cost to Fox Point.
- Seal-coated & crack filled the boat dock asphalt and the path connecting Fox Point to the Lines School campus
- After much research we finally had the metal fence at the SW corner of the entrance repaired after the tree fell on it towards the beginning of the summer. The delay was due to the fact that we had to have the fence pieces custom made, as that model fence is no longer manufactured. It was a far more affordable option than having the fence replaced.
- Initiated the repair of the 7' tall wood fence that runs along Lake Cook Road. There are a number of boards that are broken and hundreds of boards in which the nails are popping out. From a long-term

maintenance standpoint, we felt it necessary to initiate a repair this fall so the fence continues to be stable and strong. My hope is that the fence repair guys will have been out to repair it by the time this newsletter is published. If you see that the new boards are a different color, please don't be concerned. They will weather in a very short time and start to look like the existing fence. They are not really a different color but the replacement boards are new and not yet weathered.

I again take this opportunity to ask all of the neighbors that reside along the fence line to take a few minutes and trim any trees or bushes from the fence, as this is the #1 reason the fence deteriorates and requires replacement. The replacement cost for the new fence (which will have to happen in the next 4-6 years) is going to cost close to \$ 300.00 per household to replace. In round terms that is \$125,000.00. I hope you can understand why I harp on the trimming of the fence!

As we look towards next year, there continue to be a number of common ground areas that need to be addressed, replaced, or maintained. Our neighborhood is probably the only single government type of entity that continues to be fiscally sound, conservative in our spending, and I believe operating under budget for the last few years. At the same time, we continue to invest in all areas of our sub-division to insure that our assets are being maintained and replaced at proper intervals.

I would think that in the coming few years the common grounds chairmen of the future will need to focus on a number of areas including addressing the landscaping at our nine cul-de-sacs throughout Fox Point, upgrading of the landscaping and garden beds at the boat dock area, tree replacement for the large (20'-30' tall) trees that run along Lake Cook Road at the pool/tennis court complex, entrance light replacement of the two lights at the boat dock, lake erosion issue at the boat dock, boat rack replacement at the boat dock, and continued investment in the nearly 50 garden beds throughout Fox Point. This is only a partial list of the many items that will need to be addressed in the next 1-5 years.

## BOARD REPORT: SOCIAL



By Christopher Kitzman ([chris.kitzman@citrix.com](mailto:chris.kitzman@citrix.com))

### Fox Point Golf Outing

Hosted by **Marc and Doreen Muhs**

Thank you to all those that came out for a great day (and night) at Makray! It was a perfect way to kick off fall with this annual sold out event. Congrats to the winning foursome the Jankowski, Nuzzo, Boyum and Bloomquist team.

Watch for the 2017 date in the coming months!





### Upcoming events:

**Fox Point Fall Fest** Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Palatine Stables, 1510 W. Northwest Hwy

Thanks to **Doreen Colletti, Emily Colon, Lindsay Keenan** and **Heidi Kepler** for planning this year's event!

*\*\* Fall fest will be here in a few weeks as of the drafting of this there are only a few spots open. If you'd like to attend the big day, October 23rd at Palatine Stables, please sign up today. Deadline is approaching! \*\**

Join us for Fall Fest and some old fashioned family fun on October 23rd at a NEW location the Palatine Stables. Sadly, the Barrington Park District is unable to provide private hayride events, but we are excited to venture out to Palatine. We will be adding pony rides this year. The past two years have sold out, and we are limited once again on space, so don't delay! The cost is \$15 per person and will include hayrides, pony rides, snacks, games and a "mini" pumpkin patch. Registration form is included at the end of the newsletter.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fox Point Women's Cooking Class** Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 7 – 9 pm Deer Park Williams-Sonoma

Once again, we will fun evening planned at the Deer Park Williams-Sonoma with a cooking demonstration followed by a 3-course dinner prepared by the instructor. We will be enjoying a special fall menu and the event is BYOB, so please feel free to bring your favorite wine to share! Call or visit the store by October 21<sup>st</sup> to RSVP, \$40 per person. Space is limited to 15 Fox Point women; please contact **Amanda Austin Schrof** ([Amanda@schrof.net](mailto:Amanda@schrof.net)) with any questions.

### GREY FOXES

By **Stan Stack** ([saintsjs@yahoo.com](mailto:saintsjs@yahoo.com)) and **Tom Malia** ([thosmalia3@msn.com](mailto:thosmalia3@msn.com))

This month's meeting will be held at 12:00 on Thursday, Oct 6th---at the Onion Pub on Pepper Road.

Our guest speaker will be John Burke, the Assistant Chief of Police, Village of Barrington. He will speak on public safety and events in the village.

Flu and Pneumonia vaccinations will also be available during the meeting. If you are on Medicare and have received a vaccination from Walgreen's in previous years, you simply need to sign-in. If you are new to this program, just bring your Medicare card and your driver's license.

Stan Stack and Tom Malia



## 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](mailto: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.

## EVENTS AROUND TOWN

**Barrington Farmer's Market**    Thursdays, 2 – 7 pm, until October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Located at the corner of Park and Cook Ave in downtown Barrington.

**Annual Public Safety Open House**    Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 9 am – 12 pm, Public Safety Bldg (400 N. NW Hwy)  
Citizens have the opportunity to meet and greet fire personnel and learn valuable safety information. Kids can come see rescue vehicles, try some of the equipment, enjoy refreshments, and meet Sparky the Dog. Special guests this year include the LCC Comfort dogs and entertainment for the kids!

**Barrington Homecoming Parade**    Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am, starts on Wool Street  
Continuing the Barrington tradition, the Barrington homecoming parade will be held Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. Experience marching bands, cheerleaders, pom-pom squads, class floats, returning alumni, and so much more!

**OAK-Tober Fest**    Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 PM, Far Field Nature Preserve (Lake Cook and Old Sutton Rd)  
Join us for BACT's first annual OAK-TOBER Fest. The event will feature family tree planting, music, bonfire and s'mores, and educational family activities. Come on out and enjoy beautiful open space in the beautiful Fall weather. Contact [www.bactrust.org](http://www.bactrust.org) for more information.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Festival**    Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm, Memorial Park  
The free festival will feature pony rides; scarecrow, pumpkin and cookie decorating; and inflatable games for the kids. Bob the DJ will be on hand to delight the crowd with his special costume and favorite spooky songs. Materials for scarecrows will be provided, and festival-goers can bring clothing and accessories to personalize their creations. There will also be a variety of food options available for purchase. Come and join the fun!

**Halloween**    Trick or treat hours are 3 – 7 pm, happy haunting all you ghosts and ghouls!  
Consider displaying a Teal Pumpkin to indicate your house has non-food treats for those with food allergies. See flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.



# Fox Point Fall Festival 2016



**SUNDAY, October 23rd from 1-4 pm**

**Palatine Stables 1510 West Northwest Hwy**

**Please join us to celebrate the fall season**

**with a NEW venue and plenty of FUN!**

**Hayrides, Pony Rides, Pumpkins, Games and Snacks**

**\$15 Per Person**

**12 months and under are FREE**

Space is Limited - Please RSVP by October 10th

Please form and check to 504 Lake Shore Drive North

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