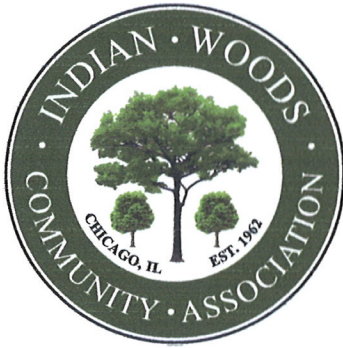


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From The President

The community has faced a hard winter in 2010 and 2011. The big snowfall that dropped over 20-inches of snow in two days and closed down major highways and streets in the city was just one of the challenges the Association and community had faced this winter. It was a hard winter, but the Indian Woods Community was one of the only communities with plowed streets. The Indian Woods Community was plowed before major Chicago streets. The Board and many members have sent thank you letters and emails to our snow plowing service (Regina Przyby Snow Plowing Service) for a job well done. Thank you again Wayne, Regina, and Nick. Special thank you to Secretary Jonathan Sladek for plowing all the community sidewalks at his own expense.

The City of Chicago blizzard cleanup cost over \$37.3 million and the City has requested federal disaster relief funds to cover a large portion of the cost. The Association went over our 70% budget total snow removal cost and approved a \$10.00 special assessment to help cover the Association's cost for the blizzard snow plowing. I must sadly report less than 60% of the households in the community paid their 2010 dues, and only a small percentage have paid their 2011 and \$10.00 assessment.

The Board will be publishing the 2010 and 2011 paid members of the Association in the next newsletter so everyone can see who was responsible for the snow plowing and Association program activities. I also must sadly inform the membership that our snowplowing contractor will not be renewing their contract with the Association in 2011 because of harassment by a few people within the community. This is the second contractor that has left working for the Association because of such irresponsible behavior of some community residents. I am very concerned that the Association will not be able to obtain a contractor for 2011/12 because of rising cost in snow plowing services,

fuel cost, and community members not paying their annual dues of only \$20.00.

We are now entering the second year of our board's term of office. The board has done a great job restructuring the Association's programs, policies, financial management, and has made all the operations and documents transparent to the membership. The board is now ready to implement new community programs to educate the community and public about our Association and priorities for the community.

In November of 2011, the Association will hold its General Election for officers and directors for 2012/13 term. The Board will be nominating a Chairman and members to the Nominations and Election Committee to operate the election process. Additional information on the election process will be published when the committee is appointed. I will not be seeking a second term as President to take care of Marge in her fight with cancer. I will stay on as Past President and assist the new Officers and Directors.

2012 will be the Association's 50th anniversary, and the community will have much to celebrate. It is amazing that the Association will be 50 years old next year. Much has happened in the community over the past 50 years, and I am hoping and asking our members to submit stories and experiences they can share with the memberships about changes and historical events that happen over the past 50 years.

I would like to thank the 45th Ward Alderman candidates that attended our Membership Meeting on March 15, 2011. Both candidates attended over an hour answering questions by the membership. Congratulations to our new Alderman John Arena. Alderman Arena is our invited guest for the June 21, 2011 membership meeting.

Lastly, the By-Laws Committee has completed the revision of the Association By-Laws that are published in this newsletter for your review and comment. The membership will be voting on the new by-laws at the June 21, 2011 meeting. The by-laws were updated to address election ties issues, have more flexibility on scheduling meeting dates, and minor changes to assist the Association's leadership managing annual activities.

Please have a safe and healthy Spring and Summer,

Donald W. Walsh – IWCA President

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2011 Target Projects for the Association

- Central Avenue Business District
- CTA Fence Repair and Replacement
- Crime Watch Program
- 2011 Winter Community Party
- Fund Raising
- Community Educational Programs
- Special Guest Speakers at Meetings
- Summer and Fall Events
- 2011 IWCA Board Elections
- Bi-Annual Community Garage Sales

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact one of the Board members, or complete a Member Request form and sent it to the Association.

2011 Members Dues & Special Assessment

In September the Indian Woods Community Association delivered a 2010 Membership Application to your home and requested your 2010 annual membership and dues. Board members have been visiting your homes to collect 2011 and a \$10.00 special snow assessment.

