



*Hawthorne Place
Neighborhood Association*

June 1, 2011

Life in Historic Hawthorne



A Great Day for the Neighborhood Clean-Up

Beth Faulkner (1420 Holmes) spent her morning on Saturday, April 9, helping with the spring clean-up. She had her children in tow as she weeded the daylily walk along Laurel. Her hands are caked in dirt and her trowel is bent to a 45 degree angle. The yard waste bags seen in the photo insert attest to the success of the day. There are 110 bags in the photo and there were an additional ten bags down the boulevard. It was the best turnout of neighborhood volunteers in years. Hawthorne Place was looking pretty good and just in time for The Big Event (May 7). But best of all was the shared spirit of neighbors working together.

Annual Meeting (Wednesday, March 23)

The block captains for Hawthorne Place opted to have an annual meeting that would be different from any in the past. There was no featured speaker. There were no presentations from civic organizations. There were no neighborhood displays. As in the past, residents were encouraged to renew their association membership, contribute to the boulevard mowing fund, and volunteer for neighborhood projects. Block captain Chelsy Hopper gave a welcome to all in attendance and offered some general remarks about the evening. There was a potluck dinner. And there was a vendor fair with tables set up on two sides of the room.

Mike Trojahn had contacted the vendors for the annual meeting. Each of them offered services useful to homeowners. They included Beaty Construction, Brenda Cumming Realty, Creative Concrete, Cutright Dog Service, Fridayz Gift Shop & Florist, Illini Bank, Pacesetter Tree Service, Pillar to Post Home Inspection, Prairieland Insulation, and Racing Redhead Cleaning Service. (What a great variety, Mike!)

It was an enjoyable evening for dinner, conversation, and the ideas from the vendors. And it was a welcome break from the past. This year there was more opportunity to socialize with neighbors.

Cory Jobe, Kent DeLay and Donna Moore, all candidates in the April 5 city election, attended. They were all available, individually, to answer questions about the positions they were seeking.

It is hoped that all Hawthorne residents will fill out their membership forms. That information will be used to update the HPNA directory. A one-sheet will be issued later as an insert to the old directory. A new directory will be planned for 2012.

Also, all Lowell property owners are encouraged to contribute to the boulevard mowing fund.

Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday, April 16)



Harrison Faulkner makes a discovery.

Rain was in the forecast for the annual HPNA Easter Egg Hunt and rain is what we got. Even so, there was a good turnout for this most popular of events for our youngest residents. The weather may have curtailed some of the planned activities for the day but not the enthusiasm of those for whom it was planned.

Our thanks to Beth Faulkner who organized this year's event.



Hunters and Huntresses

More than twenty of our young Hawthorne neighbors assembled for this group photo before they began their search for eggs and candy.



Cory Jobe announced his candidacy at the south end of the HP boulevard on November 4, 2010.

Cory Jobe Ward 6 Alderman

The new alderman for Ward 6 is Cory Jobe who won his seat in the general election on April 5. Jobe, the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Office of the Illinois Comptroller, has been involved in many issues at the city level. He has been a recent president of the MacArthur Boulevard Business Association and has been active in Downtown Springfield Incorporated and the Inner City Older Neighborhoods Association.

He remarked, in his campaign, that his top priority is inner city rehabilitation. He has encouraged the expansion of TIF districts, a reconsideration of garbage hauling, and hosting city council meetings within the different wards of Springfield. He has also proposed setting up a Ward 6 Rehabilitation and Revitalization Fund to offer grants to Ward 6 neighborhood and business associations.

Congratulations to Cory. Contact information for Cory Jobe can be found on page 12 of this newsletter.



