

Summerlakes Sun

The Newsletter of the Summerlakes Homeowners Association

October 2014

*Summerlakes Homeowners' Association
3 S 020 Continental Drive
Warrenville, Illinois 60555*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Debbie Lamberg
Vice-President	Robert Sickels
Treasurer	Dave Alder
Secretary	Jeanne Tassotto
Director	Greg Klopf
Director	Robert Olejarz
Director	Steve Morgan

FACILITY HOURS *(Fall/Winter)*

*Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM*

*Clubhouse Phone: (630) 393-3033
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**Waste Management refuse stickers are
available at the Clubhouse for
\$3.21 per sticker**

NEXT MONTH~ ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING



Summerlakes

HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Saturday, October 25th

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



DJ

Refreshments

Moon Jump

Reptile Show @ 7:00 p.m.

Bonfire/Hayrides (weather permitting)

Costume Contest



You Must Register For This Event!!

Registered children ages 12 and under will receive a goodie bag.

Call to sign up now!! 630.393.3033

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, everyone. I hope you are all well and enjoying the lovely fall weather! Hard to believe summer is over and that leaves are beginning to change.

This month I'd like to focus on the upcoming Summerlakes Board of Directors election. The election takes place during the November meeting on the second Thursday of the month. Each year, about half of the designated seven slots are open and need to be filled. We have four slots open this time around, and this is a great opportunity to get involved. If you would like to help make decisions that affect our community, please throw your hat in the ring! We have a couple board members who will be stepping down, and their slots must be filled.

Running for the board is easy – no heavy duty campaigning involved, no need to ask your neighbor to post a sign in their yard. Just notify our manager Michele Speedy that you would like to run, and your name will be added to the ballot. Ballots/proxies are sent out in October, so you need to notify Mickie of your interest no later than **Sunday, October 5th**.

The time commitment is not huge – I have a full time plus job and have managed to fit this in. Your main responsibility is to attend the monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month. At the meetings we cover a variety of topics – updates on work done around the clubhouse and common areas, planning for future projects, and financial updates. We begin every meeting with time for our homeowners and board members to make comments and ask questions. We also discuss activities such as the upcoming Halloween party. I have gotten a lot of enjoyment out of being part of planning events and also helping make decisions on improvements to our community such as the Summerlakes sign and the new storage building.

Please consider this opportunity to join the Summerlakes Board of Directors – we would love to get some new feedback and viewpoints! If you would like to run or if you simply want more information, please email Mickie at michele@summerlakeshomeowners.org or call her at 630/393-3033. Thank you.

~ Debbie Lamberg



Happy Halloween!

ANNUAL BOARD & ELECTION MEETING

The Annual Election for the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, November 13th. This year we will be filling four (4) open positions for the SHA Board of Directors. Currently the following two members have chosen to run for the positions; Jeanne Tassotto and Deana Pugh. If anyone is interested in running, please let Mickie know before October 5th so your name can be put on the proxy/ballot. Voting materials will be mailed out by mid October, so please watch for them. Proxy voting forms will be included to use in the event you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting. **If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person, please return your signed proxy to the Clubhouse *before* November 13th.**

DEANA PUGH

My name is Deana Pugh. I have lived here in Summerlakes since 2000. In the 14 years that I have been here, I have seen lots of changes in our community, both good and bad.

My main objective, if I am to be a Summerlakes Board member, is to communicate our positive strengths to our residents effectively, but we need to make sure absolutely no one is left out. Personally, I believe communities can always do a better job of reaching out to our youth. It is obvious SHA should reach out to all residents, but in my experience of being involved in communities and different organizations, once the children and young people have been mentored and strengthened, a stronger community usually follows.

I would also like to see more activities within SHA, activities that anyone in Summerlakes can participate in, whether it be a block party in the summer, a chili tasting in the winter, or maybe even a ping pong contest. These are just simple ideas I have for bringing our community closer together; finding ways to converse with each other no matter what the language; learn about where our neighbors are from, and just have a good time together.

I hope you will vote for me for the SHA Board.

JEANNE TASSOTTO

My husband and I have lived in Summerlakes since 1985 and raised our daughters here. Over the years I have been active in various community organizations, including Girl Scouts and Johnson PTA. A few years ago I learned that the SHA Board was forming a committee to advise on architectural and maintenance issues throughout Summerlakes. I saw this as an opportunity to serve my community and to use all that I had learned growing up in a family of building contractors. About a year and a half ago a vacancy opened up on the SHA Board and I was asked to fill it; serving as Secretary. During this time I have worked on several projects, most notably: the completion (finally!) of the revised Bylaws, refurbishing of the front sign, and with the rest of the Board, the design and construction of the new garage.

