

STEEPLE RUN NEWS

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Call for Board Member Candidates



Four times a year I get the privilege to wax poetic on the front page of the Steeple Run News about the good things that are happening in Steeple Run Estates. It's evident by now that this community has separated itself from the rest of the pack of homeowners' associations with innovative ways to come together as a group to have fun, to add value and to do the right thing for its members.

My past messages in the Newsletter have called out the good works done by SRHA members. Members who volunteer their time and effort to make Steeple Run Estates a great place to live raise a family and retire, members who contribute their business knowledge, organizational skills and creative

talents and make Steeple Run Estates unique. I would challenge, Berian Estates, Royal Woods or Colonel Holcomb Estates to match what we do together to create a better neighborhood. Can they claim that they successfully negotiated with MDC to reduce the cost of weekly refuse pick up or celebrated not once but twice with a block party with three talented bands? And finally, do they have an active Homeowners' Association guided by a Board of Directors who act in the best interest of the entire community?

To continue to be a successful Homeowners' Association, Steeple Run Estates has to have a Board of Directors who represent the point of view of all the SRHA members, whether it is mundane or controversial. Currently there are 5 openings on the Board to be filled. Qualified candidates must be willing to serve a term of two (2) years. This is your opportunity to step up to the plate! Become a Board Member or join a com-

mittee and continue to make Steeple Run Estates a great place to live.

The Directors of Steeple Run are the stewards of the Association and are responsible for governance activities, while representing the best interests of the 74 Steeple Run Estates homeowners and their families. The Steeple Run Board develops the strategies, policies and manages the finances for the members of the SRHA.

If you are or know someone who is considering becoming a Board Member, please email me at or call any of the current officers and put your name on the ballot as a candidate for the SRHA Board of Directors.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 24th at the Algonquin Township Hall.

Yours Truly,
Herb L.—President

VOTE EARLY, VOTE OFTEN for Annual Meeting and Primary Elections

SRHA members can vote early for the upcoming Annual Meeting by delivering their confidential Proxy Ballot to Secretary Therese G before Thursday's meeting.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please consider assigning your Proxy Ballot that was included in the mailed Annual Meeting materials. Proxies will count towards the Annual Meeting Quorum and should be hand-delivered to Therese by Wednesday Jan. 23.

Until Jan. 31, registered voters can vote early in the Feb. 5 Primary Election at 8 locations. Unlike absentee voting, you do not have to provide a reason why you are voting early. The votes are not counted until Election Day.

Our closest location is:
Algonquin Township Offices
Lower Level Meeting Room 2
Mon. thru Fri. 8:30 am – 4 pm
Saturday 9 am - 1 pm.

There will be no voting on Mon. Jan. 21, Martin Luther King Day.

Additional information is available at the County Clerk Website.



Special Dates of Interest:

- JAN. 23—PROXY BALLOTS DUE
- JAN 24—7:30 P.M. SRHA ANNUAL MEETING
- JAN. 31—SRHA ANNUAL MEETING SNOW DATE
- JAN. 31—PRIMARY ELECTION LAST DAY FOR EARLY VOTING
- FEB. 5—ELECTION DAY
- FEB. 21—NEXT SRHA BOARD MEETING

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TREASURER'S REPORT: 2nd Quarter 2007-2008

FISCAL YEAR	2007-2008				YTD
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
INCOME	6,290.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,290.00
EXPENSES	1,549.75	2,673.27	1,668.25	0.00	5,891.27

EXPENSES					
Communications	185.60	143.06	225.87	0.00	554.53
Legal	0.00	950.00	310.50	0.00	1,198.50
Maintenance	1,224.00	282.40	1,040.00	0.00	2,546.40
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,109.00
Utilities	140.15	188.81	74.83	0.00	403.79
Social	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL - Actual	1,549.75	2,673.27	1,668.25	0.00	5,891.27

As we close out the second fiscal quarter on November 30, and end the 2007 calendar year, we have spent a little over 90% of our current fiscal revenue. Total current expenses through January 5, 2008 are \$5,891.27. However, a number of these expenses are related to the McHenry County requirements for updating the monument permits. This includes a one-time cost of \$950.00 for professional surveys and related filing expenses of \$248.50. The survey expenses will be charged against the reserves. Excluding these one-time expenses, we continue to track the budget for the year. The next anticipated significant expense item is Lawn Maintenance, which will resume in the spring. We should have a better projection of overall expenses at the end of the next fiscal quarter.

Our year-end Bank Balance is \$8,473.79. We will continue to review ongoing expenses in order to provide value to all homeowners.

SRHA ANNUAL MEETING THIS THURSDAY 1/24/08

PLEASE ATTEND
OUR ANNUAL
MEETING ON
THURSDAY. IF
YOU CANNOT
ATTEND, A PROXY
BALLOT MAY BE
SUBMITTED TO
SRHA SECRETARY
THERESE GRAFF
BEFORE THURSDAY.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday January 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Algonquin Township Offices, just east of the entrance to The Hollows on Hwy. 14. In the event of inclement weather, a snow date for the postponement of the meeting has been arranged for one week later, on January 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Early last week, every household should have received their packet of materials for this meeting. If you have not received your large brown envelope, please contact SRHA Secretary Therese G for a replacement as soon as possible.

