

STEEPLE RUN

# STEEPLE RUN NEWS

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## LOCAL RESIDENT HONORED

Rick Cygan, an extinguished (or is that distinguished?) resident of Steeple Run, was recently honored by Around the Clock, a popular Crystal Lake eatery. Apparently, either the restaurant owner was overwhelmed by how quickly Rick wolfed down their Chicken Fajita Pitas or the wait staff was impressed with the generous tips left by "Rich" Cygan. In either case, it's about time Rick received the honor he so "richly" deserves.

## A Message from the President

In August, the Officers and Directors met with Bob Bergland of Northwest Property Management to discuss what responsibilities the SRHA Board has to you, the Association members. Bob confirmed my belief that the primary purpose of the Homeowners' Association is to protect and enhance the value of the properties in Steeple Run by enforcement of the Covenants and By-Laws.

In theory and in practice, judicious enforcement of the Covenants protects and preserves not only the investment we've made in our homes, but also serves to promote a comfortable and safe environment for our families. It's the primary responsibility of the Board to act in the best interests of the Homeowners to achieve these goals.

Enforcement of the Covenants does not mean that the Board cruises the neighborhood before our monthly meetings looking for violations. But rather, when a rare deviation is noted, every attempt is made to notify the homeowner of

the oversight with sufficient time allowed to make corrections. As a tribute to the Steeple Run homeowners, our community has been essentially self-regulated in that the Board has not had to take aggressive action to correct violations of the Covenants. This tells me that we have the same values and want to protect and preserve the quality of life that we've come to enjoy in Steeple Run by adhering to the community standards.

As we move ahead, the Board plans to update and change the Covenants to keep them relevant to our needs. We aren't going to do this behind closed doors, however. We seek your input and, of course, you have the ultimate power to accept or reject these changes by exercising your voting rights. Together we can make Steeple Run one of the most desirable neighborhoods in Crystal Lake.

Thanks for your continued support,

Bill Harfst  
President

### Special points of interest:

- 10/19 OCT. BOARD MTG
- 10/21 WINE TASTING RSVP
- 10/23 RECIPES DUE
- 10/28 LAST RECYCLING DATE
- 10/28 WINE TASTING
- 11/1 SNOWPLOWING & BATCH PARTY ENROLLMENT DEADLINES
- 11/7 VOTE
- 11/16 NOV. BOARD MTG
- 11/18 BATCH PARTY
- 12/2 HOLIDAY PARTY
- 12/7 DEC. BOARD MTG

## Vandalism In Steeple Run by Joe O'Malley

It is regrettable that we must report vandalism is occurring in our neighborhood. First and foremost, vandalism should not be tolerated; it is wrong and affects all of us. If our neighbor's property has been damaged, then all of us have been violated and threatened by this unlawful behavior. A victim of vandalism typically feels angry, hurt, and sometimes frightened when something of theirs is destroyed for no reason. No one in the Steeple Run community should be subjected to this.

Everyone can play a role in correcting the problem in Steeple Run.

**1. Talk about vandalism with the members of your family, and make sure they understand why it is wrong and should not be tolerated.**

**2. Look around your home and your neighbor's home.** Be alert to any unusual activity and report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement authorities (the McHenry County Sheriff). Make sure trusted neighbors know when you have gone when away on a vacation, so that they might be more aware of what is going on around your home and make periodic checks of the exterior.

**3. Exterior lighting has proven very effective.** Floodlights can illuminate the side and rear yards from dusk till dawn. Also, all exterior doors should be lit as well. Motion activated lights can be effective, particularly when used in conjunction with lights illuminated all night.

**4. Give your house that "Lived In" look while you are gone -** Papers and mail need to be picked up daily or withheld until your return. Set interior lights and a radio to operate with timers.