Cory Jobe



Mark Mahoney

Mayor Houston Chooses Mahoney for Public Works

Last fall, Mark Mahoney chose not to run for his Ward 6 aldermanic seat after serving for two terms (2003-2011). Then, in May, Mayor-elect Mike Houston asked Mark to serve as the head of the Department of Public Works. The *State Journal-Register*, in an editorial (May 15, 2011), applauded the decision as “an inspired choice.” Mahoney, as alderman, the editors wrote, “distinguished himself in large part by focusing on issues involving the public works department, especially concerning the city’s long-term infrastructure needs.” Mark hosted a series of town hall meetings with Frank Edwards to gather information from residents on needed infrastructure repairs. He backed a plan to earmark a percentage of the hotel-motel tax for funding infrastructure improvements. He pushed a plan for collecting funds to improve trash hauling. His aldermanic service has been, according to the *SJ-R*, “an apprenticeship for running the public works department.”

The city council approved the appointment on May 24. Congratulations Mark.



New sidewalk was installed on South Grand on April 28.

Spring Clean-Up for Hawthorne Place

(Saturday, April 9)

The annual clean-up in Hawthorne Place is usually limited to the north end of the boulevard. It typically consumes all the projected time allotted on a Saturday morning. (All those sweet gum balls. All those left-over leaves from fall. All that raking.) The ambition is to make the parkway cleared and useable for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It is also desirable to spruce up an area that is, for many, the gateway to Hawthorne Place.

This year there were many more volunteers than we have had in the past and much more was accomplished. The garden beds were pruned, weeded and raked. Garbage was collected. (Unfortunately, a lot of waste is thrown onto the parkway by pedestrian and auto traffic.) Flower beds were covered with mulch donated by Mike Trojahn. By the end of the morning clean-up, more than 120 yard waste bags were filled and ready for the free city pick-up.

Chris Oliver volunteered his truck as he and his assistants (Marty Vandiver and John Simpson) collected yard waste bags and placed them at a central location.

Two weeks later, Marty Vandiver and Jim Huston planted 110 pinto red geraniums at each end of the Hawthorne Place boulevard. They also used a \$75 third place certificate from the 2010 Springfield in Bloom competition. Two hollies and two May Night salvias were planted at the north end of the boulevard.

The benefit of this endeavor is that the boulevard looked so much better and the clean-up was done in time for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and The Big Event (the Hawthorne neighborhood garage sale).

Many thanks to the city for immediately picking up the yard waste bags, to the county for four outside volunteers, and to the Springfield Parks Foundation for the use of their tool truck.

Marty Vandiver organized this year's spring clean-up. The volunteers from Hawthorne were the most numerous of many years. Who were they? They were:

Riita Anderson, Tony Chen, Beth Faulkner, Corrine Frisch, Karmen Goodrich, Chelsy Hopper, Jim Huston, Andy & Theresa Lambert, Mark & Grainne Mahoney, Donna Moore (and three of the Moore children: Joe, Josh and John Paul), Chris & Michelle Oliver, Bob Ralph, Linda Riebling, John Simpson, Marty Vandiver and Deb Yoder.

Thanks to all.



Some of our youngest neighbors lent moral support to the clean-up effort while also enjoying the use of Corrine Frisch's garden wagon.

Left to right: Caroline Lambert, Cian Mahoney, Grace Lambert, Eamon Mahoney, and Niamh Mahoney.

National Night Out

(Tuesday, August 2, 2011)

Mark your calendars for this year's National Night Out. It is estimated that 37 million people participated in this event in 2010. It is an endeavor to bring neighborhoods, law enforcement, and civic groups together and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships.

Tony Chen and Linda Riebling (1500 Whittier) are once again hosting this event. A flyer will be distributed this summer with more information.

Congratulations to 2011 Graduates



1998: first day of kindergarten at Blessed Sacrament. Left to right: Michael Ralph, Erin Saal and Julie Saal.



2010: first day of the senior year at Sacred Heart Griffin. Left to right: Michael Ralph, Erin Saal and Julie Saal.

It has been said that we spend time in the classroom yearning to graduate and, then, for the rest of our lives, we are nostalgic about our school days, particularly the camaraderie, and, hopefully, the learning.