I would very much like to continue my work with the Board. There are many projects that still need to be done, and in these challenging economic times these projects need to be done in the most cost effective manner possible. It is in everyone's best interest for our community to be well maintained. The common assets like the Clubhouse, pool, playgrounds, etc. as well as the overall maintenance of our neighborhood impacts the values of our individual properties.

If I am returned to the Board I will look after the funds and property of our community with the same care that I manage my own; that is I will work to maintain and improve Summerlakes property as much as possible while remaining within our budget.

Paid political advertisement

RE-ELECT SHANNON BURNS

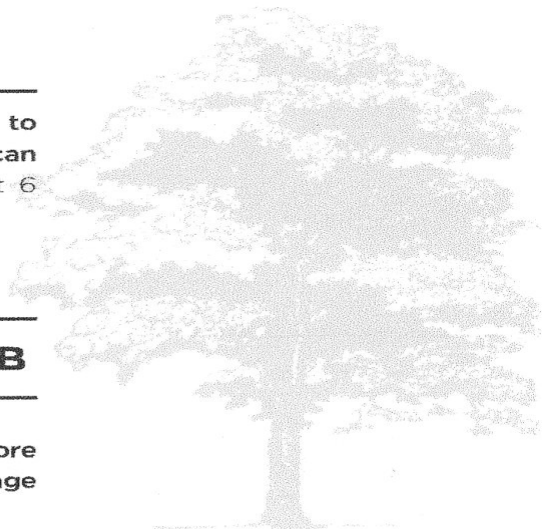
DISTRICT 6 FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONER

**endorsed by REPUBLICAN
ROGER KOTECKI**

"Shannon Burns gets things done by reaching out to the public, to Forest Preserve staff and to Republican commissioners." Roger Kotecki, former District 6 Forest Preserve Commissioner, 2014

endorsed by THE SIERRA CLUB

"We can't think of an elected official that has a more positive and direct impact on the quality of life in DuPage County than Shannon Burns." Sierra Club, 2014



*Your vote matters!
Please vote to re-elect
Shannon Burns
on November 4th!*

www.electshannonburns.com

Paid for by citizens for Shannon Burns.

BUDGET FOR 2014

INCOME:

Assessments	400,032.
Clubhouse Rentals	8,000.
Document Fees	3,000.
Interest Income	400.
Late Fees	7,000.
Legal Fees	6,000.
Newsletter Ads	1.00
Income-Other	2,500.
From Reserves	1.00

TOTAL INCOME: 426,934

EXPENSES:

Bank Service Fees	250.
Capital Expense	40,000.
Dues/Subscriptions	200
Auto Insurance	1,000.
Emp. Health Insurance	5,000.
Work Comp/GL Insurance	24,000.
Building Maintenance	21,000.
Grounds Maintenance	11,000.
Pool/Spa Maintenance	1.00
(Pool)	3,700.
(Spa)	5,000
Maintenance Supplies	4,000.
Truck/Tractors	4,000.
Newsletter	1.00
Outside Services	1,500.
Postage	1,500.
Printing	1,000.
Office Supplies	5,000.
Activities Expense	8,000.
Corp. Income Taxes	1.00
Licenses/Permits	2,000.
Uniforms	400.
Payroll Taxes	14,000.
Payroll Processing	3,000.
Wages	155,000.
Accounting	6,000.
Consulting	2,000.
Legal Fees	5,000.
Cable TV	1,000
Electric	21,200.
Gas	14,560.
Internet	500.
Refuse Removal	2,000.
Telephone	4,000.
Water	3,000.
Advertising	100.
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This is the ***proposed*** budget for 2015, in comparison with the 2014 budget. Please take a look at it and send any comments that you may have. Assessments will remain at \$36.00 for the next year. This proposed budget will be reviewed and discussed at the next Board meeting on October 9th; the final budget to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in November. Questions and/or concerns are welcome.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

This year Halloween is on Friday, October 31st. The Police Department recommends that "Trick-or-Treat" takes place between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Anyone participating in handing out treats should turn on their porch light. A house with no porch light on should be skipped. All Halloween participants should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Have a Safe, Fun and Happy Halloween!



**Motions of
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2014**



Motion: To approve the August meeting minutes as written. All Ayes.