**5. Report all acts of vandalism to the County Sheriff and to the SRHA email address ([steeplerun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steeplerun@sbcglobal.net)).**

**6. Forward your suggestions (to [steeplerun@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steeplerun@sbcglobal.net)) on how to make Steeple Run safer for everyone in our neighborhood.**

Hopefully, by raising awareness to the problem and taking a more proactive approach, we can eliminate this problem from our neighborhood.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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“ALL  
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ANNUAL DUES.  
THANKS TO ALL  
OF YOU FOR  
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COOPERATION”

FINAL FISCAL YR	2005-06				
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>5150.00</b>	<b>210.00</b>	<b>158.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5518.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>1702.68</b>	<b>1003.36</b>	<b>934.95</b>	<b>916.12</b>	<b>4557.11</b>

As anticipated, we finished the fiscal year with a positive cash flow; however, we did incur lawn and landscape expenses in June, which offset most of it. Federal and State tax returns have been filed for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

FISCAL YEAR	2006-07				
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>5180.00</b>				<b>5180.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>1665.32</b>				<b>1665.32</b>

As we near the end of the first fiscal quarter, we are pleased to report that all homeowners have paid their annual dues. Thanks to all of you for your cooperation.

Our expenses in the first quarter are generally in line with the budget; however, we have yet to resolve a very significant item—i.e. liability insurance. The board has been advised by professionals who deal in this area that it is essential to have liability insurance. We are now in the process of getting quotes, with preliminary annual premium estimates in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range. This is a big expense item and will draw down the reserve for this year. In future years, we need to consider the possibility of a dues increase to stay within budget. More on that when we get definite cost information.

As stated in a previous report, we anticipate higher legal and administrative expenses this year related to the By-Law changes. We will continue to review expenses in an effort to continue providing value at reasonable costs to the members.

## BLOCK PARTY IS A BIG SUCCESS

By Karen Malcolm

“To BEE or not to BEE” should have been the title of the neighborhood Block Party this year. The Block Party was a big success with only one exception—“THE BEES”!!!

This year Karen Fichuk took charge planning this event with the assistance of the Social Committee (Karen Malcolm), Nancy Evans and Kim Giacchetti. The Block Party took much planning and it was a job well done. Please extend a well-deserved thank you to Karen Fichuk and her assistants when you see them. Perhaps with the praise and enthusiasm they deserve, we can entice these Block Party planners to take on this event next year, too. Some of the neighbors had such a good time and are asking this to become an annual event. With the help from many volunteers at the various stations and with donations from most of the attendees, costs

were kept to a minimum and everyone participated with this event. Thank you for all your hard work—it paid off! Please see the following spreadsheet for details of this event.

The “Master of Parade” Ted Fichuk, kicked off the event by leading the parade. With all his wit and enthusiasm, we couldn’t have picked a better leader. Thank you Ted for being who you are!!!

With the phrase “Slaving Over the Stove All Day”—you’d better believe it! With our own President Bill Harfst in assisting the “Grill Sergeant” “Rick Cygan, that’s exactly what they did. Thank you for all the hard work in making our food so tasty. A special thank you to Rick Cygan for supplying the BIG GRILL. Size does matter!

The band “Don’t Tell Mamma” was fantastic, featuring our very own Joey Pinkl. Everyone enjoyed listening to them. The band will have a CD soon; please contact Joey or the Social Committee if interested in

purchasing one. They volunteered to come back next year—yeah! Please extend your appreciation to Joey when you see him, mention how good the band is and how impressed you are. They were a complete and delightful surprise to all of us. Thank you Joey and your band mates for a very enjoyable time.

While winding down the Block Party, the movie time was enjoyed by young and old. Many of the adults gathered around the bonfire at the Penny’s and enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you Dave and Melinda Penny for a fun time and a nice way to end the event.

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Many neighbors suggested that they would love to have a list of neighbors that are babysitters, dog sitters, house sitters, errand runners, and any others in need. Please contact Karen Malcolm (preferably by email) if you are available for hire and would like to be on this list or if you would like to get a copy of the list. This list will only be available to our neighbors and will be confidential.