Meeting 2011 graduates who live in Hawthorne Place is to be reminded of the promise and possibilities of youth. Each of them has a clear eye on the future. Three of the high school seniors – Virginia Moore, Slade Myers, and Erin Saal – were elected to the National Honor Society. Both Alex Myers and Cordelia Moore graduated with honors at

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio: Alex, magna cum laude, Cordelia, summa cum laude.

Here are a remarkable group of young men and women who also happen to be our neighbors:



Michael Ralph (1513 Lowell)

Michael Ralph has participated in chorus, cross-country, and wrestling at Sacred Heart Griffin. He has also worked at the Fit Club while attending school. Michael will be attending Western Illinois University this fall in Macomb.



Julie and Erin Saal (1605 Lowell)

Julie & Erin Saal have both been in the Sacred Heart Griffin chorus for the past four years. Erin has also played viola in the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony. Both have been volunteers for Asbury's Children's Supper Hour. Both have earned extra money babysitting while in school. Julie will be a student at the University of Dayton. Erin will be attending DePaul University in Chicago.



Joe, Cordelia & Virginia Moore (1501 Holmes)

Joe Moore just graduated from the 8th grade at Blessed Sacrament. Cordelia graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She will be teaching English in the country of Georgia where she will be perfecting her knowledge of Russian while also learning the Georgian language. Virginia has been the editor of the Springfield HS newspaper. She was a representative on the student council and vice-president of the Latin Club. She was the manager for the backstage crew for school theater productions. And she ran cross-country. Virginia will begin pre-med at Lincoln Land Community College.



Slade & Alex Myers (1612 Whittier)

Slade Myers has been on the baseball team at Springfield HS for the past four years. He will be attending Truman State University this fall. Alex Myers graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He continued to play violin and piano in college. He will be working in city planning in Buffalo, New York, before beginning graduate studies.

Congratulations graduates.
The whole neighborhood is proud of you.



Looking for treasure.

The Big Event (Saturday, May 7)

Beth Trojahn (1314 Lowell) volunteered to organize The Big Event scheduled for May 7. The Big Event, for the unaware, is the annual neighborhood-wide garage sale in Hawthorne Place. The more residents who participate, the greater the draw of customers. Of course, it's an opportunity to be rid of clutter or unused items that someone else may buy. But it has also always been regarded as an opportunity to showcase Hawthorne Place. If visitors walk through all six blocks they may discover the attractions of an older neighborhood: the variety of house styles, the tree-lined streets and the boulevard at its center, and the spirit of those who live here. Maybe they'll buy a house.

The Big Event is also an opportunity to raise funds for the neighborhood association. There are food and plant tables at the intersection of Lowell and Cedar. Residents donate much of the food and all of the plants and a suggested donation is asked for these items. Beth Faulkner, Riita Anderson and Linda Riebling volunteered at the plant "sale." Karmen Goodrich and Marty Vandiver worked at the food tables along with student help from Southeast High School.

Thunderstorms had been predicted for the entire morning of The Big Event. That didn't happen. The sun came out and it was a perfect day.

The following pages include photos from that day.



Beth Trojahn (1314 Lowell) took on the challenge of coordinating the Big Event for Hawthorne Place.



Karmen Goodrich (1324 Holmes) was in charge of the food tables which were set up on the boulevard parkway this year.



Mike Trojahn made the big signs which were placed at each end of the boulevard to advertise The Big Event.



These volunteers were from Southeast High School. They worked the entire morning at the food table and made a great impression on everyone.



This practice piano was on sale at the home of Cheryl Jyawook (1321 Lowell). She had acquired it at 1414 Lowell when its previous owners moved.



This early shopper was looking for the plant "sale." She acquired many plants, including these two woodland poppies from Jim Huston's garden.



Each year, during The Big Event, Vicki Schmidt (1512 Lowell) hosts a garage sale to benefit Theresians International.



Greg Greene looks inside a drawer of this old and tall wooden file cabinet. Each drawer is unusually wide and high. Only to be found at the Trojahn garage sale (1314 Lowell).



These beautiful sofas with wood trim were on sale at the home of Dave & Cathy Cumpston (1624 Holmes) who are in the upper left of this photo.



