

NEWBURG VILLAGE NEWS

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Election on April 5; Be Sure to Vote!

On Tuesday, April 5, residents will have the opportunity to have their voices heard by participating in the 2011 Consolidated Election. There are a number of races affecting us, so be sure to vote.

Races up for voting include:

- Cherry Valley Trustee – Four candidates, Joann Hudson, Sally Hollebeak, Stephen Appell, and James Coppennoll – are running for three seats. You can read more information about each of the candidates at <http://tinyurl.com/4c7vfx7>
- Boone and Winnebago Educational Service Region Board of School Trustees Member – three candidates running for three positions
- Cherry Valley Public Library Trustee – three candidates running for three open positions



Our polling place is Belvidere #17, which is located at the Boone County Conservation District office, 603 North Appleton Rd., Belvidere. Polls will be open at 6:00 AM on April 5, and will close at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact the

Boone County Clerk's office, 1212 Logan Avenue, Suite 103, Belvidere. Hours are 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and the phone number is 815-544-3103. Exercise your right to vote!

Board Elects Officers for 2011

At its January meeting, the Board elected the following officers for the coming year: Gary Tiffany, President; Wes Zink, Vice President; Joe Pate, Treasurer; and Sue Gyllin, Secretary. Joe was re-elected to a three-year term at the Annual Meeting in December and Wes was elected for the first time to a three-year term. The Board wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Bob Feddersen for his service to the Association. Bob chose not to run for a second term in December.

Entrance Purchase Update

A proposal presented at the Annual Meeting to purchase land at the entrance to the subdivision went down to defeat by one vote at the December meeting. The proposal would have put the area to the east of the entrance under the Association's control and would have

prevented it from being used in the future for purposes that may have been detrimental to the subdivision.

The Board is currently assessing the situation and deciding whether to bring the proposal up for another vote in the near future. The Board believes that the purchase of the land is in the best interests of the subdivision.

Architectural Review Reminder

With Spring just around the corner, you may be starting to think about making improvements to your landscaping or to the exterior of your home. Please remember that any changes to your property are subject to the restrictions listed in our CC&Rs and must be reviewed by our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before work can begin.

The types of improvements that must be submitted to the ARC for review include:

- any additions or remodeling to the exterior of your home;
- any major landscaping work, including all fences, patios, and decks;
- all manmade structures including, but not limited to, gazebos, structural play sets, and retaining walls;
- and all large plantings and berms.

The architectural review process helps support the highest property market values for the entire subdivision. It also helps ensure that any planned improvement conforms to the Association's Declaration, maintains architectural harmony, enhances the beauty of the community, and in no way inconveniences your fellow homeowners or affects the golf course.

It is not the intent or interest of the ARC to require approval for planting of small flowers and shrubs. The intent is to find a balance between what is beneficial for the entire subdivision and the individual taste and creativity of each homeowner.

Our rules and regulations do spell out fines for non-compliance. Violations will be subject to fines as laid out in our Regulation on Rules Enforcement approved August, 2006. Per the regulation, the fines are as follows:

- for commencement, continuance, and/or completion of an architectural or structural improvement without ARC approval \$100.00 - \$300.00 per month;

- failure to complete improvement within required time frame \$25.00 - \$300.00 per month;
- Non-compliance with architectural guidelines \$25.00 - \$300.00 per month.

Copies of the ARC guidelines and the ARC Review Application are posted on the NVHA website and are included in your Homeowners Handbook.

If you have any questions concerning the ARC process or about a particular project you have in mind, please contact Gary Tiffany at 815-332-4015. The Board and the ARC want to help guide you through the process with the least impact on your project.

Easter Candy Scramble

Mark your calendars for the annual Cherry Valley Easter Candy Scramble, which will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2011, at 2:00 pm in Baumann Park. The event is open to all children.

Cherry Valley Police on Facebook

Did you know that the Cherry Valley Police Department has its own Facebook page? You'll find news releases, crime watch alerts, traffic enforcement updates, and information about other noteworthy occurrences that may happen in the Village of Cherry Valley. Check it out next time you're online!

Community Shred Day

Remember all those boxes of old bank statements, cable bills and other papers you have in the basement?



Here's a great opportunity to get rid of them. Members Alliance Credit Union will hold a free Community Shred Day from 9:00 AM to noon Saturday, April 2, at its 2550 S. Alpine Road location in Rockford.

Not only will you be recycling, but you'll be preventing identity theft by disposing of documents in a safe way through Paper Recovery Service Corp. You are limited to 100 pounds or two boxes per car so that all can be served. For more information, call 815-226-2260.

And Speaking of Recycling...

Lori Gummow, Director of Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful (KNIB), will give present a talk on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 PM at the Cherry Valley Library on the work the organization does to educate and help us to take simple steps to preserve and protect our environment. In her talk, she'll cover the finer points of day-to-day paper and plastic recycling, what to do to recycle electronic products, how to handle yard waste and composting, and how to dispose of medicines. She will also discuss various springtime clean-up efforts in which you and your family can be involved to make a difference in our community.

Registration is required in order to attend the talk, so please call 815-332-5161 to reserve your space.

Golf Course Opening Soon

Our golf course will opening by the end of the month. You may have already noticed that the golf carts were back. With the warming weather, it just takes a few days for the ground to thaw and for Dan to get the course in playable condition. The course has openings for leagues for this coming season, so please call Keith in the Clubhouse if you're interested. As always, you can check out all the information concerning the course be visiting www.newburgvillage.net.

And by the way, the golf course is still for sale. We're not aware of any current offers on it, but that can change at any time. we will do our best to keep the residents informed.

Spring Gardening Program at Library

On Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 PM, the Cherry Valley Library will sponsor a gardening talk titled "Grow UP! Using Vertical Spaces in Your Garden." It will discuss how one can use vertical spaces to produce some unusual and beautiful effects in your garden and how to use vertical gardening as part of your landscape planning. Jeff White, U of I Extension Master Gardener, is the speaker.

Neighbor Notes

Neighbor Notes is a place to announce new neighbors, weddings, births, career changes, promotions, and more. If you have something you'd like to announce, email your news to events@newburgvillage.com. Help keep our neighborhood connected on all the good news in your life!

Congratulations to **Gene & Val Alexander**, 7135 Brimmer Way, who were one of five sets of Cherry Valley homeowners who were recognized recently as winners in the Village's annual Holiday Lights Display contest. Thanks for representing our subdivision!

Congratulations also go out to **Somchan Thatsanaphon**, 241 Fairway View, for her contribution to help bring a major Department of Defense contract to the local manufacturing industry. It will create a number of jobs in the Rockford area.

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

- **Rich & Shari Wood**, 236 Fairway View. Welcome to the neighborhood!

NVHA Board Meetings

The NVHA Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Christ the Rock Lutheran Church. An agenda for the meeting will be posted to our website (www.newburgvillage.com) prior to each meeting.