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## Block Party Volunteers and Donations



| Name       | Food & Drinks | Set-Up & Clean-Up | Food Prep, Ice Run & Grilling | Games, Parade & Movie Set-Up | Loans & Donations                                     |
|------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Butler     | X             |                   |                               |                              |                                                       |
| Cygan      | X             |                   | X                             |                              | Grill                                                 |
| Evans      |               |                   |                               | X                            |                                                       |
| Fichuk     | X             |                   |                               | X                            | Dunk Tank, other misc                                 |
| Fox        | X             |                   | X                             |                              |                                                       |
| Giacchetti | X             |                   |                               |                              | Screen rental                                         |
| Golata     | X             | X                 |                               | X                            |                                                       |
| Graff      | X             |                   |                               |                              |                                                       |
| Harfst     | X             |                   | X                             |                              | Lawn chairs, extra \$                                 |
| Ibbotson   | X             |                   |                               |                              | Large cooler, extra \$                                |
| Jenkins    |               |                   |                               |                              |                                                       |
| Johnson    |               | X                 |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Kempa      | X             |                   |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Kirchberg  |               |                   |                               |                              | Band set-up, fire pit                                 |
| Klendworth |               |                   |                               |                              |                                                       |
| Lang       | X             | X                 |                               | X                            |                                                       |
| LeBeau     |               |                   |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| LeBlanc    | X             | X                 | X                             | X                            | Extra \$                                              |
| Lesperance | X             | X                 | X                             |                              | Generators, bean bags, washers, horse-shoes, extra \$ |
| Liscovitz  | X             |                   |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Littrell   |               |                   |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Malcolm    | X             |                   | X                             |                              | Corn, cooler                                          |
| Mark       |               |                   |                               |                              | Tables                                                |
| Maryniw    |               |                   |                               |                              |                                                       |
| Nath       | X             |                   |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Nattrass   |               |                   |                               | X                            |                                                       |
| Penny      | X             |                   |                               |                              | Fire pit, Volleyball net, cooler                      |
| Pierce     | X             |                   |                               | X                            | Projector, canopies, tables, coolers, fire pit, wood  |
| Pinkl      |               |                   |                               |                              | Band                                                  |
| Rankin     | X             |                   |                               |                              | PA system, fire pit and coolers, extra \$             |
| Renzy      | X             | X                 |                               |                              | Coolers, tables, chairs                               |
| Schomer    | X             | X                 | X                             |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Vedak      | X             | X                 |                               |                              | Extra \$                                              |
| Wallis     |               | X                 |                               |                              |                                                       |
| Weissmann  | X             |                   |                               |                              |                                                       |

**“THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK—IT PAID OFF!”**

### BLOCK PARTY SUMMARY

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Total Budget     | \$865 |
| Sam's Club       | 311   |
| Oriental Trading | 246   |
| Moon Walk        | 170   |
| Ice              | 45    |
| Popcorn/Corn     | 29    |
| Name tags        | 25    |
| Total            | 826   |
| Remaining        | \$39  |

*Any extra monies went to tip the band—including last minute shows*

*The complete spreadsheet of Block Party attendees and the final accounting of Block Party expenses are available for review. Please contact Karen Malcolm or Karen Fichuk for the information.*



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# SOCIAL EVENTS

## COOKBOOK by Karen Malcolm

Everyone has a recipe that they are especially proud of and are willing to share. We are asking that every home submit two or three recipes for inclusion in the "Steeple Run Neighborhood Cookbook." There is no obligation to buy a copy. It would be nice to have every family represented; we have such a variety of residents that 100% participation would enhance the experience for all. A 3-ring binder style is the best choice so that new recipes can be added in the future.

**October 23, 2006.** Please see attached form for further details or print it from our website. To make a drop off easy for all social events, a mailbox for all drops off items is located by Karen Malcolm's front door. Please feel free to leave any social items, as it will be checked several times a day.

A reminder will follow to the homes of any missing recipes to date. Further details will be forthcoming. The cookbooks are very inexpensive. At \$10 each, they make excellent gifts for family, friends, guests and teachers, etc.