Motion: To approve the August financial reports as written. All Ayes.

Motion: To change the current pool season Baby-Sitter policy to year round, pending a 3 month trial time. All Ayes.

Motion: To approve \$15,500.000 for the purchase of a new pool heating system. All Ayes.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

**October 9 , 2014
7:00 p.m.**



**ARCHITECTURAL
MEETING**

**October 30 , 2014
7:00 p.m.**


October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Rental 1-6</i>
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Board Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	10	11
<i>Don't forget to sign up for the Halloween Party!</i>						
12	13 <i>Columbus Day!</i>	14	15	16 <i>National Boss' Day</i>	17	18 <i>Rental 1-12</i>
19 <i>Rental 12-5</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Halloween Party 6-9 pm</i>
<i>Last chance to sign up for the Halloween Party!</i>						
26	27	28	29	30 <i>Architectural Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm</i>	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i>	

Don't Forget to vote for Murphy & Wiley!

Elect Al Murphy Forest Preserve Commissioner

Al Murphy is:



- Business owner of Murphy's Ace Hardware
- Alderman for the City of West Chicago since 2003
- Lifelong resident of West Chicago with wife Tammie and 3 children: Jacob, Caitlin and Tyler
- Lion's Club Member
- Scout Master Troop 21
- Member of the Sierra Club
- Member of DuPage Conservation Foundation

Fiscally Responsible

As Alderman, I successfully voted to reduce the city's budget each of the last four years. I also initiated a plan that saved the taxpayers 4.4 million dollars. As your commissioner, I will take these fiscally responsible values to the Forest Preserve, I WILL ALWAYS DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE TAXPAYERS.

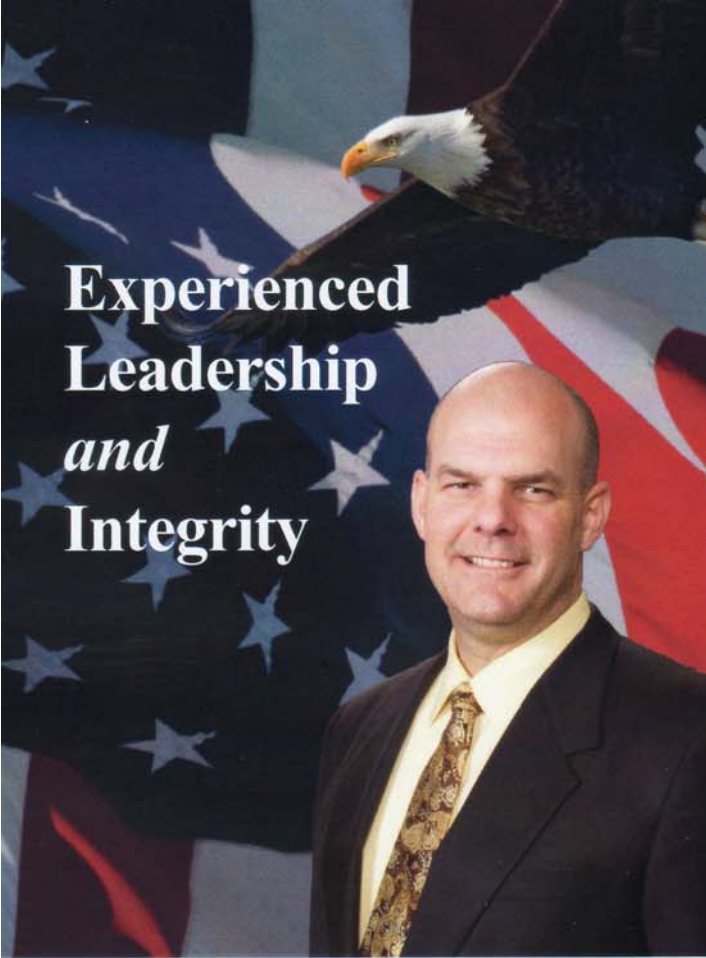
A True Visionary

Although some of the 25,000+ acres of Forest Preserve are well-maintained, many areas remain diamonds in the rough. Hard work and polish can remake all the land areas the jewels they really are. Conservation, Education and Recreation can work hand in hand to give you and future generations a better nature experience. We need to enhance the trail system and restore the land.

Leadership in Action

Our Commissioner needs to know how to run a government with a plan and how to solve problems. Strategic cost containment and effective long range planning are essential for the future preservation and enjoyment of the preserves. As your Commissioner, I WILL TAKE THESE VALUES WITH ME AND BE PROUD TO SERVE YOU.

