

# **NLECA Newsletter**

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# **Financial Report**

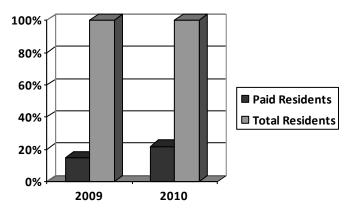
#### 2010 Dues Reminder - Due 4/1/2010

Annual dues were due on April 1, 2010. A total of 147 homes are in the association. Last year 15% of residents paid their dues. This year we are up to 22% of residents that have paid their dues so far. THANK YOU!

Dues are \$15 per year. The money is used to maintain our park areas, support portions of the annual picnic, financial reserves for future needs. A segment is also put into a separate fund for pond maintenance and renewal.

The payment coupon below and a self addressed envelope have been provided for your convenience.

If you have any questions you may contact Amanda Crisel at 847-274-9374 or Amanda.crisel@gmail.com.



General Fund = \$4,901.30 Pond Fund = \$1,251.60 Total = \$6,152.90

Please return portion below with your payment of \$15.00						
Checks payable to: NLECA	Return (or mail) to: NLECA PO Box 1042 Libertyville, IL 60048					
NamePlease F	rint Phone					
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## **Association Board News**

#### Board Update

The Annual Association Meeting was held on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Libertyville Village Hall. The next meeting date will be announced later in the year.

Three positions were up for re-election. Congratulations to Lori Harper, Treasurer, and Noreen Wykel, Secretary on their re-election. We welcome Heather Socie, Director, as a new member to the Board.

#### **Special Thanks**

We send our thanks to former Board Members Doreen Lagoni and Carrie Mach in appreciation for their many years of service. The unselfish donation of time, availability, ideas and contributions is deeply appreciated.

Thank you to Kevin and Carrie Mach as well as Randy Miller for their continued care for the welcoming entrances to North Libertyville Estates.

# Spring Clean-up

#### Wednesday, May 19, 2010

This is your chance to clean out the garage, the attic, etc! All items must be at the roadside by 6:00am.

The trucks will pick up the normal garbage, recycling and Spring Clean-up Items. They will not pick up construction materials, tires, oil/oil drums, paint, large car parts.

Note: Refrigerators and freezers (doors must be removed), air conditioners and dehumidifiers cannot be taken unless the Freon is removed by a certified technician and tagged for pick-up.

Questions? Call Bill Morgan at the Township office (847-362-3350).



One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure!

# **Annual Picnic**

The NLECA annual picnic was approved at the Association Annual Board Meeting. This is a fantastic way to get to know your neighbors!

The date for the picnic is to be determined. The Board is looking for input on date selection (Saturday or Sunday) and for volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. Take this opportunity to "voice your choice!" Please contact at 847-680-5371 or <u>jhnickels@netzero.net</u> with date preferences for September, 2010.

### **Pond Update**

#### General News

In May, 2008, the pond was stocked with 100lbs of vital mosquito eating fish. Between the increased turtle population and the pond freezing to the ground this winter, we are in need of re-stocking the pond. At the Annual Association Meeting, it was decided that due to the lower pond water level, only 50lbs will be introduced this year.

The mosquito population is a concern for all residents. Mosquitoes can breed in water that is standing for as little as 48 hours. During the meeting, many options for control were discussed:

+Re-stocking the pond with mosquito eating fish.

+Each household picking up and utilizing the free DUNKS from the Township office. Dunks will be available at the end of May. These can even be used in bird baths and are not harmful to the aviary life.

+Mounting bat boxes around the pond or neighborhood.

+Residents eliminating stagnant water issues on their own properties.

#### Pond Clean-Up Day - Volunteers Needed

Community effort is needed to clean up the pond. Pond Clean-Up day or weekend was discussed at the Annual Association Meeting.

Help is needed for general upkeep as well as aid in the removal of the cattails. Cattails are a major breeding ground for the mosquito population. Chemical treatment was discussed, but is cost prohibitive. The best option available is cutting down the cattails below the water level. The muskrat population seems to be on an increase, which is wonderful because they remove and utilize the cattails for housing.

Please contact John Nickels at 847-680-5371 or <u>ihnickels@netzero.net</u> if you are interested in volunteering to help with the clean-up and if you'd like to offer an option for dates. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Voice your Choice! Your opinion matters.



### Levee Update

Help protect the levee from erosion and damage. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic, other than authorized maintenance, is prohibited by law. Any one seen on the levee should be reported to the Sheriff's Dept. 847-377-4000

Other offenders such as ground hogs, burrowing animals or children displacing the structural levee rocks can cause damage as well. Please call a board member and it will be brought to the attention of the County.

A substantial amount of K-9 feces has been noticed around the pond. This may indicate an increase in coyote activity in the area. Be on guard, coyotes are a potential threat to your pets!

### **Community Ideas**

Residents at the Annual Association Meeting indicated a desire for a subdivision garage sale, neighborhood phone book, babysitter list, association website, local business advertizing in the newsletter and an official welcoming committee. A Facebook Fan Page will be created where updates can be posted.

An update on these opportunities will be given in the next newsletter. If you are interested in helping with these initiatives, please contact Heather Socie at 847-293-5307 or <u>hjsocie@hotmail.com</u>.

Share Your Ideas!

### **Upcoming Events**

Spring Clean Up	May 19
Subdivision Garage Sale	TBD
Pond Clean Up	TBD
Annual Picnic	TBD

### **Important Numbers**

#### <u>Local</u>

Township Office	847-362-3350
Sheriff's Department	847-377-4000

#### **Board Members**

President	Dan Herchanbach	847-680-8871	herchanbach@att.net
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