Please email or drop off your recipes with your last name to Karen Malcolm by

### Quarterly Wine Taste Party by Karen Malcolm

Back by popular demand, the first Quarterly Wine Taste Gathering will be **Saturday, October 28, 2006** in the Village Vintner Winery, 2273 Randall Rd. Carpentersville (847-844-4900). As with the 2005 Holiday Party, each person attending is asked to bring a nibble of some kind to share whether it is an appetizer, dessert, or main meal. Water, plates etc., will be provided.

There will be a \$10 per person charge for each Wine Gathering attended which can be applied towards the purchase of wine and other merchandise in the store or it can be rolled into and applied towards the next quarterly gathering, and so on. This is an idea Karen came up with to show good faith to the retail wine owner and to assure that the attendees are truly interested in purchasing wine and not coming for free drinks. All interested parties, please contact Karen Malcolm by phone or email **by October 21, 2006**, in order to book the date and time. Or if you prefer, drop off \$10.00 off in the social mailbox at Karen's front door. Please be sure to include your name, the event name and number attending. Based on responses, another date may be necessary and everyone will be notified.

Working around the upcoming holidays, holiday parties and the Neighborhood Batch Party, the future gatherings to be held are the end of January (in time for Valentine's Day), the beginning of April (in time for Easter or other), end of July, and the end of October or beginning of November (which will be in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas). The exact dates will be determined later.

*Yes, I/we will be attending the Quarterly Wine Taste Gathering October 28, 2006*

*Number Attending* \_\_\_\_\_ *Total Amount Enclosed \$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name/s* \_\_\_\_\_

### Neighborhood Batch Party by Karen Malcolm

With the holidays approaching, there is much interest in a Neighborhood Batch Party. Steeple Run residents can sign up to bottle their own wine and put their custom label on their bottles, perfect for gift giving. The more people sign up, the more bottles they get. For example, if there are enough people (15 people for three different batches of wine) for about \$65 each, they will take home six bottles total, two bottles of each wine. Fewer people, fewer batches (say two), less money and less wine. It really depends on how many people want to do it. Red wine is the most preferred wine and I have picked a few great choices. If there are enough people signed up, a white wine can also be included.

Bottle your own wine on **November 18, 2006** (7:00 or 8:00 P.M. to be confirmed later) at The Village Vintner Winery 2273 Randall Rd. Carpentersville (847-844-4900). Please email or phone me to sign up by **November 1, 2006**. I will contact everyone to finalize the arrangements and cost once I have a final head count. If preferred, each person is to bring a nibble of some kind to share whether it is an appetizer, dessert, or main meal. Water, plates etc., will be provided.

*Yes, I/we will be attending the Neighborhood Batch Party November 18, 2006*

*Number Attending* \_\_\_\_\_ *Total Amount Enclosed \$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name/s* \_\_\_\_\_



# STEEPLE RUN NEWS

## HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNED



Please set aside Saturday December 2, 2006 for the Steeple Run Holiday Party. Many neighbors have mentioned that they'd be interested in a 'Progressive Holiday Party' within our neighborhood. Please contact Karen Malcolm if you would like to participate.

Please choose one of these courses to host:

1. Cocktails +/-or Appetizers
2. Appetizers
3. Small entrée meal
4. Dessert
5. After dinner drinks
6. After hours fun, games or relaxing



The band DON'T TELL MAMMA [and Steeple Run's J.Pinkl (L)] entertained the crowd at the Block Party.

## SRHA Obtains Liability Insurance

At their September meeting, the SRHA Board of Directors selected State Farm as the lowest bid for SRHA liability insurance.

After discussing the need for property insurance, weighing the legal exposure of the residents, volunteers, and individual Board members and reviewing the recommendations by Bob Bergland, the property manager consultant, the Board obtained price quotations from three insurance companies experienced with homeowners' associations:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| State Farm | \$1,015 |
| UltraFlex  | \$1,791 |
| Farmers    | \$4,130 |

The insurance quotes provide coverage for:

- Property (\$50,000)
- Basic Association Liability (\$2,000,000 max)
- Directors & Officers (\$2,000,000)
- Fidelity Bond (\$10,000)

We subsequently asked State Farm to provide a quote to

raise the Property insurance to \$70,000 since that was taken as a reasonable estimate to replace the entrance signs. In addition, we increased the Fidelity Bond to \$20,000 to allow for any increase in our account balances. State Farm adjusted their quote to \$1,102 to reflect these changes.