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Experienced Leadership and Integrity



Fiscally conservative and committed to serving you.



KEVIN WILEY

DISTRICT 6, DUPAGE COUNTY BOARD



To request a yard sign or to get involved with the campaign, call (630)886-9608 or visit www.kevinwiley.org.

 Paid for by Kevin Wiley for County Board 

**Endorsed by previous SHA Board President Burt Minor*



Loyal Local Scout Troop 514 meets at the Clubhouse every Monday night. They have been a tremendous help to Summerlakes with our various events, and projects they have done on their own.

Support your local Boy Scouts by purchasing from their Popcorn Sale and their Wreath Sale; both going on now through the end of October. Order forms are at the Clubhouse desk.

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RULES & REGULATIONS-MAKING EXCEPTIONS

From time to time we hear residents complain about the rules and bylaws that have been established for our community. Each of us homeowners here agreed to comply with these restrictions when we purchased our property here but still we are asked to make exceptions, or just to look the other way occasionally. On the surface that doesn't seem like a big deal but then, upon reflection, the question of just where to draw the line arises. If we make an exception for one and then another homeowner asks then what should we do?

The August 16, 2014 'Condo Talk' column in the Daily Herald addressed this issue. A question was posed about the responsibility of a Homeowners' Board to enforce the rules of their Association. The columnist, David M. Bendoff, an attorney, replied: "The Board has a fiduciary duty to...enforce the rules when there is credible evidence of a violation." This is what our town legal counsel has advised, that not enforcing, or selectively enforcing rules would expose our Board and the Association to legal action.

Does this mean that each and every violation will get immediate attention? No, no more than each person who exceeds the speed limit will be ticketed each and every time. SHA simply does not have the staff available to continually patrol looking for problems. If an individual homeowner brings a problem to our attention though, it will be investigated, and if there is something that is in violation the appropriate steps will be taken.

And speaking of the rules and bylaws, these have been drawn up over the years by various boards of elected volunteers. In November there will be an election for four seats. Petitions to be placed on the ballot can be obtained at the front desk of the Clubhouse. Those looking for a less formal commitment might be interested in the Architectural and Maintenance Committee which advises the Board on maintaining and improving our infrastructure.

Jeanne Tassotto
SHA Board Secretary

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LAST CITY BRUSH PICK-UP

The last brush pick-up by the City for this year will be in OCTOBER. Brush must be out on Monday by 7:00 a.m. for the week scheduled according to zone. Summerlakes is scheduled in Zone 1 (north of Batavia Road) - pick up is the first week of the month, and Zone 2 - pick up is the second week of the month. **Brush may not be put out prior to the Friday before your scheduled pick-up.**

Brush pick-up is limited to trimmings from bushes or shrubs, as well as branches from trimming and/or pruning trees. Other items such as logs, root balls, stumps, grass clippings, flowers, weeds, plants, leaves, lumber, or anything in plastic bags or other such containers will NOT be picked up.

All brush must be cut in lengths no longer than 8 feet and no larger than 8 inches in diameter.

All brush must be placed on the parkway in front of your own home, with the cut end toward the street. The brush pile should not be more than 3 feet high. Brush piles not conforming to these standards will not be picked up and a notice will be left on the front door.

IMPORTANT REMINDER! Residents who back up to Shaw Drive must place brush in front of your homes for pick-up. You may not dump your brush piles onto Shaw Drive. It will not get picked up by the City, and this could also result in Shaw Drive not getting mowed. If anyone notices a resident dumping their brush onto Shaw Drive, immediately notify the Clubhouse, or call the City directly at 630-393-9050. Violation fines will be issued.

Any other questions should be directed to the City Public Works Department at 630-393-9050.

**Brush may not be put out prior to the weekend of the pickup date.
Non-Compliance may result in fines from the City.**

AUTOMATIC ASSESSMENT PAYMENT

Rather than having to remember to mail or bring in your assessment payments each month, why not make your payments through our electronic collections (ACH) online. You have the option of setting up a one-time or repeating automatic withdrawal payment through our business services with Chase Bank.* Simply supply the Clubhouse office staff with your bank routing and account numbers and we'll get you set up. All information supplied will be kept strictly confidential, and all online banking is guaranteed to be safe and secure through Chase. Contact Mickie for more information.

* You do not need an account with Chase Bank to apply for this service.