

NEWBURG VILLAGE NEWS

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Budget, Assessments Passed

The proposed budget for 2007 was approved at the January 16 Board meeting along with the proposed assessment amounts. Assessments are due and payable as of January 25, 2007, and lot owners have 30 days in which to pay their assessments. The 2007 assessments for lot owners around the golf course are \$75.00 for the Sewer System Maintenance Fund and \$125.00 for the NVHA Operating Fund.

New Area Code Begins February 17

Your telephone dialing pattern will change somewhat on February 17. That's the day a new area code overlay goes into affect in the 815 area code. While this won't change our current telephone numbers or area code, what it does mean for us is that all our phone calls will now have to be completed with 1 + 10-digit dialing (1 + area code + seven-digit phone number). This includes calls currently dialed with seven digits in the existing 815 area code.



The Illinois Commerce Commission originally announced the implementation of a new overlay area code (779) for the 815 area code back on May 15, 2006. With an overlay, a second area code is added to the same geographic area as the existing area code, with all current phone customers retaining the original area code.

The new 779 area code is being introduced so that a continuing supply of prefixes and blocks to assign to new and growing telecommunications service providers will be available. Consumers seeking additional telephone lines will, in most cases, continue to be able to receive 815 telephone numbers, even after the 779 area code is placed in service. However, new telephone customers for local phone service, cellular and paging services, and alarms, for example, assigned in the same area may receive telephone numbers in the new overlay area code.

These changes and the requirement for 11-digit dialing does not affect the cost of the call. A local call will remain a local call, and a toll call will remain a toll call, regardless of the number of digits that are dialed to complete it.

In addition to changing your dialing procedure, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of

equipment that are programmed with a 7-digit number will need to be reprogrammed to use the new dialing procedure. Some examples are life safety systems, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm and security systems, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, and similar functions.

Mandatory 11-digit dialing will begin on Feb. 17, 2007 and the first 779 prefixes may be placed in service 30 days later.

Neighbor Notes

We're adding a new feature that covers the people in our neighborhood. *Neighbor Notes* is a place to announce new neighbors, weddings, births, career changes, promotions, and more. If you have an announcement for your household, email your news directly to events@newburgvillage.com. Help keep our neighborhood connected on all the good news in your life!

The following new neighbors have moved into Newburg Village in the last couple months:

- Paul Glendenning, and Joe & Laura Wagenecht, 7230 Brimmer Way
 - Jeff & Denise Sengenberger, 7338 West Ridge Lane
- Welcome to all!

Board Update

At the December 5, 2006 NVHA Annual Meeting, Lisa Freberg and Roger Lindeman were elected to fill the two open positions on the Board. Our many thanks to all who were able to attend the meeting.

Officers for 2007 are Gary Tiffany, President; Roger Lindeman, Vice President; and Lisa Freberg, Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, George Fedorev has joined the board as the Rivers Edge Condos representative, replacing Larry Hoffer, and Dennis Scheider has joined the board as the representative from the homes on Stone Ridge Lane, replacing Gary Gessner.

Want to Get Involved?

The NVHA Social Committee is seeking volunteers to help plan and support neighborhood events for the coming year. If you have an interest in helping the Social Committee, please e-mail Laura Ahern, Social Committee Chair, at lahern@insightbb.com to learn more about the opportunities.

Lights Out?

Have you checked your outside lights recently? Now is a good time to replace them if needed. Keeping our homes illuminated not only increases our neighborhood's appeal at night, it also keeps us safer.

When you do change those bulbs, consider replacing the bulbs with compact fluorescent ones. They cost a bit more, but they use 75% to 80% less energy, which means lower electric bills every month. That's especially important in light of ComEd's recent rate increase!

Compact fluorescent bulbs will pay for themselves in energy savings in less than half a year. They also last for years, so you won't need to worry about replacing them for quite a while. Studies show that if every home in America replaced just one 60-watt bulb with a compact fluorescent one, it would save enough energy to power a city the size of Indianapolis and would reduce greenhouse gas emissions equal to taking 1.3 million cars off the road.

So pick up a few compact fluorescent bulbs and replace those burned out ones around your house. You'll save money, not have to worry about doing it again for years, and keep our neighborhood a little less inviting for criminals at night.



Fireplace Safety – Can Your Ashes

What could be better than curling up in front of the fireplace or wood stove on a cold winter's night? What could be worse than burning your house down because you didn't properly dispose of the ashes!?!

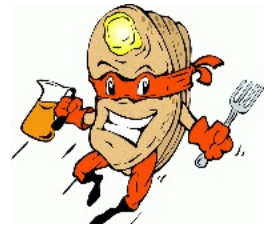
Since fireplaces and wood stoves have increased in popularity; fires related to their misuse have increased as well. Every year, hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage occurs and dozens of families are displaced because of fires caused by the improper disposal of fireplace ashes. Fireplace and wood-stove ashes retain enough heat to ignite other combustible materials for several days after a fire.

It is important to learn the proper ways to dispose of fireplace and wood-stove ashes:

- DO NOT discard your ashes into any combustible container like a paper or plastic bag, a cardboard box, or a plastic trash can.
- DO put ashes into a non-combustible metal container with a lid.
- DO pour water into the container to make sure the ashes are cool.
- DO keep your ash container OUTSIDE the home, away from combustibles.

Pancake Day is Coming

Mark your calendars now for the 53rd annual Kiwanis Pancake Day, one of the largest pancake days in the country, which will be held Saturday, March 17 at Rock Valley College in the Physical Education Center. Serving starts at 6:30 AM and runs most of the day. There will be live musical entertainment throughout the event plus the Register Star Used Book Sale will be onsite.



Tickets are \$5.00 each for all the pancakes you can eat and are available from any Kiwanis member. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on March 17.

Last year, they served over 4,500 people, so come out early to get some of the best pancakes around!

Winter Road Safety

The groundhog didn't see his shadow this year, and Spring is definitely on the way, but we must remember that winter is not yet over. Our area typically receives some of our worst weather during February, and we must not be caught with our guard down.

There are a number of things you can do to protect yourself. First, keep your car prepared with properly inflated tires to best handle any snow, and a relatively full tank of gas. Also remember to remove snow from the hood and the roof of your car before you drive; it can blow off into another driver's windshield or hit a pedestrian. Make sure to clear the snow from your headlights and turn signal lights so that other drivers can see you and your intentions.

It is especially important to have a winter survival kit in your car if you travel long distances to work. Put the items in a duffel bag to keep in the car: blankets/sleeping bag/warm clothes including mittens and hats; nonperishable food, bottled water; flashlight with batteries; cell phone, first aid kit, brightly colored fabric/bandana to tie to door handle or antenna; small shovel, windshield scraper, sand for traction, jumper cables/ basic tool kit; any other items you deem necessary.

Finally, if you must travel when the weather is less than favorable, keep others informed of your schedule and route, and try to stay on main roads.

NVHA Board Meetings

The NVHA Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Christ the Rock Lutheran Church. Upcoming meetings include February 20 and March 20, 2007. An agenda for each meeting will be posted to our website (www.newburgvillage.com) approximately one week before the scheduled meeting.