Our records indicate that many residents have not paid their 2010 and 2011 dues as of today's date. If you have not paid your 2011 dues, please complete the 2011 Membership Application in this newsletter and send it back with your payment to IWCA – Treasurer Mike Kendall, 5245 West Ardmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646. We would gratefully appreciate your participation.

Not participating in the membership program could hamper our annual snowplowing program, community crime watch program, and other mandated requirements to operate the Association (i.e. Insurance, and State Reports, etc.).

Please be part of the community. If you have any questions regarding the Association's activities please visit our web site at (www.indianwoods.org), or call any of the Board members listed on this letterhead. We hope to see your application and dues soon.

Community Garage Sale

June 4 & 5, 2011 (Sat. & Sun.)
October 15 & 16, 2011 (Sat. & Sun.)

You are responsible for obtaining your own garage sale permit from the Alderman's Office.

2011 Election of Officers and Directors

The Association Officer and Director election will be held on November 15, 2011 for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Directors. You must be a member in good standing, your annual dues must be up-to-date and paid in full for over (6) six month from the election date, and agree to hold office for two years. Additional information will be forthcoming on the election process. Please think of running and being part of the community leadership.

IWCA Babysitting List

Need a babysitter? The following IWCA family members provide babysitting services. Please contact any Board members to add anyone else who is qualified and wishes to be added to the Newsletter Babysitting List.

Hailey Fredrick (773)-556-7171
Jacque Bickford (773)-613-9412
Cathy Brasic (773)-631-7407
Tammy Brasic (773)-631-7407

Caregiver / Sitter / Nanny & Eldercare

Amal Tabbara (773)-847-5045

Professionals in the Community Needed

The IWCA is looking for members who are in the professional trades (i.e. plumber, electrician, carpenter, heating-air, appliance repair, etc.), and want to provide professional services to community members. Qualified members will be published in the IWCA newsletters. Please contact any Board member to add your name to be placed in the "Professionals in the Community" directory in the next newsletter.

Association By-Laws Revision

The By-Laws Committee has completed the updates and revision on the By-Laws for the Association. The following are the revised by-laws that will be voted on at the June 21, 2011 General Membership Meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Director Patrick McCann, Committee Chairman and Legal Officer for the association. The proposed by-laws are on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

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Proposed By-Laws

Indian Woods Community Association
A State of Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation
By-Laws
EST. MAY 15, 1962

ARTICLE 1: AREA OF SERVICE

The Indian Woods Community Association (Association) serves the area from Ardmore Avenue on the South Indian Road on the North East and Central Avenue on the west including Linder, Luna and Røedale.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSES

The purposes of the Association are to promote the social welfare and education, and to preserve the residential character of the area, by:

- 2.1. Combating neighborhood crime.
- 2.2. Eliminating and preventing violations of the City building code and zoning ordinance;
- 2.3. Preventing proposed land uses which would result in excessive density or otherwise adversely affect the neighborhood;
- 2.4. Making contributions to charitable and educational organizations whose activities benefit the area.
- 2.5. Providing street snow plowing services after snow falls of a depth to be determined by the Board of Directors on an annual basis;
- 2.6. Providing opportunities for interaction between neighbors in the community;
- 2.7. Addressing community concerns to government and non-government officials and organizations
- 2.8. Secure City, County, State, or other governmental services or improvements that would improve the usefulness and security of the community; and
- 2.9. Holding meetings for public discussion, forums, panels, and lecture.
- 2.10. The Association shall not adopt any purpose, practice, policy or procedure that would result in discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, or source of income.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. **Members.** Membership shall be open to any resident or owner of property in the area served by the Association whose members subscribe to the purposes of the Association. Each household shall be limited to two (2) voting members.
- 3.2. **Admission to Membership.** A household shall become a Member of the Association by tendering their name or names to the Membership Chair, or the Secretary, or any Board member; and upon payment of the appropriate annual dues and approved assessments.
- 3.3. **Dues.** The Board of Directors, on an annual basis, will determine the dues structure and any special assessments.
- 3.4. **Resignation.** Any Member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary. No dues will be refunded upon resignation.
- 3.5. **Removal.** Any Member may be removed from the Association with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors at any time. Should any Member be removed from the Association, their dues will be refunded and they shall not be reinstated to the Association for a term of three (3)-years from the date of removal. Reinstatement shall occur only after the three (3)-years removal period and with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- 4.1. **Community Meetings.** There will be a Community Meeting during the months of March, June and September with a year-end meeting/event scheduled in December/January each year, or as scheduled by the board. In addition, every odd year there will be a November meeting for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors. The President shall set the dates of these meetings and arrange for a proper venue.
- 4.2. **Special Meetings.** The President or a majority of the Board of Directors may call a Special Community Meeting. In addition, any twenty-five (25) voting Members, upon written petition delivered to the President, in person or to his or her residence, may call a Special Community Meeting, provided that written notice is given at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting (at least twenty five (25) days if the purpose is the removal of one or more of the Directors, a merger, consolidation, dissolution or sale, lease, or exchange of assets) specifying a time, date, and place which shall be reasonable, and further specifying the purpose of such a meeting.
- 4.3. **Voting Eligibility:**
 - 4.3.1. Each Member, limit two (2) per household, who meets these eligibility requirements set forth in these by laws, shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Members, or Election of Directors. In order to be eligible to vote:
 - 4.3.2. Members must sign the attendance sheet for the meeting.
 - 4.3.3. Members must be current in dues payments and any assessments.
 - 4.3.4. Members must reside or own real property in the area served by the Association.
 - 4.3.5. No person shall be permitted to vote in more than one capacity at any one meeting.
 - 4.3.6. No proxies shall be honored on votes.
- 4.4. **Electing Officers and the Board Of Directors:**
 - 4.4.1. The Nominating and Election Committee shall present an invitation to run for office to all Association Members, prior to the Community Meeting preceding the election voting date. The invitation shall be distributed to all Association Members with a return date and voting date established. The Committee shall establish requirements for a candidate to run for office, must be a paid member of the association for over six (6)-months, be a member in good standing, and meeting the sections set forth within the Association by-laws.
 - 4.4.1.1. Any Member may volunteer to run for office by tendering their name or names to the Board.

- 4.4.1.2. Any Member may nominate another Member at the Community Meeting where nominations from the floor are tendered.
- 4.4.1.3. Any Member nominated and excepting to be placed on the ballot must be a member in good standing and their dues paid in full at least six (6) months from the date of the election.
- 4.4.1.4. The nominations shall be closed on a date set by the Board, posted on the invitation to run for office.
- 4.4.1.5. The names of all candidates shall be posted and distributed to all Association Members at least 2 weeks prior to the established voting date.
- 4.4.1.6. Voting shall be by secret ballot certified by the Nominating and Election Committee.
- 4.4.1.7. There will be NO write in candidates on the ballot.
- 4.4.1.8. No candidate, member, official, or non-official shall interfere with the Nominating and Election Committee operations, or its Committee membership duties. The Chairman of the Nominating and Election Committee at his sole discretion shall have the authority to remove any person from the election area violating rules and procedures set forth by the Committee for the purpose of conducting the election; to include but not limited to the removal of a candidate from the ballot for inappropriate or actions of misconduct.
- 4.4.1.9. In the event of a tie vote between candidates running for the same office, the new President shall select the winning candidate(s) for office. In the event the President position is a tie vote, the newly elected Officers and Directors shall select and elect the President. If the Officers and Directors are a tie vote on the selection of the President, the Nominating and Election Committee chairman to select the winner by a toss of an United States coin.

4.5. **Quorum.** The voting Members present at any time during a meeting shall constitute a quorum.

4.6. **Notice.** Written notice stating the place, date, and hour of any meeting of Members shall be delivered to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting. In case of a meeting other than an annual meeting or when required by statute or by the By-Laws, the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the Member at his or her address as it appears on the records of the Association, with postage thereon prepaid.

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1. Officers and Directors of the Association are:

