

# Steeple Run News

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## Covenant Update Proposal Passes by Majority Vote

The Steeple Run Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the proposal to update the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions has been approved by the required 80% of the Association members. As described in the mailing sent to each homeowner prior to the Annual Meeting, this update focuses on removing references to Steeple Run

Development, which to the best of our knowledge has been dissolved, and on combining into one document all of the various documents and amendments currently recorded at the Courthouse. The language of the original documents, however, has been retained to preserve the provisions of the existing conditions and restrictions.

The final vote tally is as follows:

64 Yes Votes  
8 No Votes

These updates will be incorporated into the Covenants and the final revised document filed at the McHenry County Courthouse. A copy of the Covenants will be sent to each homeowner of record at that time.

## New Phase Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

The Covenants and By-Laws of the Association calls for the election of a representative from each of the five (5) Phases to serve on the Board of Directors for a term of two (2) years. The following individuals were elected at the Annual Meeting on January 26, 2006:

Phase 1	Ron Rowe
Phase 2	Steve Kadish
Phase 3	Dave Nattress
Phase 4	Therese Graff
Phase 5	Sandi Durenberger Schmidt

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Steeple Run Homeowners Association, please make your Phase Director the first point of contact. They, in turn, will assist you directly or bring the matter to the attention of the Board at the next monthly meeting.

## FENCE WAIVERS APPROVED BY SRHA BOARD

By unanimous resolution of the SRHA Board of Directors, four (4) fence waivers were approved and filed at the McHenry County courthouse on March 22, 2006.

The fence waivers were issued to the following members after inspection and review of the structure by the Architectural Control Committee.

Joe and Michele Renzy  
XXXX Smith Road

Ronald and Linda Rowe  
XXXX Church Hill Lane

Mark and Nicole O'Brien  
XXXX Steeple Run Drive

Greg and Jennifer Mark  
XXXX Church Hill Lane

These waivers apply to structures that were in existence prior to the amendment to the Covenants that prohibits the installation of fences except for those required by County code such as around a pool. Perimeter fences are no longer acceptable and dog runs must be limited to an area no larger than 150 square feet.

If you have questions about the new fencing restrictions, please contact your Phase Director or Dave Malcolm of the Architectural Control Committee.

### SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- MARCH 21 ELECTION DAY
- MARCH 25 ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING DROP-OFF RESUMES
- APRIL 3 SCOTTS DEADLINE
- APRIL 8 BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM TOWNSHIP OFFICES
- APRIL 8 EASTER EGG HUNT
- APRIL 9 EASTER EGG HUNT RAIN DATE
- APRIL 11 ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
- MAY 6 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY AT MCC

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## First Social Event of 2005: Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 8



The Steeple Run Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 8, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. (Rain date April 9 at 3:30 pm). An Evite will be sent to all residents and dropped off in the mailboxes of those without email capabilities. Even if you don't have young children participating, spectators are welcome. Come and join in for some neighborhood camaraderie.

The Easter Bunny will be stopping in the front yards of

4208, 4209 and 4210 Church Hill Lane and leaving eggs filled with candy as well as non-candy item such as rings, stickers, etc.

Please RSVP using the Evite option by April 5th (those without email call Jennifer Mark). Since all social events in Steeple Run must be self-supporting, \$2 per child is requested to offset the costs of the goodies.

Remember to bring a basket and a camera!

Based on the interest survey, the other social events being planned for 2005 include:

1. Block Party and Movie Night
2. Adult Holiday Party
3. Wine Tasting
4. Golf Outing
5. Girls' Night Out
6. Men's' Poker Night
7. Stay in Shape Walk
8. Neighborhood cookbook

For more information, call Karen Malcolm .

## BARKING DOGS

There have been numerous complaints of barking dogs in Wyndwood (and possibly Steeple Run) interrupting the sleep of our residents. We want to be certain that all dog owners are aware that Article XVII regulates Animal Control for McHenry County. Section 5.17 addresses Barking Dogs. Simply stated:

**No dog shall be allowed to bark, whine or howl**

- For longer than 15 min.
- Intermittently for a period in excess of 2 hours
- Or between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 a.m.

The Animal Control department in Woodstock recommends that if you have a dispute with a pet owner to please let them know that their pet is disturbing you and allow the pet owner the opportunity to correct the behavior. They may not be aware of the law or that their dog is waking you.

