

# NEWBURG VILLAGE NEWS

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## Cherry Valley Board Passes Driveway Width Ordinance for Newburg Village

On Tuesday, May 16, the Cherry Valley Board of Trustees passed special ordinance #2006-17 granting a variance concerning driveway widths to all Newburg Village single-family homes around the golf course.

The ordinance reads: "A variance to Section 58-146 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Cherry Valley, Illinois, shall be and hereby is granted to all residential lots containing a single-family residence located in Newburg Village Subdivision for all lots north of Newburg Road which shall allow driveway widths at each individual lot property line to be twenty-one feet (21') in width and driveway widths at the public street to be twenty-seven feet (27') in width.

No other variances will be granted concerning driveway widths in Newburg Village Subdivision on single-family residential lots located north of Newburg Road."

Many of our residents had been notified that their driveways were out of compliance with the Village's original driveway width, which set the maximum width at 18 feet at the property line and 24 feet at the street. The Village had originally given residents two choices – either cut the non-compliant driveways to a maximum width of 18 feet at the property line or add up to three feet in width to the driveway approach. In addition, each affected resident was to apply for an individual variance and pay a \$75 inspection fee to the Village.

The Village Board's action means most of the current driveways in our subdivision are deemed to be within substantial compliance with the special ordinance. In other words, as long as the driveways are substantially equal to 21 feet wide or less at the property line, the Village will assume compliance. They are not going to argue over six inches one way or the other. Further, as long as the approach is no wider than 27 feet at the street, it will be deemed compliant.

There are still four or five driveways in the subdivision, however, that will still be out of compliance with the new driveway width ordinance. The Village will be contacting those homeowners via letter requesting that the driveways be brought into substantial compliance with the new ordinance or they will face legal action.

A complete copy of the new ordinance and a diagram of where the widths are to be measured is posted on the NVHA website at [www.newburgvillage.com](http://www.newburgvillage.com).

## Two Faces Have I

Now that the landscaping season is in full swing, the Grounds Committee wants to remind each of the golf course homeowners that, just like the 1963 Lou Christie hit song says, everyone's house has two faces – one is a "street" face and one is a "golf course" face. As you plan and install your landscaping, please remember that more people will see your back yard on a daily basis than will see your front yard. What these individuals see helps form a positive impression of our neighborhood, so please help us put our best "face" forward.

The Grounds Committee also reminds everyone that our CC&Rs state that if you are planning to landscape that portion of your Lot adjacent to a golf course fairway, plans for the landscaping must be approved in advance. This is done to insure that any landscaping along a fairway, once mature, will not encroach on the golf course.

Primarily, this concern affects the homes along holes #3, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Homes along holes #1, 2, and 5 generally sit far enough back from the golf course that whatever landscaping they do won't encroach on the golf course, but plans must still be submitted for approval. Simply send a letter explaining what you are planning to the Grounds Committee at the address listed on our masthead. Please include a simple drawing of your plan identifying the various plants and trees along with the letter. If no changes or modifications of your plans are requested within thirty (30) days from the date submitted, they shall automatically be deemed to be approved.

One other item to remember is the CC&Rs also state that "... no netting, screening material, or other artificial barriers shall be erected on any Lot, whether adjacent to the golf course or any other area of the Subdivision ...." As you plan your landscaping, please keep this in mind.

Each of us can do our part by making our own homes a beautiful place to live. As a community we will all benefit and continue to see our property values soar.



## Volunteers Wanted

Some interest has been expressed in holding either a neighborhood picnic at Sundstrand Park in Belvidere or

having a neighborhood baseball outing and picnic at the new RiverHawks stadium in Loves Park, or both. Either event would be a great, fun way to meet your neighbors in the subdivision. If you would like to help plan either event, we could really use your help. Please contact Gary Tiffany at 332-4015.