- 5.1.1. **President.** The President shall preside at all Community Meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors. The President, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, shall sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees. The President shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of the President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.
 - 5.1.2. **Vice President.** The vice-president shall, in the event of absence of the President, possess all the powers and perform all the duties of that office. The vice-president shall perform such other duties as the President and the Board may designate.
 - 5.1.3. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due. He or she shall be custodian of these moneys, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse them upon order of the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall present periodic statements to the Board at its regular meetings and in an annual report to the membership. The books of the Treasure shall be audited annually by an Audit Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer and one other officer. In the absence of the Treasurer, the checks may be signed by the President and one other officer.
 - 5.1.4. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep minutes and distribute minutes of meetings of the officers and Board of Directors and of the general membership. The Secretary shall be responsible for archiving all bank statements, insurance policies, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, community rosters in addition to any other documentation that the Board deems as required from time to time.
 - 5.1.5. **Past President.** The Past President shall perform such duties as the President and the Board may designate, and serve as an executive Board member with the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (i.e. Executive Officers Committee).
 - 5.1.6. **Director(s) At Large.** The Director(s) At Large shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and perform such duties as the President and Board may designate.
- 5.2. **Number of Directors:**
- 5.2.1. The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than eight (8) including the five officers and three additional Directors at Large, all to be elected by the Members at the bi-annual meeting.
 - 5.2.2. Each Director shall have one vote in matters put forward for a vote.
- 5.3. **Term Limit:**
- 5.3.1. No person shall be eligible for the re-election to the same officer position for more than two consecutive two-year terms.
 - 5.3.2. No person may serve on the Board for more than six continuous years. He or she may run for election again after a one-term hiatus.
 - 5.3.3. Vacancies occurring in any directorship or officer during the elected term may be filled by Presidential appointment with Board approval. Appointments must meet provision set forth in Article 4 and 9 of these by-laws.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1. **Scheduled Board Meetings.** The Secretary shall give notice to each Board member for Scheduled Meetings that shall occur at least two weeks prior to each scheduled Community Meeting.
- 6.2. **Ad Hoc Meetings.** The President shall give such notice whenever one-third of the Directors have delivered to the President, or to his or her residence, a petition, calling for a meeting of the Board, specifying a date, time and place which shall be reasonable.
- 6.3. **Quorum.** Four members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the Board of Directors; provided that if less than a quorum is present at any such meeting, a majority of the Directors present, or the sole Director present, may adjourn the meeting to another time without further notice.
- 6.4. **Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the Directors present at a duly called

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meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by the law, the articles of incorporation or the Bylaws. No Director may act by proxy on any matter.

6.5. **Informal Action.** Any action which is required by law or the articles of incorporation or these By-Laws to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or any other action may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof. Any such consent signed by all of the Directors shall have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, and may be stated as such in any certificate or document reflecting the action taken.

6.6. **Removal.**

6.6.1. Failure of any member of the Board of Directors to attend two meetings of the Board in any one year, without good and sufficient excuse, shall be cause for dismissal of that person from the Board for the remainder of that term, which dismissal may be accomplished by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors. Good cause and sufficient excuse shall be determined by the President.

6.6.2. Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors at any time.

6.6.3. Members may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors at any time. Cause for removal includes non-payment of dues over two years, inappropriate conduct, representing the Association without Board approval, and illegal activities.

6.7. **Vacancies.**

6.7.1. The President, with two-thirds Board approval shall have the authority to fill any vacancy of an Officer or Director of the Association.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEES

7.1. **Nominating and Election Committee:** The Board of Directors shall appoint an Nominating and Election Committee for the purpose of Officer and Director elections. Members serving on the committee must be active dues paying members and not a candidate running in the election.

7.1.1. The Nominating and Election Committee may add nominations to the ballot for election to a position on the Board of Directors. Nominees must be qualified Voting Members who accept the nomination.

7.2. **Volunteer Committee.** The President with Board approval may appoint a Director as the chair of the Volunteer Committee. It shall be his or her responsibility to appoint members for the purpose of providing assistance in dues collection, marketing material distribution or other house-to-house activities that may be required from time to time. Volunteer Committee members will be appointed by the Volunteer Chair.

7.3. **Fund Raising Committee.** The President with approval of the Board may appoint a Director, or member as chair the Fund Raising Committee. Fund Raising Committee members will be appointed by the Fund Raising Chair.

7.4. **Ad Hoc Committees.** Definition of the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee and the termination plan must be submitted in order to form an Ad Hoc Committee. Ad Hoc Committees can be formed by the Board of Directors or any majority vote at a Community Meeting.

7.6. **Other Committees.** The President with approval of the Board can order the removal of committees or addition of new committees.

ARTICLE 8: INDEMNIFICATION

8.1. The Association shall have the power to indemnify and hold harmless any director, officer, employee or agent of the Association from any suit, damage, claim, judgment, or liability arising out of or asserted to arise out of, conduct of such person in his or her capacity as a director, officer or agent (except in cases involving willful misconduct) to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois. The Association may purchase or procure insurance for such purposes.

