



The Preserve

A S S O C I A T I O N

Preserve Pathways Newsletter

Issue 1

February 2015

Save the Date

Book Club: Wed.

Mar. 18

Apr. 15

Geocaching
Seminar

March 19

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4

Clean Up Day/
Adopt a Street

April 18

Annual Meeting

May 12

Garage Sale

May 16

Winter Office
Hours

Tuesday–Friday
8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Closed

Sat/Sun/Mon

Tree Initiative Takes Root!

The Preserve has been here since the early 1970's and is a unique part of Eden Prairie. What better way to preserve its continued growth than to **offer a tree at wholesale cost!**

Over the years we have all heard of Dutch Elm disease, Oak Wilt Rot, Birch Borer, Pine Bark Beetle, and of course, the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer, and how they are shrinking our Preserve tree canopy.

What is new? We are no longer using the approach of only hauling or chipping up dead, diseased, or storm damaged trees on location. Instead, thanks to your Preserve Board of Directors, we've initiated a new planting approach to our existing common grounds areas with a select group of deciduous trees indigenous to our area. We are using a local grower who produces Minnesota hardy, disease resilient stock. Please see our website for a full description on this grower's profile.

Plus....there will be a variety of trees in manageable sized containers which you can purchase at a wholesale cost and plant in your yard landscape by even the most novice amongst us. QUANTITIES ARE VERY LIMITED, and will be offered on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE basis.

Please visit our website www.preserveassociation.com or call the office at 952-941-8400

Geocaching in the Preserve

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver, Smart phone or other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches". We are having a seminar on this intriguing activity and plan on implementing a course on our Preserve trails.

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

RSVP by Tuesday March 17 to the Preserve office

Be prepared for a brief walk outside.



We have "At A Glance" 2015 Preserve Calendars available in the office for our residents. Please stop by if you are interested in picking one up.

Winter in the Preserve



Pathways Update



Pathways have been in the news lately and we want you to know that we have been working all winter cutting Buckthorn and chipping up branches and debris.

We did some repair work on a few areas of our trails and will be continuing to replace or repair different areas overtime. Our pathways are an important amenity in the neighborhoods which require lots of attention. We are also continuing our plan to mark distances along pathways with new mileage markers in the coming months.



Ken Hallonquist, long time resident and past Board member has returned to the Board due to the resignation of Jennifer Martens. Thank you to Jennifer for her service and for her ongoing support of The Preserve Association.

Book Club at the Barn

March 18 -1:30-3:00 p.m.

"Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" by Roz Chaste



Preserve Party Room is a Busy Place!

You might be surprised to know that each year we have approximately 80 private resident events in our party room with birthday parties being the number one most popular activity and the average size around 50 guests. In addition to these parties we average about 90 events a year in our lower level room for homeowner association meetings, early childhood classes, book club, and other events. We also have recurring weekly activities such as yoga and other classes which equate to about 175 rentals. This Barn is a busy place and we get many compliments on the convenience and functionality of the space as well as our newly upgraded bathrooms.

Think of us for your upcoming grad parties, grooms dinners, bridal & baby showers, etc. It's a wonderful value since you can bring in your own food and beverage. Visit our website for details and photos.



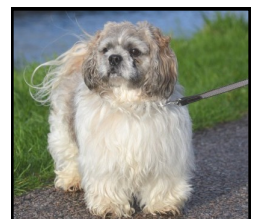
Neighborhoods

Preserve neighborhood upkeep depends on each resident doing their part in being a good neighbor by adhering to the rules and regulations of The Preserve. The Board helps you do this by our design review process which ensures that the standards identified in our Covenants for improvements, additions, landscaping and general remodeling of individual properties are met. We will be stepping up enforcement of our covenants.

Extreme weather fluctuations in Minnesota take their toll on homes. Exterior decay often leads to interior damage, such as ceiling stains and wet basements. The average life cycle of roofs, siding, water heaters and furnaces is around 20 years. Home repairs are costly and can quickly exhaust the average family's savings. Eden Prairie has a program which helps low/moderate income homeowners maintain their homes and properties. To see if you qualify go to www.edenprairie.org and search for the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.

Preserve News

- + *Preserve Dog Parade coming this spring...Stay Tuned*
- ++ *Need community service hours for school? Contact us for projects.*
- +++ *Clean Up Day- Sat. April 18. Meet at the Barn -10:00 a.m. Please RSVP*



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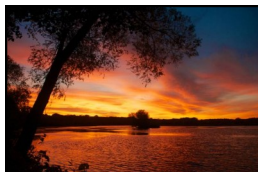
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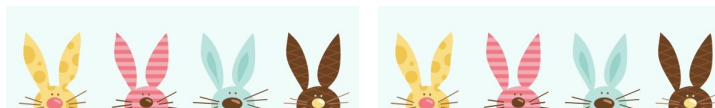
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*GREETINGS FROM THE
PRESERVE ASSOCIATION*



Forget the COLD!! Save the Date: Egg Hunt Saturday April 4

Bring the kids and grandkids for a fun egg hunt in the Preserve Play Area at the Barn. Bags for gathering treats plus beverage/snack provided.

Activity begins promptly at 10:00 a.m.
(Check website for any cancellation due to weather)