

LONGACRES NEWSLETTER Summer 2004

Good Neighbor of the Month

This month's good neighbor award goes to John (JB) Bosacker of Bent Bow Trail.

John recently helped some upper Hunter Drive neighbors capture and move a very large snapping turtle. The turtle had wandered up to the front yards of Hunter Drive. John stepped right in to make sure the kids and dogs were safe from the prehistoric looking turtle. With the help of Hunter Drive resident Rosalie Nast, John was able to get the turtle into a large box and then carried it back down to the pond.

Snapping turtles are seen frequently in the Longacres neighborhood. These turtles are quite dangerous and faster moving than you might think. The Common Snapping Turtle is an aggressive, freshwater turtle usually found in ponds & streams. It spends most of its life in the water. These nocturnal (active at night) turtles live in eastern North America. Snapping turtles are so fearless that they have been known to attack people. Snapping turtles have an average life span of about 30-40 years.

The Common Snapping Turtle has powerful jaws, a sharp beak, and no teeth. It has a long tail, and each webbed foot has five clawed toes. This turtle, like all turtles, has no vocal cords and can only make hissing and grunting sounds. It grows to be up to 18.5 inches (47 cm) long and weighs up to about 85 pounds (38.5 kg). Male snapping turtles are larger than the females. The color of the shell ranges from brown to olive green to black to tan. The color of its skin also varies and can be gray, brown, yellow, tan, or black. The turtles leave the ponds and cross the roads in search of a safe nesting area for its eggs.

If you are not as brave or daring as John Bosacker you may try calling animal control for help. Thanks JB for being a good neighbor!

If you have a good neighbor story you would like to share please email it to:

lisahokkanen@edinarealty.com



Welcome to our new neighbors!

Please take time to say hello to
the following new residents:

Jex and Leslie Varner
2438 Hunter Drive
Pat & Cheryl Rogers
2596 Southern Court
Sandra & Tom Olenczuk
7269 Bent Bow Trail
Carrie & Carter Muench
7284 Bent Bow Trail
Joe & Judy Eulberg
7136 Harrison Hill Trail



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Longacres Family Picnic

Save the date! August 28th! Come join your neighbors for some outdoor family fun at the east side Longacres Park at 5 pm on Saturday, August 28th. Food, music, magic, games and fun for the whole family! See the enclosed flyer for more detailed information and RSVP soon! For more info contact Sandra Stendal 401-0586 or Lisa Hokkanen 470-6610



Longacres Block Party Review

This year's block party was another huge success! Reunited were the Bunch O'Losers in prime vocal form! Special guest appearances were made by local Chaska Middle School band, Fool Notion, neighbors Dave Sprosty, Sam & Clint Thayer and a surprise guest appearance by "Wally the Beer man." 200+ people attended and fun was had by all!



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Garbage Collection

Did you know BFI offers our Longacres HOA a subdivision discount? The LHOA has negotiated the following discount rates for

BFI garbage pick up:
32 gal \$11.18/month
68 gal \$12.18/month
95 gal \$13.18/month
2-95 gal \$17.18/month

If you are currently not getting these rates please contact Laura Wachholz at BFI 952-946-5200 for more information. If you are using another waste company compare your rates to these because it would be nice to have only one garbage pick up day per week in Longacres. This garbage program is voluntary.

Longacres Classified Ads

Please support our young entrepreneurial neighbors...

Babysitting:

Alex Larson 401-0609
Callie Varner 401-7909
Lucy Ryan 470-9086
Emily Moore 401-1369
Ally or John Maeser 474-6607
Lindsay or Sara Havlik 401-0235
Courtney Hanousek 470-5732
Colin or Patrick McGonagill 380-3429
Amy or Melissa Bordeaux 401-3293

Lawn Mowing:

Colin McGonagill 380-3429
John Bittner 401-0815

For Sale:

1999 Sea Ray Cuddy
21.5 ft 220 hp I/O 138hrs
\$24,000
Contact: Mike Wellner 470-5845

Please email future ads to:
dan.hanson@mchsi.com

Mosquito Facts

Minnesota's official state bug is back in full force!



Fifty mosquito species occur in Minnesota, over 3,300 worldwide. A single female can lay over 200 eggs at a time. Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.

All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle. Not all species bite humans; some prefer birds, others prefer horses, and some will even bite frogs and turtles. Only females take blood; males feed only on plant nectar. Mosquitoes can fly considerable distances; some species remain close to their larval habitats while others can fly 20 miles or more.

Mosquitoes do not develop in grass or shrubbery, although adults frequently rest in these areas during daylight hours. Mosquitoes are responsible for more human death than any other living creature.

Go to www.mmcd.org Metropolitan Mosquito Control District for more information on mosquito treatment in Longacres & Carver County.

Longacres 1st Annual Garage Sale Event

Next Spring, May 18th, 19th & 20th 2005, we will coordinate numerous neighborhood garage sales along with local newspaper advertising & signs. Look for more information on this event in upcoming newsletters



National Night Out Tuesday, Aug. 3rd

Keeping Chanhassen a safe community is a partnership effort. National Night Out (NNO) supports this effort by reminding citizens that their involvement is vital in building a strong and safe community. Each year, the City of Chanhassen joins thousands of communities nationwide in observing National Night Out.