ARTICLE 9: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9.1. Any Director who becomes a candidate for any elected public office shall immediately resign as a Director of the Association.

9.2. Any written, electronic or verbal correspondence made by a Board Member shall not be signed or presented as an official Association correspondence without the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

10.1. These By-Laws may be amended by vote of two-thirds of the Members present at any meeting of Members, provided that written notice of any proposed amendment shall have been given to the Members no less than ten (10) days before the meeting at which the proposed amendment is presented for adoption.

ARTICLE 11: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

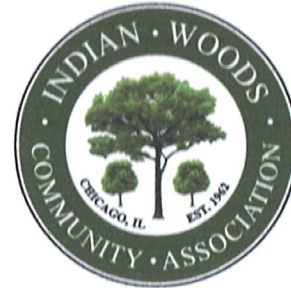
11.1. Except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws, all proceedings of the Association shall be governed by the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, as revised from time to time, if the presiding officer thereof so determines.

Article 12: ASSOCIATION AUTHORITY

12.1. The Association is a registered Not-For-Profit Corporation on file with the State of Illinois Secretary of State. The statutes, rules and regulations, and laws under the State of Illinois shall govern the Association.

Article 13: OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

13.1. The official seal of the Association shall be the following:



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| Founded: | May 15, 1962 |
| Adopted: | September 9, 2009 |
| Amended: | April 2, 2011 |
| Legal Review: | April 12, 2011 |
| Board Approved: | _____ |
| Membership Approved: | _____ |
| Effective: | _____ |

Ardmore Avenue Garden Walk Saturday, July 16, 2011 – 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

There will be "A Welcome To My Garden" garden walk in the community scheduled by IWCA members Mary Smythe. If you would like to participate as one of the garden sites, please post a sign in the front of your house saying "Welcome To My Garden". For additional information or to participate in the event, please contact Mary Smythe at (773)-763-3490, or email her at (msmythe5337@att.net).

Treasurer's Annual Report By Michael C. Kendal – IWCA Treasurer

The following financial report reflects the Association's Financial Statement of Accounts with Associated Bank N.A. as of March 31, 2011:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$ 1,521.79 |
| Deposits & Other Additions: | \$ 1,710.00 |
| Other Deductions: | \$ 35.00 |
| Check Paid: | \$ 2,710.00 |
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| ENDING BALANCE: | \$ 486.79 |

If you have any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report, please contact Mike Kendall at (312)-375-5755.

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Transparency and Open Reports

The Association Board and Finance Committee has made all financial records and information public and available for anyone to view. Please visit the official IWCA web site at (www.indianwoods.org), or contact me personally if you have any questions.

Lockwood Avenue Emergency Gate

CA Development has posted "Emergency Exit" signs on the South Side of the emergency gate wall post on Lockwood Avenue. Only emergency vehicle and authorized vehicles have the security code to access the electronic gate on the North side of the gate. The Association is working closely with CA Development and our new neighbors to the South. The electronic gate has been vandalized twice since installed. Community members are asked to call the Chicago Police Department at 9-1-1 on any information or witnessing any persons destroying or damaging any property in the community areas.

CTA Forest Glen Garage

The CTA Forest Glen Garage has a new General Manager. The new manager is Mr. Partick D. Sachell. The Association has met with Mr. Sachell on repairs of the fence on the North side of the bus parking lot facing homes on the South side of Ardmore Avenue. Emergency repairs have been made and work orders have been assigned to repair and/or replace the fence. Mr. Sachell can be contacted at 5419 West Armstrong Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60645-6511, or call at (773)-774-2666.

The Sounds

The Association is a member of "The Sounds" publication that provides community association information from Sauganash, Edgebrook, Sauganash park, Lincolnwood Towers, Wildwood, Sauganash Village, Brynford Park, Sauganash Woods, and Indian Woods. Please support the local businesses advertized in The Sounds, and feel free to submit an article for publication to:

The Sounds
6030 North Hiawatha Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646
(773)-216-2094
(soundsnewspaper@comcast.net)

Edgebrook Chamber of Commerce Directory

The 2011 Edgebrook Chamber of Commerce Directory will be delivered to the Indian Woods Community soon. The Association is a member of the chamber and requests our members to support the local businesses listed in the Directory.