We urge all residents to attend this meeting as we discuss and complete the business that affects us all:

- Present and vote on Proposed 2008-2009 Budget
- Elections of 5 directors to the SRHA board
- Distribution of the latest Covenants and Bylaws containing EXHIBIT D, a clarification

Ideally, all residents should attend so that they can share their opinions and make fully informed votes. If you cannot attend, please consider filling out the confidential Proxy Ballot included with the mailing and

return it to Therese before the meeting. If you turned in your Proxy and later decided to change your vote or to attend the meeting and vote in person, you may revoke your ballot following the instructions with the ballot. At this time, there is no business coming before the board that is not already on the Agenda in your packet.

Historically it has been difficult to achieve a quorum at the Annual meeting so that business can be conducted. Proxies received before the meeting are counted towards the quorum. An ABSTAIN vote will count towards determining a quorum but with respect to any proposals, will count as an AGAINST vote.

Covenants & Bylaws Distribution at Annual Meeting

Attendees at our Annual Meeting on Thursday Jan. 24th will receive copies of the most recently filed hot-off-the-press version of our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions and By-Laws.

There is little difference between this copy and the previous copy filed 3/7/07 but to avoid the confusion and misunderstandings that arise when old versions are consulted, each member will receive the newest copy and are

encouraged to dispose of copies dated 3/7/07 and earlier.

In order to comply with McHenry County current Signage Law, it became necessary to clarify Article 8.02 of the C&B. The monument area needed to be defined and has been attached to the C&B as Exhibit D. "(See Exhibit D)" has been added to the wording of Article 8.02.

The sign ordinance forced the registration of our monuments and signs. Because it owns and maintains these areas, the SRHA accepted responsibility

for securing and paying for the surveys, permits and document filing. Copies of the surveys have been provided to the County, NiCor and ComEd. The County has approved and assigned permits for our signs and monuments.

Copies will be mailed to non-attendees. The newest C&B will be available on our website after the Annual Meeting if additional copies are desired.

<http://www.steeplerun.org/Covenants.html>



If you haven't voted in a while, our polling place has relocated from the church on Hwy 31 to the Evangelical Free Church at 575 E. Crystal Lake Avenue, just east of Hannah Beardsley Middle School.



Damaged Mailbox?

If your mailbox is damaged by a township snow plow, please notify the Highway Department at the township offices as soon as possible after the damage occurs. They will need both the date of the damage and your street address.

To add your name to their list, call 1-847-639-2700 extension 6 during normal business hours.



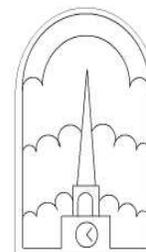
Directory Updates

Please add the following email listing to your Steeple Run directory:

Tim G graffte@dls.net

If there have been any changes in your family Directory listing, please send the re-

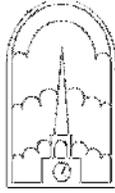
quested addition, deletion or correction information to Jill P. Until the Directory is reprinted, changes will continue to be published in the SR News and incorporated into our next Directory.



Please keep your Directory listing up-to-date by contacting Jill P at 4XX-XX90 or secretary@steeplerun.org.

ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY Jan. 24, 2008

7:30 p.m. at
Algonquin Township Offices



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Questions? Comments?
Volunteering? Contact:
Jill P or mail
SRHA
PO Box 1350
Crustal Lake, IL 60039-1350

We're on the Web!

www.steeplerun.org



Compact Fluorescent Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes are Household Hazardous Waste

All around us, we are being encouraged to reduce energy usage and emissions into our atmosphere. Compact fluorescent lights (CFL) save energy over traditional incandescent bulbs. CFLs use about 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer. They produce light more efficiently and give off 75% less heat. CFLs cost more to purchase but less to operate and save about \$30 in energy costs over its life.

Technological advances and rising energy costs have made CFLs more de-

sirable than ever. There is a wide variety of sizes and shapes to fit different light fixtures. The traditional bulb shape is being manufactured in addition to the coiled swirly bulb. Flickering has been eliminated thanks to electronic ballasts. Models are available that emit a warmer light color, closer to that of incandescent bulbs.

The downside of these energy-efficient bulbs is not as publicized. After 5-10 years of use, the bulb will need to be replaced. Because each bulb contains a small amount of mercury,

they are considered hazardous waste and should not be thrown into the trash.

This light bulb should be recycled so that the mercury can be recovered but our current waste providers do not handle this special need. Along with fluorescent tubes, the CFLs can be recycled through the McHenry County Defenders. Check their recycling page for information about their bi-monthly recycling drives. (www.mcdef.org) or call 815-338-0393.

