

GOLFVIEW HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB

THE VIEW

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's ramblings.....Sorry I was out of town for the May View deadline, so I have a lot of new and old information to impart, such as:

Please get in the habit of going to the GH website! It is loaded with special events and notes from your homes association, GHWC, GHPD, JSYC, and JSYC Jrs.

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- Congratulations to our four Scholarship/Achievement Award Winners. You certainly make Golfview proud. At the May Banquet recognition (and a check) was given to the following graduates: Abby Davis, Timmy Kaplan, Paige Poisson, and Lauren Roush.
- An enormous thank you is to be given to our Banquet Committee, co-chaired by Barb Bonertz and Judy Haufe. Also, special thanks to Mary Fletcher (Susie Zuver's mom) who arranged for the beautiful evening that was held at Edgewood Valley Country Club. Please go to the GH website to see pictures of the evening.
- Fourth of July is fast approaching. Golfview's celebration (given by the GHHA) will be on July 4, with the Hinsdale parade on Monday, July 5. GHWC is in need of a coordinator for the annual Golfview parade float, or parade walkers. This year's theme is "Volunteer – Give Back To The Community." GHWC has a budget, Elaine Rath has lots and lots of supplies and "stuff" suitable for the Fourth, and we have some young people who would be glad to help, with adult guidance. I'm sorry to lecture, but we cannot sit back and let the same people do the community work over and over and over again. Sit down at your computer and send email to lindahov@aol.com or do the old-fashioned thing and give me a telephone call, otherwise, Golfview Hills will not be a part of the parade!
- At the November, 2009 GHWC board meeting, it was decided to give the money from the February Chili Supper/Auction to the Assistance League, of Chicagoland West, and the Northern Illinois Food Bank, which supports 20 ongoing food pantry sites in DuPage County. At the May GHWC board meeting, the decision was made to give the rest of the Ways and Means money raised this past year to the Royal Kids' Camp, a summer camp for at risk and under privileged kids in DuPage County.
- June 1 was the first meeting of the new GHWC board, and plans are already underway for the 2010-11 year, with lots of ideas floating around about some new twists to some traditional events. Keep looking at the website!

On a personal note, last Tuesday, I had a really great experience in our neighborhood, one that sent me to my animal books for a quick look-up. The saying "ignorance is bliss" is not to be underestimated, as I later found out. I was driving down 58th (late as usual) and had one of those moments in my head that said to me "is that what I think it was?" so I slammed on my brakes, and backed up two houses. In the meantime, my daughter-in-law Laura was driving home when she saw the same thing (but she has better eyes and did not need to back up). Laura jumped out of her car and started waving at an on-coming car to stop, while your zoo lady (yours truly) jumped out of my car and ran over to take a look at a turtle – a very large grey/olive green soft-shelled turtle. Did I say very large? – Yes, at least 14 inches across. Since I handle turtles during zoo classes, I simply walked over to the creature, put a hand on each side, picked her up and, while Laura stopped another car, carried the turtle across the street to Wiseman Park. I did not realize that turtles could fly through the air, but believe me,

when I got near the edge of the water, she took a flying leap out of my hands and made herself air borne into the water. Now, more about the turtle – smooth softshell (*Apalone mutica*). According to PETERSON FIELD GUIDES/REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS OF EASTERN/CENTRAL NORTH AMERICA, this turtle is sometimes called the "spineless turtle" which is not really very complimentary to this particular species since the turtle can run with incredible speed and can bite with vigor. The reference book also stated that it is the "only softshell turtle *without* spines, bumps, or sandpapery projections on carapace" (top of shell) and the shell is quite smooth and leathery. Another reference book said to be careful when picking up this species, since it has a ferocious bite – remember what I said about ignorance? I guess I was just too anxious to get the turtle to safety, and at the same time so very puzzled by the totally smooth, leathery carapace of the turtle, and the coloration, size and long, pointy snout. Keep in mind that the turtle never moved when I approached her, and never even moved her head (and believe me, I was sensible enough to watch out for a bite, especially since she had a long neck). Since the turtle appeared to be so docile, I had Laura look on the underside (plastron) of the turtle to see if she was injured – nope. I think it is so exciting to have a softshell turtle right in Johnson Slough – how neat is that? I did not realize that we had softshelled turtles in Illinois, let alone in our community. Anyone have a name for her, and why do I keep saying "her"? Because adult females are 6.5 to 14 inches and males (are you ready?) are 4.5 to 7 inches.

FYI: June was designated "Leave No Child Inside" month by the Illinois General Assembly in 2009. Go to www.kidsoutside.info and www.dnr.state.il.us/youthprograms/pg2.htm for details and other exciting events designed to get children – and adults and families – outside! Also, Get Outdoors day is June 12 at Lincoln Park Zoo.

Have a safe and cool summer. The "athezoo" lady wants to remind you to drink lots of water, wear your sun block, and watch out for flora and fauna wildlife in Golfview! In fact it is time for me to go outside and plant some more flowers – so until next September's View.....

Linda Hoveke

Golfview Hills Community Liaison News

If you hear any Golfview Hills news, please call Arlene Bowland @630-654-2451 or email arlene632@yahoo.com.

A heads up for Golfview parents and residents: Our Golfview children wait for their school buses all around the community in the morning, and most mornings are uneventful. However, I have been asked to alert parents and residents to an incident that took place one morning this past May on the corner of 58th St. and Thurlow. A child in possession of a knife was pointing it and actually touched one of the other children in the stomach to scare him. No one was hurt, but that is not the type of behavior that should be taking place on our streets. As a community let's all be aware of what is happening on our street corners when the children are waiting for a bus, getting off a bus, or whenever things just don't appear right.