IWCA Membership Meeting Dates for 2011

GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 21, 2011

(General Membership Meeting)

Special Guest Speakers

State Senator John G. Mulroe

And

45th Ward Alderman John Arena

Agenda

- I. Introduction
- II. President's Report
- III. Secretary Report
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Vote on New By-Laws
- VI. Special Guest Speakers
- VII. New / Old Business

Edgebrook FPDCC Volunteer Center

6100 North Central Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646

Time of Meeting
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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Guest Speakers Information

Senator John G. Mulroe (D) - 10th District

Years served: 2010 - Present

Committee assignments: Committee of the Whole;
Criminal Law; Education; Judiciary (Vice-Chairperson);
Labor; Appropriations II.

Biography: BBA - Accounting, Loyola University, CPA;
Loyola University of Law, member of Chicago and Illinois
State Bar Associations; full-time attorney. Senator Mulroe
lives in Edison Park with wife Margaret and their four
children.

Alderman John Arena (D) - 45th Ward

Years served: Newly Elected (2011 - Present)

Biography: As a child, Alderman Arena moved with his
family to Chicagoland from New Jersey. He graduated from
Waubonsie Valley H.S. in 1984 and worked for two years
on the CBOE before leaving to attend college. Since
graduating from Northern Illinois University in 1990,
Alderman Arena has lived on Chicago's north and
northwest side his entire adult life. Alderman Arena and
his wife, Jill, run a small marketing and graphic design
company and are raising two children in the Portage Park
neighborhood. Their children attend CPS schools.

Over the last decade, Alderman Arena has been active in
numerous community organizations. He served two terms
as Vice-President of the Portage Park Neighborhood
Association and served on the Economic Restructuring
Committee of the Six Corners Association. He has coached
his son's Little League team for seven years and been
deeply involved in the parent-teacher organization for his
daughter's school.

NOTE:

There will be no additional notice of the June 21, 2011
meeting to reduce printing and delivery cost. **Please mark
your calendars and post the last page of this newsletter
on your refrigerator, calendar wall, or post board at
your home for this years events and meetings.**

2010/11 IWCA - Board of Directors

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Patrick J. McCann – Association Attorney

**Please Visit The IWCA Official Web Site At
www.indianwoods.org**

19th Annual Chicago River Day

The 19th Annual Chicago River Day will be held on
May 14, 2011, 9:00AM to 1200 noon. Indian Road Woods
is a volunteer site for the day. To volunteer and register
please go to www.chicagoriver.org, or contact the Indian
Road Woods site Captain, Association Secretary Jonathan
Sladek at (847)-858-2242.

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Preventions and Control

Bees and Wasps



Of all insect species, the honey bee is perhaps the most beneficial. There is, of course, honey: about 200 million pounds of it is produced commercially each year. But the honey bee makes its greatest contribution by pollinating plants. More than one half of all fruit and vegetable crops are pollinated by honey bees. Wasps contribute by preying on many pest insects harmful to crops. Without bees and wasps, our menu would be very limited.

Unfortunately, bees and wasps can be a threat to human health. Each year, 50 to 100 people die from bee and wasp stings. Most die from an allergic reaction to venom within one hour of the sting. About 1 percent of the population is allergic to bee and wasp venom. Those allergic to stings should carry emergency epinephrine injection kits as directed by their doctors.

IDENTIFICATION

Though related, bees and wasps differ in important ways. Most wasps have a narrow "waistline" where the front portion of the abdomen tapers to become a small tube as it attaches to the middle body section, the thorax. Bees do not have this narrowing of the abdomen. Another difference is that bees feed nectar and pollen to their young (larvae), while wasps feed their larvae insects and spiders. Yellowjackets and hornets also scavenge food including fruit, sweets, meats and carrion.

One thing bees and wasps have in common is that some species are *solitary* and others are *social*. A *solitary* bee or wasp lives alone, making its own nest and raising its own larvae. Individuals of *social* species live together in colonies consisting of many "workers" and one or more "queens." The workers specialize in different tasks, and

cooperate to raise the queen's offspring. These species should be considered a greater threat to humans than solitary species. This is because social species, such as honey bees and yellowjackets, will defend an entire colony, and have more individuals available to do so. Solitary species, such as mud dauber wasps, defend their nest alone.