## Restrictions Explained – Parking

*Living in a subdivision with restrictions can be a new experience for many people. The purpose of the restrictions is to protect, preserve, and enhance the value, attractiveness and desirability of the private residences and the common property of the subdivision. Basically, they help your property hold and improve its value. In each issue of this newsletter, we review one of the neighborhood restrictions contained in the CC&Rs and explain the reasoning behind it. Copies of the CC&Rs are available at [www.newburgvillage.com](http://www.newburgvillage.com).*

This month's topic is parking – where we can park and what can be parked where. The CC&Rs address the parking issue as follows:

*No trucks, trailers, mobile homes, campers, vans, snowmobiles, recreational vehicles, boats, inoperable vehicles, unlicensed vehicles, or horse carriers, or similar vehicles and accessories may be kept on any lot unless the same are fully enclosed within the garage located on said lot. No automobile or other motor vehicle shall be parked or placed on any portion of a lot other than a driveway or within a garage located on such lot.*

Our restriction follows closely the parking regulations enforced by the Village of Cherry Valley. Residents should utilize their garages to park their vehicles. Residents may park extra vehicles on their driveways if their garage already has the number of vehicles in it equal to the garage size (i.e., two-car garage – two cars, three-car garage – three cars). Passenger vehicles may be parked in driveways only if they are in running order, in regular use, and do not block the sidewalk.

Our parking restrictions do *not* prevent temporary non-recurring parking of guest vehicles, including cars and pick-up trucks (smaller than ¾ ton) upon your driveway, as long as it is for less than 48 hours. Nor do the parking restrictions prevent the temporary, non-recurring parking of any vehicle, boat, or trailer upon your driveway for routine servicing and repair, as long as the servicing and repair is completed within 36 consecutive hours. Boats, motor homes, and other recreational vehicles may also be parked on your driveway (not blocking the sidewalk) for up to 48 hours to allow cleaning, loading, and maintenance. At all other times, they must be stored either out of sight within the garage or at off-site storage.

Passenger vehicles may also be parked on the street in front of your residence, but please be aware that the Village of Cherry Valley prohibits parking any motor

vehicle for more than 20 consecutive hours on one side of a municipal street in the same block. Violators are subject to ticketing and towing at the vehicle owner's expense upon the order of the Chief of Police. In addition, vehicles parked on the street are not to be parked within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, in front of mail boxes, or in front of a driveway where the parked vehicle would prevent another homeowner from entering or exiting their lot. They also must be parked in the proper direction on the street (as the traffic flows) or risk ticketing.

Commercial vehicles (trucks, vans, or other vehicles commonly used for commercial purposes and/or having advertising displayed on the exterior of the vehicle) are also covered by the restriction. They may not be parked in the subdivision except if they are a passenger-type automobile, van or pickup truck, or if they are parked within an enclosed garage. Vehicles belonging to, or used by, a contractor employed by a lot owner, or an agent of the lot owner, for a specific repair, renovation, or improvement to the lot or buildings thereon, are allowed during such repair or renovation. Emergency vehicles are not considered commercial vehicles.

Commercial vehicles engaged in the delivery or pickup of goods or services (i.e., FedEx, UPS, or other delivery vans or moving vans) may park on the street provided that they do not remain in excess of the reasonable period of time required to perform such commercial function.

The parking restriction also addresses any accessories for your vehicles, such as trailers, plows, etc., saying they must be kept in the garage. They are not permitted to be left or stored on any driveway.

For the most part, the regulations – both ours and the Village's – are common sense regulations designed to promote a neat, clean-looking neighborhood appearance that enhances the value of our property. We appreciate your compliance.

## What's Our Speed Limit?

Did you know that the maximum speed allowed on any street within Cherry Valley is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted? Please keep this in mind as you drive through our subdivision or other parts of Cherry Valley.

## NVHA Board Meeting

The next meeting of the NVHA Board is set for Tuesday, June 6 at 5:00 PM at Christ the Rock Lutheran Church.

## Upcoming Events in Cherry Valley

### June 24

Movie Night: *Free Willy*

shown on west side of Village Hall parking lot at dusk

### July 4

Parade at 1:00 PM and Fireworks at dusk!