Hal McReynolds formerly at 637 W. 58th St. fell on Monday, May 24th and broke his hip. He is recuperating nicely at the Plymouth Place Health Center in LaGrange receiving both physical and occupational therapy so he can get moving again. Hal, all your friends in Golfview wish you a speedy recovery.

We end our community news on a very happy note: Jackie Peterson (640 Lakeside) and Dave Sluder(5703 S. Thurlow) said their wedding vows on May 22nd at a late morning ceremony in the Fragrance Garden at the Morton Arboretum. In attendance were Dave and Jackie's 3 children and their spouses, 4 grandchildren, Jackie's sister and brother-in-law, and a friend of both. Dave's family wished them well from Colorado. It was a beautiful ceremony on a beautiful day followed by a late lunch back at their home in Golfview. The couple will be traveling to Colorado in early July to celebrate with Dave's mom and his brothers and their wives. Congratulations to both of you from all your Golfview neighbors and friends.



STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Golfview Hills Women's Club is recognizing four graduating seniors this year for their outstanding achievements. They are longtime Golfview residents and they are Abby Davis (Thurlow), Tim Kaplan (Quincy), Paige Poisson (Thurlow) and Lauren Roush (58th Street) The GWWC are all very proud of you and wish them much success in the future. They were introduced to the membership at the recent Annual Banquet..

Special Interest Groups

Lunch Bunch: Tuesday, June 11th at Cafe Bernard's at 1:00pm

Readers' Group: June 21st at Mary Jane Stitt's at 7:00pm

Book: "Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barbury



Don't swim in the lake.

Kids, it's not safe right now.

**If you do accidentally fall in, take a
shower.**

**Sewerage overflow at 57th and Jackson creates
danger for swimmers in Golfview Lake.**

Wednesday morning's heavy rain caused the sewer at 57th and Jackson to overflow into Golfview Lake. Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District Engineer James Liubicich was informed Wednesday morning by phone & email. He quickly responded by sending out a team of field engineers who checked the pumps at the Wiseman lift station. Both pumps were operating at capacity. Flagg Creek has approved two projects to rectify the Golfview overflow problem. By the end of October, a back-up generator will be installed at the lift station to operate the pumps in the event of a power outage. A new large capacity pump will be installed by the end of the year. The new 1000 gallon per minute pump will replace one of the old 200 gallon per minute pumps and should eliminate the overflow.

Meanwhile the raw sewerage dumped into the lake will cause high levels of e. coli and other toxins in our lake water. **NO ONE SHOULD ENTER THE LAKE TO SWIM UNTIL THE WATER IS TESTED AND PROVED TO BE FREE OF THESE TOXINS!!** Testing will not be done until after the Flagg Creek projects are completed.

Golfview Hills Women's Club Dues are Due

Golfview Hills Woman's club is collecting annual dues. Ladies, even if you cannot participate in other ways your financial support is greatly appreciated. Please mail or drop off a check for \$20 made out to GHWC to me, Anne Cahill at 628 W. 58th St. You can leave an envelope under my front mat which I check daily.

In an effort to go green AND reduce printing expenses we are encouraging you to receive the monthly "View" via email. Those of you who have not yet responded please send me an email address and you will receive "The View" via email. Thank you! anneccahill@yahoo.com

GOLFVIEW GUIDEBOOK (getting a head start on next year's edition)

If your name has been omitted or there is an error in the 2009-2010 book, please let me know.

Rita Carlson
630/986-1775
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BANQUET

Thank you to everyone who attended the GHWC Banquet on May 11th at Edgewood Valley Country Club. It was a terrific evening of fun and friendship. We offer a special thank you to Susie Zuver, whose mother sponsored us at the club, and to our terrific committee: Beth Bannon, Pat Hofmeister, Marylu Kramer, Andrea Moen, and Elaine Rath.

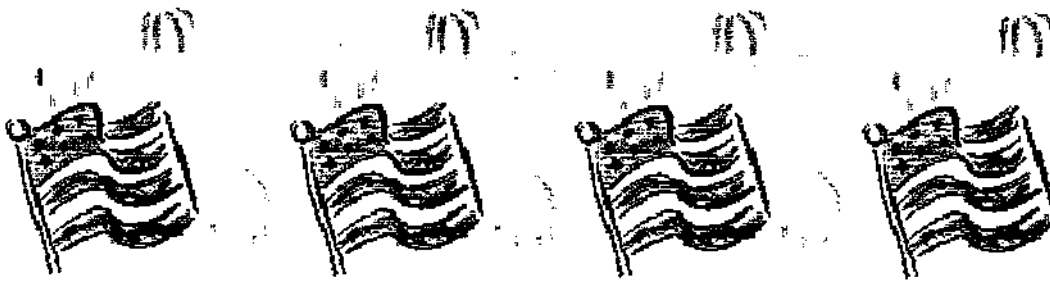
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SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2010

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Schedule of events:

- 1:30 Watermelon Race on the Lake (if we get the ok regarding the water)
- 2-3:30 Don Mitchell Race for sailors
- 2-3:30 Games for adults and kids (horse shoes, egg toss, bean bag toss)
- JUMP HOUSE (age appropriate)
- 2-4 Pony rides for kids (8 and under)
- 3:30-4:30 Food will be served

Free to Golfview residents
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