The final insurance package was unanimously approved by the Board.

STATE FARM HAS PROVIDED THE LOWEST BID FOR PROPERTY. BASIC LIABILITY, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND A FIDELITY BOND FOR THE SRHA.





As the long summer days wane into winter with its long nights, our exterior lighting provides warm beacons of light, welcoming us into our neighborhood and our homes after a long day at school or work. ***If you currently do not have a driveway lamppost near the street, please consider installing one before the ground freezes.***

Besides being a requirement for having a home built in Steeple Run since 1989, a lamppost near the street also makes our streets safer for walkers and drivers while they protect and enhance our property.

For those residents who forget to turn on their driveway

lamps from dusk to dawn, there are devices with photocells that will control the lights. There is also an inexpensive automatic/variable timer that can easily replace the interior wall switch; this marvel also adjusts automatically for daylight savings time and can be operated manually if desired.



**MOBILE RADAR UNIT TO VISIT STEEPLE RUN**

In an ongoing effort to make our streets safer and to curb speeding through our subdivision, the SRHA has requested the McHenry County Sheriff's mobile radar unit be placed in our subdivision. In the upcoming days, don't be surprised to see the trailer parked on our hills and curves on Steeple Run Drive and Smith Road. The speed limit throughout Steeple Run is 25 mph. Unfortunately, the speeders during Rush Hour will not benefit from the experience as the unit is removed about 4:15 pm to avoid vandalism.

**WAYS TO LOWER YOUR ENERGY COSTS:**

YOU CAN LOWER YOUR ENERGY USAGE AND LOWER YOUR ENERGY COSTS THRU EASY LIFESTYLE CHANGES, HOME IMPROVEMENTS, OR BOTH

**Lifestyle Change**

- Adjust Timing on Outside Lighting
- Turn off Lights When Leaving Room
- Lowering Thermostat
- Turn off Furnace
- Additional Clothing
- Close off Unused Rooms
- Open Windows during Moderate Weather
- Close Shades during Warm Weather
- Turn Down Water Temp of Water Heater
- Replace Air Filters Every 30 days
- Cold Salads in Summer
- Hand Wash Dishes
- Use Less Water when Washing Clothes
- Use Oven Less in Hot Weather

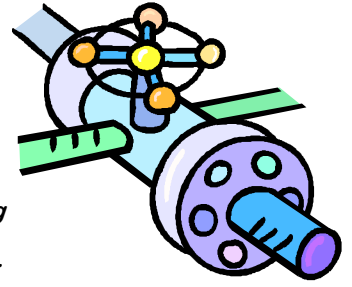
**Or Investing to Save**

- or Install 12 volt System for Outside Lights
- or Install Motion Sensor Switches
- or Programmable Thermostat
- or Purchase Hi Efficiency Furnace
- or Electric Blanket
- or Zone Heating
- or Adjust Thermostat up/down in Moderate Weather
- or Install Energy Efficient Shades and Windows
- or Install Water Heater Blanket
- or Use Hi Efficiency Air Filters
- or Microwave More Foods
- or Hi Efficiency Dishwasher
- or Purchase Hi Efficiency Washer/Dryer
- or Grill Outside - It's a Lot More Fun

**ALSO:**

- Wrap Ducts and Water Pipes with Appropriate Insulation
- Upgrade Insulation - Extra Layer of Batts or have more Insulation Blown In
- Calk Around Doors and Windows
- Water Lawn Less
- Turn off All Those Electric Gadgets, Hair Curlers, Mirrors, Computers etc. When Not in Use
- Have Reason to Open Refrigerator or Freezer - No Movies are Being Shown in There.
- Enroll in Energy Saving Plan with Natural Gas Supplier
- Clean Dryer Vent 3 to 4 Times a Year
- Dust Cooling Coils in Back of Refrigerator 2 Times per Year
- Have Heating Ducts Cleaned
- Do Laundry "off Peak" after 10:00pm
- Use Dishwasher once "off-Peak" after 10:00pm
- Install Skylights In Appropriate Rooms