BEEES

Honey Bee (*Apis mellifera*)

The honey bee is a half-inch long, hairy, honey brown insect. They should not be confused with yellowjackets, which are black and bright yellow wasps. Honey bees live in extra large colonies of up to 50,000 individuals. Their colonies can grow this large because they survive winter, even in northern states. The nest consists of several tiers or "combs" made of beeswax. It is located in cavities of trees, rock formations and buildings. In spring, a colony may produce a "swarm." This occurs when a newly produced queen flies off with about half the colony's worker bees to establish a new colony. These swarms often come to rest on trees and houses while scout bees search for a good spot for a new nest. If possible, such swarms should be tolerated, as they are in transit and usually leave within two to four days.

Bumble Bee (*Bombus spp.*)

The familiar buzzing, fuzzy yellow and black striped bumble bee is unmistakable. Up to 200, ½- to 1-inch long bumble bees inhabit nests in old rodent burrows, under porches and in wall voids.

Carpenter Bee (*Xylocopa virginica*)

This bee is a bumble bee look-alike that has a shiny, all-black abdomen, whereas the bumble bee's abdomen is fuzzy, black and yellow. Unlike bumble bees, carpenter bees are solitary. Females chew ½-inch diameter holes in wood and bore tunnels that run several inches into the wood. Inside, eggs are laid and the resulting larvae develop on a mixture of pollen and nectar. Males guard the nest by buzzing intruders, but their defense is a bluff: male bees cannot sting.

WASPS

Paper Wasps (*Polistes spp.*)

Paper wasps are perhaps the most common wasps around structures. They are also known as "umbrella wasps" because their nests look like umbrellas hanging upside-down from eaves and overhangs. There are many

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species, but the typical paper wasp is up to ¾-inch long, reddish brown in color with a long, cylindrical abdomen. A paper wasp nest is a single comb of hexagonal cells made of a papery material the wasps form by chewing wood and mixing it with saliva. Larger nests can harbor up to 75 paper wasps including larvae and pupae developing within the cells. To feed the larvae, paper wasps capture insects, especially caterpillars. Late in the year, colonies of paper wasps, yellowjackets and hornets produce new queens that abandon the nest (it will not be reused) and seek shelter for winter. Many find their way into structures and are later seen crawling sluggishly across the floor when temperatures rise in late winter or early spring.

Yellowjackets (*Vespula spp.*, *Paravespula spp.*)

More people are stung by yellowjackets than any other type of wasp or bee. Notoriously aggressive, the yellowjacket's shiny yellow and black striped abdomen is an unmistakable warning. Often mistakenly called "bees," yellowjackets are in fact wasps. They construct paper nests up to several feet across that contain combs arranged like the floors of a building covered by a papery envelope. Up to 3,000 (many more in warmer states) wasps can be present in the yellowjacket colony. Nests of the Eastern yellowjacket (*Vespula maculifrons*) are located in the ground, while the German yellowjacket (*Paravespula germanica*) nests in cavities including crawlspaces, attics and wall voids. Adults consume nectar and sweets, but feed the larvae on captured insects. When temperatures cool in late summer, yellowjacket numbers peak just as their insect food supply begins to decline. They scavenge more aggressively at this time, taking food from trash containers and picnickers. When disturbed, yellowjackets can sting repeatedly; their stingers are not barbed nor lost after stinging like those of honey bees.

Hornets (*Dolichovespula maculata* and *Vespa crabro*)

The so-called bald-faced hornet (*Dolichovespula maculata*), about ¾-inch long, black and white, with white face, is actually a larger yellowjacket species. Its nest is the familiar basketball-size papery oval hanging from tree limbs and sometimes structures. Colonies are relatively small, containing up to 700 wasps. An even larger wasp is the European hornet (*Vespa crabro*). This is a true hornet, more than an inch long and reddish brown in color with dull orange stripes. Nests occur in trees and in attics and wall voids of structures near forested areas.