If a friendly neighborly complaint fails to correct the violation, a formal complaint should be made to Animal Control (334-4470). The ad-

dress of the offending dog will be needed. The first citation issued will be a warning.

The situation can escalate if the problem persists and Animal Control is asked for 'a notice to appear in court.' Please call Animal Control if you have any questions about the process, enforcement or the penalties.

Please note that an individual homeowner can only file a complaint against a particular dog once every 6 months.

*This 71 page document is available online and can be viewed at <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/CountyBrd/Documents/items/031505bd15.1a.pdf>*

## Directory Updates:

Please correct your copies of the Steeple Run Directory (orange edition) to reflect these changes:

Jim Kondrat  
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Herb LeBlanc  
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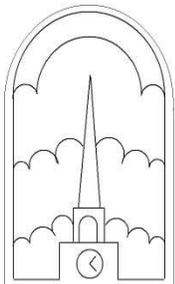
Linda LeBlanc  
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Don Jacoby  
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Maryann/Walter Gazdzik  
no phone number





**SPRING CLEANING? RECYCLE AT ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

Algonquin Township Road District has made several recycling initiatives available to township residents. Questions? Contact the Highway Dept. Office 847-639-2700 Ext. 6.

**Tree Branch Drop-off**

- Brush, branches & twigs less than 10” in diameter.
- No leaves, clippings and rubbish accepted.

**Last Saturday of the month** (Mar.-Oct.) 8:00 a.m.-noon

- Latex & Oil-based paints, stains, varnish
- **NO** thinners or paint removers
- Used motor oil and oil filters (The oil heats the garages)
- Computer components/scanners/printers given to Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity
- (NOT monitors-call Sytec America in Cary 847-516-0250 \$15 for disposal)
- Large Appliances: Washers, dryers, ovens, ranges (No refrigerators or freezers)

**Year-round recycling bins**

available 24/7 in the township parking lot for resident use only:

- Clothing, shoes and linens
- Athletic shoes only—use special collection bin
- Newspapers
- Glass—green brown and clear separated by color
- Aluminum and metal cans
- Cardboard—break down boxes first
- Magazines
- Children’s books—use white mailbox

**Roadside tree branch pickup service**

- No leaves, grass clippings or rubbish accepted
- Butt ends must face the road – 2”-10” in diameter
- Must be within 10’ of the roadway
- Pickup limited to first 20 requests per month
- Submit internet Tree/Branch Curb Side Pickup request form
- <http://www.algtwsp.com/eforms.html>

*Annual Friends Book Sale will be held April 22 and 23 in the Ames Meeting Room on the lower level of the Library of the Crystal Lake Public Library. Donations of gently used books will be accepted from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday April 8. Please, no textbooks, magazines, or Reader’s Digest Condensed books.*



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**

If you’re dreading spring cleaning this year because of those hard-to-get-rid-of items, now you can clean with confidence. Take your nasty waste to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and they’ll recycle or dispose of it safely. They’ll even unload the car for you.

The IL EPA and McHenry Co. are collecting hazardous waste at McHenry County College on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (Enter Only at Entrance 3).

For more information, call McHenry County Department of Planning and Development at 815-334-4560 or <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us> for a complete list of acceptable items.

The following items will be accepted:

- **Paint:** oil-based, lead paint and aerosol paint

- **Automotive:** Used motor oil, old gasoline, anti-freeze, degreaser, lead-acid car batteries
- **Chemicals:** Cleaning products, drain cleaners, solvents, paint thinner, hobby, pool, and lawn chemicals
- **Poison:** pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, moth balls
- **Other:** Mercury thermometers, mercury thermostats, fluorescent bulbs, household batteries
- **Also accepting:** eye-

glasses, cell phones, gym shoes, and household electronics

These items will NOT be accepted:

- Agricultural, business, commercial, institutional or medical waste
- Explosives
- Fireworks
- Farm machinery oil
- Fire extinguishers
- Smoke detectors
- Picture tube or large screen TVs

SAT. MAY 6TH

8:00 AM TO  
3:00 PM AT  
MC HENRY  
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COLLEGE

USE ENTRANCE 3  
ONLY



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### LAWN CARE ANALYSIS

As a service to members of SRHA, the Board of the SRHA will canvas contractors to determine what the costs are on services to SRHA members for lawn care, snow removal, driveway sealing etc., to ensure that a fair price is charged for services rendered. Listed below are quotes from 5 Lawn Care contractors for a 1 acre + lot in Steeple Run