## NATURAL GAS SAVINGS

*Are you sick and tired of ever increasing natural gas prices? Well, now you can do something about it. Nicor offers an alternative which should lower natural gas cost for residential customers.*

Customer Select® is a voluntary, free program offered by Nicor Gas that allows you to choose your natural gas supplier. Depending on the supplier, you will find some offers that lock in your gas price and others that compete with Nicor Gas' monthly gas supply charges. By comparing offers and making the choice that's best for you, you may be able to save money on the cost of your natural gas.

*\*\*Savings may depend on several factors including the amount of gas you use, the terms of your agreement with your supplier, and the natural gas market.*

Natural gas is a commodity- its price varies daily based on the effects of weather, supply and demand. Because prices change so much, it's important to look at your gas cost for a full year or two, not just for one month.

The cost of your natural gas supply currently makes up about 70 to 75 percent of your annual gas bill; the rest is delivery charges and taxes. Nicor Gas' cost for natural gas changes every month, and all customers are charged the same price per therm. Nicor Gas files a Gas Supply Charge each month with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), which regulates all Illinois utilities.

Prices charged by the participating suppliers, as well as the terms and conditions of their contracts with you, are not regulated by the ICC. Because of this, suppliers are able to create a variety of pricing offers. You should talk to different suppliers to find out about their pricing options, services, incentives, and/or promotions.

Your Nicor Gas account information can also help you compare your past costs with other suppliers. You can access your cost and usage history at <http://www3.nicor.com/MyAccount>.

**Supplier pricing offers usually fall into the following categories:**

### Fixed Price

This type of contract offers stability. You pay the same price per therm for natural gas or the same amount every month for a set period of time, despite changes in the market price. If market prices go up, you're locked in at a lower rate. But if market prices go down, you'll still pay the locked in amount.

### Market-Based or Index Price

Under these plans, the price you pay for natural gas can change each month. The supplier sets the monthly price per therm based on one or more natural gas market indicators. Since gas prices can change over a year, you can expect your price to fall when market prices fall. Your price can also go up when market prices go up.

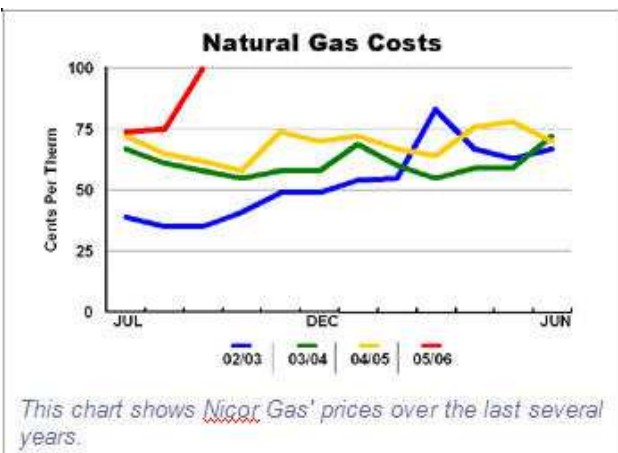
### Variable Price

This offer is similar to a market-based offer. The price per therm may go up or down with market trends. But this type of offer may not necessarily be tied to a market index. For example, it may be based on the supplier's average cost to purchase natural gas.

### Combination Packages

Customers of public electric utilities in IL can also choose their electric supplier; some may offer packages that include both gas and electric.

NATURAL GAS IS  
A COMMODITY  
WHOSE PRICE  
VARIES DAILY  
BASED ON THE  
EFFECTS OF  
WEATHER,  
SUPPLY AND  
DEMAND.



