

The Preserve

## Preserve Pathways Newsletter

Issue 4

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## Save the Date

October 26, November 2,9, 16,30, December 7 Knitting class

October 29 Dog park outing

November 14 Board Meeting

December 3 Santa Event

December 7 Women's book Event

#### Carol Bomben, our General Manager, is Retiring

Service and Community. Two words that best describe the Preserve Association General Manager of the last 7 years, Carol Bomben. Carol will be retiring from her position on October 13 and she will be deeply missed by our community. Carol has exemplified service, to her state, city and the Preserve community. Over the last 20 years or so, she has served on the E. P. school board, spending six years as the chair. Carol also served on the Eden Prairie Foundation board, was a founding member of the Eden Prairie Schools Foundation. She also served

on the State of Minnesota School Board Association and continues as an active Rotary club member. Finally, Carol served on the Preserve Association Board of Directors for over 15 years. All of these volunteer activities demonstrated the far-reaching and impactful service Carol has provided to this community.

But the bedrock of that volunteer service had been Carol's commitment to her community. Carol and husband Ken with their three daughters moved to the Preserve because they love the area and the schools. Being involved brought friends and wanting to give back to the community she loved. It just seems that wherever Carol goes she makes friends - and supports those around her to leave their own mark as well.

Carol left the Preserve Board to become our General Manager 7 years ago and has impacted so many aspects of our Association. The upgrades and improvements to the pool area have been under her tenure. Enhancements in our community rock gardens, around the Preserve Community Center (the Barn), adding pickleball to the new tennis courts and continuing upgrades of the out-lots and walking paths have also taken place. The Preserve Association continues to be fiscally healthy due to her efforts and diligence. She has brought a gracious approach to the design review process and the cooperative efforts to financially maintain our many amenities.

Perhaps, most importantly because Carol sees this Association as a focal point of neighborliness and activism, her greatest contributions have been in the area of modeling those attributes. Carol says the very best part of her job has been the opportunity to get to know her neighbors here in the Preserve and to search out some of the history of our community. She loves the fact that she has had the opportunity to watch as some of our young staff (lifeguards and maintenance crews) grow to young adulthood and make their own mark on the community.

Our Association has benefited so much by Carol's actions and now we wish her well as she enters retirement. She hopes to travel, take some time with her two grandchildren and, yes, to still be involved in her community and make new friends.

You see, community and service will still be on her radar!

Carol says, "Thanks for the memories....... Sometimes it is hard to know where to start and when to finish, but you can always start and you may never finish."

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# Greeting from Chantal Devane, New Preserve General Manager

I am excited to be the new General Manager! I have lived in the Preserve for 18 years and I am truly vested in all that it has to offer. You may have seen me walking the trails with my golden retriever "Daisey" or hanging out at the pool catching up on my reading. I have previously served on the board, as well as the design review and publicity committees. My previous experience includes property management, corporate housing and most recently, being the owner and operator of a design/build firm. I treasure the vision of the Preserve and I look forward to enhancing all that it has to offer.

I hope to increase the social interaction of the Preserve residents as well as valuing and preserving the Preserve's beauty. I encourage you to stop by and introduce yourself and voice any suggestions or concerns you may have about the future of our community. I look forward to meeting you!

## Walking Club

I am an avid walker and I would like to explore the interest in starting a walking club. Walking is a great way to not only motivate ourselves, but it is also a fun way to get to know your neighbors, especially in the colder months. Well -behaved dogs and strollers are welcomed. On inclement days, we can head indoors and walk at the Eden Prairie Mall (without the dogs, of course). If you have any interest, please e-mail me with your recommendation for a time/day that would work in your schedule and I will do my best to find a time that works best for the majority. Chantal@preserveassociation.com

## Dog "Park" Social

Being a dog owner, I know the value of exercising our pets. I always say "A tired dog is a good dog!". Be sure to take advantage of the Nesbitt Park ice rink, which serves as a



makeshift dog park when it is not being used as an ice rink (this is true for the other rinks in Eden Prairie as well). I encourage you to come out (weather permitting) on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm to meet your neighbors and have some doggy play time! I will be there with my dog Daisey.



Neighborhood Crime Watch works! Last year the neighbors on Talus Circle and Amsden Way came together to form a crime watch group and it has made a difference. Neighborhood Watch signs were installed. Within one neighborhood there have been

multiple calls made about suspicious cars/ people. This has resulted in arrests including DWI and felony warrants. The Eden Prairie Police department has been very helpful and if you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch contact them at 952-949-6200. Even if you do not have a group formed the police would say "if you see something, say something (call them!)".

## A friendly reminder

When purchasing firewood this season please purchase from a reputable firewood service to prevent the spread of tree diseases in our area such as emerald ash borer.



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## Sparkle On...Women Aging in Gratitude

Come meet the author, Kim Kane. Her presentation will capture the essence of what it is to turn 50 years old and beyond. The intention is to highlight changes women experience when aging and

to take a humorous look at things long known about, but sometimes uncomfortable to talk about (hello chin hair!). Audience members will be encouraged to embrace that it is never too late to become or do what it is they want. It is all about knowing that no matter the age, we can, and do, Sparkle On!

Date/Time: Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments Provided Books available for purchase (Door Prizes) Bring your Book Club, friends, and neighbors to this fun women's event. RSVP by Dec. 1 (952-941-8400)

## Knitting Classes at the Barn

Stephanie Brooks, a Preserve resident, is starting a knitting group for anyone interested in learning this fun activity or just wanting some social time with other knitters. She has been knitting for about 8 years and enjoys learning new stitches. This summer she was often knitting in our park and had quite a few people approach her very interested in learning about it. She will have \$5.00 starter kits available for purchase including needles and yarn if needed. We will start with 6 classes and continue from there if enough interest is generated.

Dates: Thursday 1:00-2:00 p.m. October 26-December 7

Please RSVP by Oct. 24 for first class

Adults Only



Thank you to **Jerry's Foods** for their continued donations to our Annual Summer Kids Event. This year's Moana Adventure was a big success.



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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESERVE ASSOCIATION

## Santa is Back at the Barn



Sunday Dec.3

3:00-5:00 p.m.

RSVP to this very **d** popular event-space is limited

Refreshments, crafts, and personal time with Santa



