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Please feel free to contact the above board members if you have any concerns or suggestions on how to improve our neighborhood.

The LFHA website is: [www.lincolnshirefields.org](http://www.lincolnshirefields.org)

# Fall 2013 LFHA Homeowner Newsletter

## Important Dates and Reminders



**Fall Yard Waste Pickups:** Monday, October 22nd (rain date October 23rd) AND Monday, November 19th (rain date November 20th). Please have all yard waste in paper bags or tied in 3-4 foot bundles placed curbside by 7 am Monday. Yard waste includes leaves, twigs, small branches, dead plants, or other organic matter from your yard but does NOT include grass clippings. Anything other than yard waste will not be picked up. This is a service provided by LFHA in conjunction with the Champaign Township Road Department.

Township Road Commissioner, Keith Padgett, mentioned homeowners can drop off dry, burnable yard waste to the Township Highway Dept., located near the Township Hall at the end of Kearns Road off Staley Road, 7 am to 3:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. There is no dumping fee.

## OUR WEBSITE

Please be sure to check out the new website at [www.lincolnshirefields.org](http://www.lincolnshirefields.org). While it is still under some construction, there is a lot of helpful information and the “contact us” link is fully operational. We have a new webmaster and look forward to more enhancements in the near future.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Be a good neighbor, do not park automobiles, trucks, trailers, etc. on the street.
- Be a good neighbor, keep your yard light illuminated.
- Be a good neighbor, when walking with your dog, please clean up.
- Be a good neighbor, keep sidewalks clear of trees, shrubs and plantings for our walkers.
- Be a good neighbor, keep your walks clear of snow and ice after any winter storms.

# President’s Message

Lincolnshire Fields Homeowners:  
This summer has been a busy time for your association board. As you most likely already know, we completed the transfer of our website to our new service agency, HOA Steward, and once again have a functioning site. We’re currently working with the contractor to add services and dress up the site but at this point all past board meeting minutes and covenants are available there. The link to contact the board is operational with communications being forwarded directly to my email account. Continue to check back at [www.lincolnshirefields.org](http://www.lincolnshirefields.org) for more improvements.

As part of our service from HOA Steward we now have the ability to communicate with members quickly and inexpensively via email. But....we have email addresses for fewer than half of our members. This spring we were able to notify those homeowners that the web site was operational and, on another occasion, advise them of potential traffic delays due to the Bloomington Gold Corvette event. We continue to strive to eliminate unnecessary costs associated with printing and mailing our newsletter and dues notices but need everyone’s cooperation to do so. If we do not have your email address—and it’s unlikely we do if you did not receive the two emails listed above—please send that to me either through the link on the web site or directly to [johnison43@gmail.com](mailto:johnison43@gmail.com).

If you use the Cobblefield entrance to our area you have no doubt noticed the attractive plantings and flowers in front of our sign. Again this year kudos to Jeanne Martin and Sharon Dill for their efforts at beautifying this area. Relating to that, the board is moving forward on building additional signs to identify Lincolnshire Fields. As the premiere established subdivision in the area it’s important that we continue to mark this as a special place. The board is finalizing agreements with the golf club to allow us to erect a sign on the corner of Staley Road and Clubhouse Drive and with the homeowner at Staley and Pinecrest for a second sign. We are hoping to move forward with similar signage at entrances at Valleybrook and Stoneybrook in the near future.

Other initiatives by the board include the tree replacement program which saw only modest success in its first year but may provide a future means to address the impending loss of all of our ash trees over the next several years. We continue to feel concern for pedestrians walking in the street at the Cobblefield-Burnebruk curve and are attempting to work with the club to eliminate the dangerous situation there.

At our meeting on August 19 the board reviewed expenses for the past year along with projections for 2014 and voted to assess dues at \$50 next year. This amount is far below any other HOA in the area and reflects our continuing commitment to provide essential services to help assure the quality of life in Lincolnshire Fields as economically as possible. Official dues notices are included in this newsletter.

Thank you all for making this a special place to live and please don’t hesitate to contact me with suggestions, requests, or concerns.

John Ison  
LFHA Board President



# Emerald Ash Borer

As another summer draws to a close I am reminded of how much I treasure the mature trees throughout our area. Not only do they provide cooling shade during the hot season but they add color and texture to our landscape and help to muffle the sometimes pesky noise from I-57.

I took the accompanying photo while out for a run to share with you and to illustrate a disturbing fact: within ten years at least eleven of the stately trees in the photo will be gone. Four of the trees along this stretch of Clubhouse Drive are locust and already showing unmistakable signs of succumbing to the virus that has killed many of their kind throughout the area. Seven additional trees are ash and experts project a nearly 100% chance that all will be killed by the emerald ash borer (EAB) within the next five to ten years.

A similar situation exists throughout our area and, while nothing can be done to save the locust trees, effective treatments are available for the EAB and your association board is actively investigating potential courses of action to help ameliorate the effects of the insect. Neighbor Wes Seitz has completed a census of ash trees in our area and has identified 77 in our parkways between the sidewalks and streets and an additional 68 trees in front yards. He did not visit back yards but there are likely many more ash trees behind houses. Without treatment all 145 of the identified trees, along with those in back yards, will die within the next several years.

The association board is working with the township to determine a course of action for the trees in parkways. Alternatives being considered include doing no treatments and removing trees as they die, removing all ash trees as we see evidence of a significant number being infected, or undertaking treatment of selected trees. As we learn more we will provide information to homeowners to help them make the same sort of informed decisions regarding ash trees on their property.

If you’re not sure whether or not you have ash trees on your property identification information is available at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). The census Wes completed will soon be available on our web site [www.lincolnshirefields.org](http://www.lincolnshirefields.org) under the “library” tab.

John

# LINCOLNSHIRE FIELDS HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION TREASURER’S REPORT

**FOR BOARD MEETING 8-19-13  
5-1-13 THROUGH 7-31-13**

<b>Beginning Balance 5-1-13</b>	<b>\$23,392.13</b>
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<b>Income:</b>	
Dues	40.00
Total Dues	40.00

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Ameren IP	459.58
Printing, Postage	68.36
Ann Webbink (Liens forms, copying)	37.99
Champaign Road Dist. Spring Cleanup	975.00
LFCC Spring Meeting	300.00
Grinell Mutual	579.00
Champaign County Taxes	50.00
News Gazette Yard Sale Adv	211.99
Up Close Marketing Yard Sale Signs	97.76
Jeanne Martin- landscaping	86.48
Petmecky Tree Service	825.00
Jeff Niehaus Tree Reimbursement	100.00
James Vern Magnuson	1668.30
HOA Steward	1038.00
Total Expenses	6497.46

Ending Balance 7-31-13	\$16,934.67
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