NNO is designed to:

- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Promote neighborliness
- Strengthen police & community relationships

Celebrated annually on the first Tuesday in August, community leaders encourage residents to join their neighbors in observing NNO by attending an organized event in their neighborhood. Carver County deputies and city representatives attempt to visit all participating neighborhoods. For more information, contact the Carver County Crime Prevention Specialist at 952-227-1610.

Carver County Juvenile Curfew Ordinance # 25

Juveniles under age 12: Sunday-
Thursday
9pm-5am

Friday & Saturday
10pm-5am

Juveniles age 12-14:
Sunday-Thursday
10pm-5am

Friday & Saturday
11pm-5am

Juveniles age 15-17: Sunday-
Thursday
11pm-5am
Friday & Saturday
12:01 am-5am

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Project LeadFoot

Are you concerned about traffic safety in your neighborhood? The key to traffic safety is *voluntary* compliance with traffic laws and safe driving principles. The key to developing and maintaining safe driving in neighborhoods is *resident support and involvement*. In cooperation with neighborhood residents and the Carver County Sheriff's Office, the City of Chanhassen has implemented Project LeadFoot, a community approach to calming speed and enhancing traffic safety on neighborhood streets. Project LeadFoot promotes neighborhood traffic safety by empowering citizens through involvement. For additional information, call 952-227-1610.



Be a Respectful & Courteous Neighbor!

Lawn mowing or snow blowing too early in the morning or too late at night can sometimes lead to grumpy, tired neighbors. A little common sense & courtesy should help everyone know those hours for their neighbors. The same goes for summer outside night games for kids. Check the previous information on area curfew ordinances.

Neighbors Supporting Neighbors

A benefit has been organized for Hunter Drive resident Lisa Brunner & her family. The benefit hopes to raise funds to help them offset their medical costs and childcare costs, and to maintain some sense of "normalcy" in their lives, despite this most challenging time. This is an opportunity to gather together to celebrate the Brunner family's strength and courage, as Lisa continues her battle with colon cancer & her recovery from the after-effects of the sepsis.

This special event will take place on Saturday, August 14th, 2004, at the Chaska Community Center 6:30 p.m. - ??? There will be a pig roast, live music courtesy of singer/songwriter Amy Angeline & her band, & a silent auction. The cost per person will be \$50 in advance, and \$55 at the door. This includes food & beverages. Due to space limitations at the CCC, RSVP as soon as possible. (Please arrange for childcare, this is intended to be an adult event)

Please send your RSVP with check payable to "For Benefit of Lisa Brunner" to: Bette Kucera, 3034 Fairway Circle, Chaska, MN 55318. Contact Bette at kucera66@yahoo.com or 443-1966 with any questions or if you are interested in making a donation to the silent auction. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate to the family, checks can be made payable to "For Benefit of Lisa Brunner", at U.S. Bank Chanhassen Office, 7830 Century Blvd., Chanhassen, MN

Fundraiser



Longacres HOA Crime Watch Blotter

Recently some juveniles driving down Longacres Drive stopped and stole a yellow "slow man" sign. Quick thinking by a neighbor who wrote down the license plate number and called the police resulted in quick action and resolution of this theft.

If you know of any vandalism or theft in the neighborhood please let us know so we can pass the information along to your neighbors so we can all be more aware and watchful of our neighborhood.

On 7/14/04, the Carver County Sheriff's Office received 16 reports of theft from vehicles which occurred overnight from residential areas in the City of Victoria. Vehicle windows were broken, and items stolen were laptop computers and cash. One victim recalled hearing a loud car and another heard his dog barking during the night of the thefts.

Recommendations:

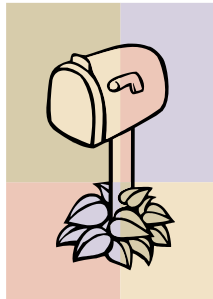
Remove all valuables from vehicles.
Lock vehicles inside garages when at all possible.
Immediately dial 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity; which may include:

1. Sound of breaking glass
2. Any unusual noise after dark.
3. A vehicle occupied with several individuals late at night.

Mailbox Maintenance

Mailbox maintenance is the homeowner's responsibility. The HOA board now has a contact for you to call for mailbox post repair, replacement & installation right here in the neighborhood. Please contact Gary Nolan of Northwoods Court for pricing information at 380-4998

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Longacres Email Notification of Events

In order to better and faster serve the Longacres homeowners of timely events we would like to develop an email distribution list. This communication would be in addition to the formal Association Board Minutes & Letters. If you would like to be included on this list please send an email with your name and address to dan.hanson@mchsi.com or lisahokkanen@edinarealty.com.



Longacres Website

Did you know we have a neighborhood website? www.longacreshoa.org We are currently looking for a neighbor volunteer to be the web master. This is a great opportunity for someone with that technical experience to help our neighborhood communicate more efficiently. We would like to post the newsletter and neighborhood directory on this site among other neighborhood event information.

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