Mud Daubers (*Sceliphron caementarium*, *Chalybion californicum*, *Tropoxylon spp.*)

Mud dauber wasps are named for their habit of constructing tubular nests of mud plastered on the exterior surfaces of structures. Inside the nest, these wasps place spiders they have paralyzed by stinging, as food for their larvae. Mud daubers are solitary wasps about ¾-inch long. Our common mud dauber (*S. caementarium*) is brownish-black with yellow markings. Its nests are about 2 inches long. Organ pipe mud daubers (*Tropoxylon spp.*) are black and construct nests that can be a foot long and resemble the pipes of a pipe organ. The blue mud dauber (*C. californicum*) is a shiny, dark blue wasp that lays its eggs in the nests of other mud daubers.

Cicada Killer (*Sphecius speciosus*)

Up to 1.5 inches long, this is the largest wasp in the Midwest. Cicada killers are mostly black with yellow markings on the abdomen. This solitary species nests in small burrows. The female searches trees for a cicada, stings it and tucks the paralyzed cicada under its body. The wasp either drags the cicada to its burrow, or launches itself from a tree and glides back to the burrow. Inside it lays an egg on the cicada, then covers the burrow with soil. The stingless male guards the nest. Larvae consume the paralyzed cicada and emerge as adult wasps the following spring.

MANAGING BEES and WASPS

The most important element of wasp and bee control is to *destroy the nest*. Aerosol "wasp and hornet" sprays can be used to knock down bees/wasps around the nest. Small amounts of pesticides (dust and wettable powder formulations work well) applied into the nests of carpenter bees and cicada killers provide good control. Nests of mud daubers also can be treated this way or by simply scraping them off structures. To prevent reinfestation, finishes (paint, etc.) can be applied to unfinished wood to discourage carpenter bees.

In some cases, attempting to destroy a nest becomes a greater health risk than simply tolerating and avoiding it. But nests, especially those of social species, should be destroyed if they are close enough to humans to pose a stinging threat. The nests of honey bees, bumble bees, yellowjackets and hornets should always be approached with caution, preferably at night when most of the workers are present but reluctant to fly. Try not to *carry* a light, as wasps and bees may fly toward it. Instead, set the light aside or cover it with red cellophane (insects cannot see red light). If there is direct access to the nest, a fast-acting dust or wettable powder formulation can be applied. If possible, inject the material into the nest. If you must approach these nests during daytime, a quick

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knockdown aerosol can be used to keep the bees/wasps at bay, while you treat the nest as above. Heavy clothing or a "bee suit" can be worn for added protection.

Sometimes, yellowjacket and honey bee nests occur in voids such as vents, attics, crawlspaces or hollow walls. Destroying nests in these locations can be difficult, often requiring the services of pest management professionals. Honey bee nests contain honey that must be removed after the bees are eliminated because it will rot and attract secondary pests. Also, be mindful that nests may be located several feet away from the point at which the bees/wasps are entering the structure. Simply applying pesticides into the entrance holes may not be sufficient. It may be necessary to drill into the structure to enable injection of pesticides directly into the nest. Entrance holes should never be plugged, even after treatment, because the bees/wasps will look for other ways to get out of the nest and have been known to chew their way into living quarters, endangering persons inside. Also, use extreme caution when performing bee/wasp control from a ladder.

Another special case occurs when large numbers of yellowjackets forage in public areas such as parks, schools and zoos. Attracted to human food, especially meats and sweet liquids, wherever it is being prepared, eaten or discarded, yellowjackets pose an increased threat to humans. Control is often difficult. When located in wooded areas, the nests can be difficult if not impossible to find and treat. Yellowjacket baits and traps can kill large numbers, but there can be a lot more where they came from and the problem may continue. Other types of pesticide applications for control of yellowjackets in outdoor recreation areas are rarely effective. Consequently, management of yellowjackets should focus on prevention, such as keeping food enclosed. Tight-fitting lids should be kept on outdoor trash containers and they should be moved away from people. In the end, not eating in infested outdoor areas may be the only sure way to avoid being stung.

NOTE: When pesticides are used, it is the applicator's legal responsibility to read and follow directions on the product label. Not following label directions, even if they conflict with information provided herein, is a violation of federal law.

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JUNE 21, 2011

Special Guest Speakers

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6100 North Central Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60646
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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June 4 & 5, 2011

(Sat. & Sun.)

You are responsible for obtaining your own garage sale permit from the Alderman's Office.

ARDMORE AVENUE GARDEN WALK

July 16, 2011

(Saturday)

11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

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OCTOBER 30, 2011

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NOVEMBER 15, 2011

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