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OAK TERRACE EASTER 2013!



It was a beautiful day. Many thanks to everyone who came out, our volunteers and the Easter Bunny! The kids had a grand time, and check out that hat!

BOAT RAMP KEYS & PIER RENTAL

Financially, things are being handled differently this year—and onwards—re keys. Your \$25 fee should have been paid at the same time as your dues. The Treasurer will send a list of those who have bought a key to the **Sipowicz**s at **19108 West Lake View, 847-949-9737**, and, if you're not on the list you'll have to see **Dan Griffin** first. When you pick up your new key you must return last years or pay \$25 for the lost key. If you have questions about this, please call first.

If you need a pier rental, contact **Dan Griffin: dangriffin26344@yahoo.com** or **224-567-3434**. These are all volunteers doing this, folks, and it makes their life a little easier when it can be simplified. Thank you for your consideration.

SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 11 — HANSEN PARK 10 A.M.

All able-bodied gratefully welcomed!

SUMMER FEST AUGUST 3RD

Dina Lepczynski: dinare11@yahoo.com or **847-566-1989** is heading up Summer Fest, and would gladly welcome suggestions, questions and volunteers for this years bash. Please call or email her so she can begin this large task, on our behalf. Thank you.

TRANSITIONS

It is with sorrow we report the death recently of **Cara Cuny** of **Hickory**. Four generations of her family has lived in Oak Terrace. Cara retired from the Board late last year. She died too soon.

Paul Neff of **Lake View** died in late March. Our condolences to his family and friends.

CLASSIFIEDS

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BUCOLIC OAK TERRACE

One of the most distinguishing features of our neighborhood are the very large old trees. The majority of the largest trees are made up of native oaks, hickories, and walnuts. As a result of lawn mowing, saplings from existing trees are not allowed to grow. We are encouraging all homeowner to plant at least one tree from the above mentions species types to help maintain the look and feel of our neighborhood for generations to come.

There will be a controlled burn at **Hansen Park** and the **Rain Garden** this year—as per our upkeep agreement for the funds which were donated for the original work—which will cost approx. \$1200. The problem with invasive plant life in the lake was discussed at the April meeting and OT will be cooperating with the Mundelein Park District and West Shore Park in eliminating/keeping it under control. Both these tasks will need to be implemented on an intermittent basis. Also, boulders will be placed in front of the seawall at Beach Park to stop the back-lash from waves and the consequent erosion. Boat owners please be aware of wave damage to piers and frontage and observe a reasonable no-wake area.

ATTENTION: KAYAKERS & PADDLE BOARDERS

In the past few years, there have been tragic examples of small boats, notably kayaks, run down by larger, fast-moving boats. Source: **Seaworthy, the Boat U.S. Marine Insurance and Damage Avoidance Report,” July 2012, p. 4.** Based on a series of tests on the water using volunteers in kayaks and powerboats, among their recommendations to kayakers were:

1) Carry an audible signaling device. 2) Wear fluorescent life vests or shirts. 3) Use paddles with white or light colored blades. 4) Avoid kayaking in areas with high boat traffic. 5) Use flags that can be mounted on kayaks.

Conversely, owners of larger boats are advised to: wear sunglasses; keep a proper lookout; and, be especially alert in areas where you are likely to encounter smaller craft.

Many thanks to our neighbor, **Ron Aidikonis** of **Hickory**, for passing on this potential life saving information.

Oak Terrace Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except for January and December) at 7:00 p.m., at the Countryside Fire Department on Midlothian Road, south west of 60/83.

Turn west at that junction and you'll see the fire station on your left just beyond the shopping plaza. Enter through the side main door and take the stairs or elevator to the second level conference room. The building is handicap-friendly. All residents are welcome.