### SUPPLIERS:

Corn Belt Energy Corporation  
Direct Energy Services, LLC  
Dominion Retail  
Interstate Gas Supply  
MXenergy  
Nicor Advanced Energy \*  
Nordic Energy Services  
Peoples Energy Services  
Santanna Energy Services  
U.S. Energy Savings Corp.  
WPS Energy Services, Inc.

### TELEPHONE:

866 806-3411  
866 266-2084  
800 260-7297  
877 444-7427  
800 785-4373  
866 642-6794  
877 808-1022  
888 698-1730  
800 827-0067  
888 674-7847  
877 377-7297

\* Nicor Advanced Energy is an affiliate of Nicor Gas, but they are separate companies. Nicor Advanced Energy's prices, as well as those of the other qualified suppliers in the Customer Select program, are not regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission. You do not have to buy products or services from Nicor Advanced Energy or any other qualified supplier in order to receive the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas and the same quality customer service you've come to expect from Nicor Gas.

The complete instructions on how to contact the above suppliers can be accessed by visiting this website:

[http://www.nicor.com/en\\_us/residential/choosing\\_your\\_supplier/default.htm](http://www.nicor.com/en_us/residential/choosing_your_supplier/default.htm)

*Note: The SRHA Board doesn't recommend the use of one supplier over another but offers this information for its members to use as they see fit.*



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## Plowing Estimates for Residents

Please see accompanying story on next page for details concerning these snowplowing estimates from Quality Service. Pricing was determined by considering difficulty, slope, length, composition and configuration. As the number of Steeple Run residents who sign a plowing contract rises, the price per plowing decreases.

| COLOR         | *Key | Difficulty | Count     |
|---------------|------|------------|-----------|
| Yellow        | "Y"  | Level 1    | 58        |
| Orange        | "O"  | Level 2    | 14        |
| Purple        | "P"  | Level 3    | 2         |
| <b>Total:</b> |      |            | <b>74</b> |

|            | *Key | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21-30 | 31-40 | 40+  |
|------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Alvey      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Arthur     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Babington  | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Bachir     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Blazyk     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Buthod     | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Butler     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Cygan      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Dombrow    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Donohoe    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Evans      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Fichuk     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Fisher     | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Fox        | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Gazdzik    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Giacchetti | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Golata     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Graff      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Grasser    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Harfst     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Hudson     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Huq        | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Ibbotson   | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Jacoby     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Jenkins    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Johnson    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Kadish     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Kempa      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Kirchberg  | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Klendworth | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Kondrat    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Kulis      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Lang       | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| LeBeau     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| LeBlanc    | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Lesperance | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Liscovitz  | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |

|               | *Key | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21-30 | 31-40 | 40+  |
|---------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Littrell      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Maier         | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Malcolm       | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Marinis       | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Mark          | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Maryniw       | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| McNally       | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Moreland      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Mulville      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Nath          | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Nattrass      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| O'Brien       | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| O'Malley      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Palimisano    | P    | \$55 | \$53  | \$50  | \$47  | \$32 |
| Penny         | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Peterson      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Pierce        | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Pinkl         | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Pinzon        | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Rankin        | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Renzy         | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Ricchiuto     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Rice          | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Rodewald      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Rowe          | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Ryan          | P    | \$55 | \$53  | \$50  | \$47  | \$32 |
| Sadowski      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Schlough      | O    | \$45 | \$43  | \$40  | \$37  | \$28 |
| Schmidt       | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Schomer       | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Schwartz      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Scichitano    | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Senyshyn      | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| TBA4210Belson | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Vedak         | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Wallis        | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |
| Weissmann     | Y    | \$35 | \$33  | \$30  | \$27  | \$24 |



## GROUP RATES FOR SNOWPLOWING AVAILABLE

Monroe from Quality Service surveyed the entire subdivision and breaks out the base pricing using difficulty, slope, length and type and configuration as the parameters to determine the base price for each driveway. Briefly, the vendor is offering five different options at 3 different price levels on a per push, two inches to four inches (2"-4") of snow. See page 8 for your individual quote.

Since Herb LeBlanc is the project manager for this Preferred Contractor program, SHRA members **MUST** call him @ 815-477-2595 **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2006**, to enroll.