VENDOR	PHONE			WEEKLY MOWING	*SEASONAL COST
SHADE TREE LANDSCAPING	847	639	0318	\$65.00	\$1,820.00
BILLY'S LANDSCAPING	815	334	1398	\$50.00	\$1,400.00
LAPURISMA LANDSCAPING	815	405	8581	\$65.00	\$1,820.00
P&R LANDSCAPING	847	639	4436	\$55.00	\$1,540.00
A PEREZ LANDSCAPING	847	462	0858	\$40.00	\$1,120.00

\* April thru November

*Note: Pricing for the above analysis was for the 2005 mowing season. Contact the contractors to negotiate 2006 pricing for this service. The Board doesn't recommend the use of any contractor over another nor does the Board guarantee the cost or quality of the services but offers this information to SRHA members to use as they see fit. Other contractors are welcome to submit separate bids as well.*



### SEPTIC TANK PUMP OUT ANALYSIS

As a service to the resident of Steeple Run, the SRHA Board will, from time to time, canvas contractors to survey cost for services to our members. Listed below are quotes from 5 Septic Service providers for their various services. Use them as you see fit.

Contractor	Phone			Contact	Contract	Pumpout (Gallons)				Bio Chem
GALLONS	*****					750	1000	1200	1500	
Arrow	815	459	5558	Sales	No	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$189.00	\$37.26
RB Septic	847	429	639	Joann	No	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$47.00
Rons Tidy Tank	815	356	9816	Joann	No	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$47.00
AHH-HA Septic	815	477	1770	Joyce	No	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$35.00
Reike Septic	847	426	5769	Sales	No	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	N/A

*NOTE: The Board doesn't recommend the use of any contractor over another nor does the Board guarantee the cost or quality of the services but offers this information to SRHA members to use as they see fit. Other contractors are welcome to submit separate bids as well.*

### SALES TAX COMPARISON

As a service to our residents, SRHA Board will, from time to time, canvas adjacent towns/counties to survey sales taxes charged to our members. Listed below are quotes from 7 communities, including Crystal Lake, and 6 counties. Use them as you see fit.

Town	Shopping District	*Sales Tax	+Per\$1000	County	GM	Food	Vehicle
Crystal Lake	Rte 14 (et al)	6.50%	-	McHenry	6.50%	1.25%	6.25%
Lake in the Hills	Home Depot/Costco	6.50%	-	Cook	7.25%	2.00%	7.00%
Huntley	Huntley Mall/Jewel-Osco	6.50%	-	Kane	6.50%	1.25%	6.25%
Algonquin	Algonquin Commons/Galleria	7.25%	\$7.50	Lake	6.50%	1.25%	6.50%
Carpentersville	Woodmans/Menards	7.75%	\$12.50	Will	6.50%	1.25%	6.50%
West Dundee	Springhill Mall	8.00%	\$15.00	Winnebago	7.25%	1.00%	6.25%
Schaumburg	Woodfield Shopping Center	8.25%	\$17.50				

*NOTE: The Board does not recommend the use of any town/County over another nor does the Board guarantee the rates listed as above but offers this information to SRHA members only to use as they see fit.*

## Scotts LawnService offers subdivision-wide discount



Thanks to Ron Ryan, Scotts LawnService is offering our residents a discount for 2006 lawn service. **This is a limited offer; members must contact Scotts LawnService by April 4th, 2006.** There is no required minimum number of households needed to participate; this offer is good for 1 to 74 residents.

Interested? Contact Gerald Zoeller at 1-847-462-9797 before April 4th.

The full program of applications are as follows:

1. Early Spring \$115 Extended release fertilizer & Plus Halts (crabgrass prevention)
2. Late Spring \$115 Broadleaf weed control & fertilizer if needed
3. Early Summer \$115 Turf Builder fertilizer, spot weed control & surface insect control if needed
4. Late Summer \$125 Turf Builder fertilizer, spot weed control & surface

insect control if needed

5. Early Fall \$125 Turf Builder & spot weed control as needed

6. Late Fall \$115 Special Scotts Winterizer

If you want the minimum available lawn service, Mr. Zoeller recommends a minimum of 4 applications (#1,2,3,6 to best accommodate the lack of water).