Is it any wonder that kids also enjoy The Big Event? Here are two young visitors playing foosball in the front yard of Bill & Ginger Engle where the table was on sale (1505 Holmes). It sold.



Maija Flannery looks comfortable in a theater seat. It's something you won't find in many other garage sales. These are a set of four linked and folding seats. Underneath each is a wire ring to hold a man's hat. (1314 Lowell)



Samantha Hufnagel and Jonathan Wolff (1512 Whittier) had a garage sale on their driveway. Their two Chihuahuas (not for sale) were put behind a makeshift fence in the front yard where they attracted great interest- including that of this little boy standing next to Samantha.



Chris & Michelle Oliver (1401 Lowell) are building a new front porch. These columns are from the original porch. They sold immediately.



The transaction. The hand on the left belongs to the recipient of the sale (Amanda Lobmaster of 1425 Whittier).



This man is holding some fabric from Linda Mizeur's sale (1504 Whittier). He said he would make himself a pair of bellbottom pants. He also acquired the bike at The Big Event.



This child's roll top desk was another unique piece that could be found at The Big Event. It was for sale at 1532 Lowell, the home of Paul Jurgens & Jennifer Manthei.



These antique chairs were on sale for \$40 apiece at 1608 Whittier (home of Clifford & Pamela Hayes)



An antique map in a frame and under glass acquired at the Hawthorne sale. Even our furry friends enjoyed The Big Event. It was a good day, a very good day.


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What is it? – The Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association is an organization for residents of Whittier, Lowell and Holmes between South Grand and Laurel – the boundaries of the 1902 Hawthorne Place subdivision. The organization advocates for the neighborhood, sponsors social activities, and is a forum for working on neighborhood issues.

History – The Hawthorne Place Neighborhood Association held its first meeting at Laurel Methodist Church on October 27, 1994. The organization grew out of the effort to get a stop sign installed at Holmes and Cedar. Neighbors discovered the benefits of a group effort and a group voice.

How to join – Membership is \$20 per family for a first time membership and \$10 per family for a renewing membership. To join, contact Membership chair Burnell Heinecke (522-3842). Also, let Burnell know if you do not want to be listed in the neighborhood directory.

Directories – Neighborhood directories are available to members. Contact your block captain if you need a directory.

Neighborhood Officer – Hawthorne Place is protected by the Springfield Police Department. Donald Bevins, our Neighborhood Police Officer, can be reached at 741-0988. If there is an emergency situation call 911.

Alderman – Hawthorne Place is in Ward 6. Our alderman is Cory Jobe. He can be reached by phone (622-9630) or email (cory@jobeward6.com). His webpage is www.jobeward6.com.

Webpage – www.hawthorneplace.us
The webpage is maintained by Chris Oliver.

Newsletter – The neighborhood newsletter is published quarterly. And the newsletter is self-supporting – thanks to our advertisers. Three cheers to them! Rates are \$10 per issue for a business card space or \$40 per year. Interested? Call Marty Vandiver, the HPNA treasurer, at 523-3544.

Block Captains – The neighborhood is divided into six “blocks,” with block captains elected to represent each block on the association board. The blocks consist of the north or south section of a street, separated by Cedar Street. Three block captains are elected each year to a two-year term at the annual meeting in the spring.

The following is a list of the current block captains.

N. Holmes

Beth Faulkner – 1420 Holmes (744-0295)

Karmen Goodrich – 1324 Holmes
(816-9478)

S. Holmes

Chelsy Hopper – 1620 Holmes (528-7110)

N. Lowell

Beth & Mike Trojahn – 1314 Lowell
(744-7303)

S. Lowell

Mark Mahoney – 1520 Lowell (544-7944)

N. Whittier

Lindsey Trojahn – 1317 Whittier (789-1315)

S. Whittier

Linda Riebling – 1500 Whittier (523-1450)
Marty Vandiver – 1528 Whittier
(523-3544)

Jim Huston – 1524 Lowell (528-5256)
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Volunteer. Get involved.
Your neighborhood needs you.