Remember, to lower the cost of this service, the more that sign up, the lower the cost will be. A minimum of ten (10) SHRA members signing contracts are needed to get the Level 1 pricing.

This is the third vendor that has committed to a program that benefits SRHA members. The Board of Steeple Run is always looking to add value and this is another example of that effort.

*And as always we don't recommend one contract/vendor over another. We are offering this information to SRHA members for information purposes only and to use as they see fit.*



## The Website Continues to Evolve

Take a peek at our site, <http://www.steeplerun.org>, if you haven't already done so. Many thanks to Jane and Mike Littrell for their investment of time and talent in the creation the SRHA website. This website will continue to be updated with new features as well as the updates to the meeting minutes and newsletter archives.

Several new features have been added, or are soon to be added, to the website. It is now possible to contact the Officers, Phase Directors, Committee Chairmen and volunteers through provided email links. In addition to downloadable PDF files in the Meeting Minutes and Newsletter archives, the Treasurer's Reports have

been archived. The most current Declarations of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Bylaws can be printed at home. Another page devoted to downloadable forms is planned so that Steeple Run residents have a variety of forms available at their fingertips

“TO CATCH THE READER'S ATTENTION, PLACE AN INTERESTING SENTENCE OR QUOTE FROM THE STORY HERE.”

## Directory Update

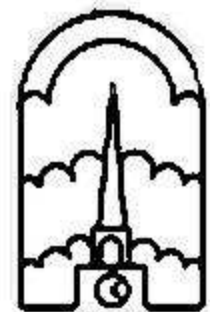
The Steeple Run neighborhood Directory will be updated in the next few months. The 2007 edition will be distributed at the Annual Meeting in January. This next edition will incorporate changes incurred since the orange September 2005 edition along with any changes submitted by

you, our residents.

A Directory Update Form (PDF) is now available for download at our website, [www.steeplerun.org](http://www.steeplerun.org). Alternately, changes can also be submitted to the SRHA secretary by phone or email. ([secretary@steeplerun.org](mailto:secretary@steeplerun.org))

At the time of publication, the Nelson family had closed on the sale of their home. The orange Directory should be corrected to reflect this change.

Please extend a warm welcome to the newest residents on Belson Lane.





**FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ALL STEEPLE RUN RESIDENTS, PLEASE KEEP YOUR DRIVEWAY LAMPPOST LIT FROM DUSK TO DAWN.**



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Questions? Comments?  
Volunteering? Contact:  
Jill Peterson-SHRA Secretary

Email:  
secretary@steeplerun.org



**SLOW! WATCH FOR CHILDREN—  
IT'S DARK BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

### Township News



The last Saturday in October is the last opportunity to recycle in 2006 at the nearby Algonquin Township Offices. Drop off paint, oil, batteries, tree branches, etc. at the Township offices from 8:00 am to noon on October 28. The McHenry County Defenders recycling site on McConnell Road in Woodstock has some hours year-round.

**Free mulch and firewood** is available 24/7 year round while supplies last at the Township office. You are responsible for loading onto your vehicle.

In unincorporated McHenry County, the **burning of landscape waste** less than 500 feet from a neighboring dwelling is allowed only:

- On weekends during October, November, April and May between dawn and dusk.
- The fire should be at least 30 feet away from any structure and constantly attended until the fire is extinguished.
- Provisions must also be made to prevent the fire from spreading.



### EARLY VOTING and ABSENTEE BALLOTING

Registered voters may **vote early** at the Algonquin Township Clerk's Office for a 22 day period before the November 2006 General Election. Vote:

- October 16 thru November 2, 2006
- Mon thru Fri 8:30 am—4:00 pm
- Saturdays 9:00 am —1:00 pm

Unlike Absentee Balloting, you do not need an excused absence from the County on Election Day to cast your early vote; This is ideal for voters with long commutes or potential business trip conflicts.

**Absentee Balloting** will be conducted on November 3, 4, and 6 in 2006. If you vote using this method, the law requires that you provide a reason for voting absentee.