Members will also receive an additional 7.5% pre-payment discount if they sign up for at least 4 applications secured by a contract. Also, 10% can be saved on Grub-Ex and lawn aeration.

Please contact Herb LeBlanc if you have any questions concerning this exclusive offer. **The SRHA Board doesn't endorse or guarantee the costs or quality of service but offers this information to SRHA members to use as they see fit. As always, other contractors are welcome to submit separate bids for this service as well.**

THIS IS A LIMITED TIME OFFER: PLEASE CONTACT SCOTTS BEFORE APRIL 4TH, 2006 FOR LAWN SERVICES. QUESTIONS? CALL HERB LEBLANC

## Driveway Sealcoating

Many thanks to Ron Ryan for all of his hard work on our behalf. He has obtained special pricing for driveway sealing in Steeple Run subdivision from Hastings Asphalt.

Hastings Asphalt Services must have a minimum of 10 SRHA members sign up as they need to fill the tanker truck to capacity to offer this price. They would prefer that all 10 driveways are done the same day but as long as there is a minimum of 10 sign up, additional different days may be scheduled. Each household will be billed separately.

A copy of the proposal and warranty may be obtained from Herb LeBlanc. The Hastings Treatment includes:

- Sealing with Federally Specified RP355E coal tar emulsion.
- All surfaces will be machine cleaned, free of debris
- They will pre-treat all gas, oil and chemical spots to insure proper bonding.
- They will trim all grass perimeters and remove all weeds.
- Cost: \$0.43 per sq. ft. (an average sized driveway in Steeple Run is approximately 4,000 sq. ft. or \$172 to seal)
- One year warranty
- Additional hot crack fill:

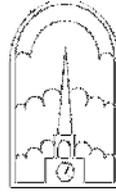
\$0.35 per linear ft.

- Additional cold crack fill: \$0.25 per linear ft.

Because a minimum of 10 residents need to sign up to take advantage of this offer, Herb LeBlanc has offered to coordinate this activity.

You've heard it before and we'll say it again, the SRHA Board does not recommend the use of any contractor over another nor does the Board guarantee the cost or quality of the services but offers this as information to SRHA members to use as they see fit. Any additional bids for this type of service are always welcome.





**REMEMBER: the deadline for tax returns is Monday April 17, 2006**

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

Phone: 815.XXXXXXX



The 3rd edition of the McHenry County Recycling Guide is available at <http://www.mctdef.org/recyl.htm>, the Algonquin Township Road District office, the library, and the Lou Marchi Total Recycling Institute at MCC or call 338-0393 for a copy.

## GARBAGE AND WASTE HAULERS ANALYSIS

As a service to the residents of Steeple Run, the Board will occasionally canvas contractors to survey costs for services to our members. Listed below are 4 quotes from garbage pickup services. Use as you see fit. **Marengo does NOT pick up in Steeple Run—prices for comparison only.**

CONTRACTOR	PICK UP DAY	REGULAR CHARGES	REGULAR CHARGES	BILLING CYCLE	BINS (Y/N)	RECY- CLE BINS (Y/N)	AUTO PAY (Y/N)	LARGE ITEMS		APPLI- ANCE PICKUP (Y/N)	SEASONAL LAWN/LEAF April-Nov
		W/Tote (\$)	WO/Tote (\$)					(Y/N)	Quantity		
<b>WASTE MGT</b> 1-800-796-9696	Tuesday	\$104 (\$26)	\$92 \$23	4 Months Mo Cost	Y \$3 Mo	Y	Y	Y	1 per wk	Y \$25	Same Day \$140/season 6 Bags Max Addnl \$3.50/Ea
<b>GROOT</b> 1-800-244-1977	Friday	\$78.19 (\$26.06)	\$69.84 \$23.28	3 Months Mo. Cost	Y \$3 Mo	Y	Y	Y	1 per wk	Y \$45	Different Day \$135/season Unlimited tote+bags
<b>MARENGO</b> 1-815-334-0014	Varies	\$50.55 (\$16.85)	\$43.5 \$14.50	3 Months Mo. Cost	Y \$2.35 Mo	Y	N	Y	1 per wk	Y \$35	Same Day \$2.25/Week No Leaves Unlimited Yard
Van Weelden 815-444-7552	No longer services residential customers										

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