



Lake Pointe Association News

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Introducing: Your Lake Pointe Website!

Check out www.lakepointehomeownersassociation.com

Lake Pointe Association's new website provides easy access to resources homeowners have said they need.

Getting around the website is extremely easy. Content is just one click away when you use the menu at the top of the home page.

On the website, you can:

- learn about upcoming neighborhood events.
- point friends and family to the website for directions on getting to Lake Pointe.
- download the new "Covenant Complaint" form (see box on next page).
- view past issues of the Association newsletter.
- get involved in the Association by volunteering.
- view and download the Association Covenants and By-Laws document.
- contact Board members by email.

THANK YOU to Board Member Janis Rose, who gave many hours of her professional expertise to the development of this website.

Please take a look and let us know what you think!

Annual Garage Sale – Saturday, May 23

Clean out your closets and help people in need

Get a jump start on spring cleaning by preparing for the Lake Pointe Subdivision garage sale and Salvation Army pickup.

This annual garage sale seems to be of interest to Springfield bargain shoppers and generates high traffic.

The Association will post signs and place ads in the paper on Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23.

To participate, all you have to do is open your garage doors on Saturday, May 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A Salvation Army truck will park in Lake Pointe Court from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to collect your leftover items.

Your donations will help sustain Springfield's Salvation Army store, where 100% of proceeds directly support its Adult

Rehabilitation program. This program helps individuals facing personal difficulties get back on their feet. The following website provides a valuation guide for donations:

<http://www.tsaspringfield.org/thriftstorelocations.html>

Please contact Board President Nona Myers at 725-5760 with any questions about the garage sale.

Nearly 92% of Dues Already Collected

Thank you to all of the homeowners who have paid their annual dues. As of February, 92% of Association member accounts are current.

This response is a tremendous accomplishment for our Association, which until three years ago had no formal means of collecting dues. As we

grew, so did our need to have an accurate and timely process.

Homeowners delinquent on annual dues receive two late notices following delivery of the original invoice. After 60 days of nonpayment, a \$25 late fee is assessed, plus interest at the rate of two points over

prime begins to accrue. After 90 days, the Association files a lien on properties for non-payment of annual dues.

The ability to assess late fees and other fines is specified by the By-Laws to ensure the long-term financial viability of Lake Pointe Association.

NEW Covenant Complaint Form available on website ...

Homeowners wishing to register complaints about violations to the Lake Pointe Covenants and By-Laws must file a signed Covenant Complaint form. This form is available on the website under the "Forms" tab at the top or from any Board Member.

The Board encourages a "good neighbor" practice. Try talking to your neighbor to work out grievances before filing a formal Complaint. You might be surprised at how productive a good old-fashioned conversation can be!

Know Your Neighbors

Be aware of registered sex offenders on the state's website – www.isp.state.il.us/sor

The Illinois State Police maintains an online database of registered sex offenders. This database is provided as a public service and is accessible to any individual.

"One way to keep safe is to know who your

neighbors are," says State Police Officer Tracy Newton. Law requires sex offenders to register with this database.

Newton encourages all citizens to explore and become familiar with the website: www.isp.state.il.us/sor.

You may search the database by name, city, zip code, county, status and offender type.

Newton says view the site regularly, as data changes daily.

Officer Newton can be reached at 557-1945.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Here's how to build it – block by block

The Neighborhood Watch Program is about neighbors helping neighbors fight crime.

Dave Fuchs of the Springfield Police Department attended the Association November Annual Meeting to overview the program.

Lake Pointe is a large neighborhood, with 250 houses, so Fuchs

says individual blocks or cul-de-sacs should set up their own Watch Programs.

"You want neighbors within eyesight of your home to be a part of your Watch Program," Fuchs says.

Here's how to form a Watch Program on your block:

1. Talk to neighbors to see if they want to participate. Fuchs will join you on your canvas.

2. If more than 50% of owners in a two-block area say yes, a Beat 100 police officer will meet with the group.

3. Neighbors will exchange phone numbers.

4. Participants will receive window decals.

Contact Fuchs at 788-8391 to start your Watch Program.

Architectural Committee
Please direct questions about architectural plans for your property to Committee members John Forneris, Bill Hunt or Tim Krell.