
TREVI NEWS

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Rocking along, looking ahead

Hello, Trevi Garden Homeowners Association members.

Fall has arrived! I hope everyone has been able to get out to see the latest improvements around the neighborhood. At the pond, Slab Jackers has levelled sidewalk sections, and fresh riprap has been added along the south shoreline (see page 3). Thank you to Steve Sandstrom for tackling the project, with help from Athens Quarry.

Steve has also been the landscape mascot of the subdivision, helping to keep things looking nice – watering at the main entrance and helping prune unwelcome growth in ditches and along fences.

And a shout-out to all who came out on Spring Cleaning Day back in April! Every extra set of hands helps keep our neighborhood looking nice.

Look inside for timely news about Halloween: the Board will be putting some extra treats on the streets. Make 4608 Venetian a destination as you wander south on the 31st. You don't have to be a kid to drop by!

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Then mark your calendars for November 17: Trevi Gardens' Annual Meeting begins at 6 p.m. across the street at Southern View Chapel. In addition to the 2027 budget proposal and board nominations, we'll be considering amendments to the covenants to clarify rental property changes passed in 2023.

If you have an interest in guiding what happens in the neighborhood, PLEASE step up. It doesn't take any effort at all to include you on the ballot for a Trevi HOA Board position. Submit a note of your interest via email, letter or post to the HOA addresses (or contact a current board member) by

October 31. If you feel you can't commit to a board position, your input is welcome at the Board meetings posted throughout the year.

NOTE: It is very important for everyone who is able to show up at the Annual Meeting. We need a quorum to vote on official business. If you can't attend the annual meeting, your voice can still be heard by using the proxy in your home packet. You can delegate someone to vote for you – i.e., a neighbor or the HOA Board as a whole.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Kathy Seketa, HOA President

TREASURY NOTES

HOA Reserve Fund Study is now complete

Hello to our Trevi Gardens neighbors and friends. This year brought some closure to an ongoing project the HOA board has pursued. On September 15, Reserve Advisors presented the board members with a finalized Reserve Fund Study. The board contracted with them for the preparation and presentation of this study in late 2024.

As some of you may be aware, Trevi Gardens collects and holds funds for separate and distinct reasons. One set of funds is meant to cover the annual operating costs (mowing, bookkeeping, etc.). A second set of funds is set aside for larger but less frequent expenses and repairs related to the Trevi Gardens' infrastructure, such as private roads and sidewalks, the pond, the swale, front entrance signage and more.

The Reserve Fund Study was authorized to assist the Board in determining how much we need to set

aside for our future infrastructure needs. Reserve Advisors sent civil engineers into Trevi Gardens to take a first-hand look at our existing infrastructure. They determined the frequency and likely cost for future maintenance and replacement.

After the inspection, the team used the engineering report to run projections for our future funding needs. The HOA board now has a much better idea of our forecastable needs. We can now better plan for the future.

Illinois lawmakers are considering making Reserve Fund Studies mandatory for HOAs like ours. We are now compliant if such a law is passed.

We are excited to have completed the proper planning and look forward to using what we have learned as we plan for the future of the Trevi Gardens community.

Randy Armstrong, Treasurer

Ghostly gathering on Venetian this Halloween



When darkness falls, will you be prowling the streets, searching for treats on Halloween night? The HOA board and several friendly neighbors will again be hosting a driveway gathering from 5 – 8 pm on Saturday, October 31. It is open to everyone, no matter what your age.

The haunted happening is at a new location this year: **4608 Venetian Drive, between Lily and Dante Drive**. Though it's in a different spot, the goodies

will remain the same: hot chocolate, hot spiced apple cider, hot dogs, and plenty of treats to put in your goodie bag.

If you would like to join the fun, just come on over. You are welcome to hang out with neighbors and friends or just grab some treats and move on.

Additionally, if you would like to contribute towards the evening by donating your time, talent or treasures, there is always room for more. Please contact **Theresa Armstrong** at 217-341-4630 for any questions or donations.



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TREVI GARDENS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN
- Nov. 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
- Nov. 3 ELECTION DAY
- Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY
- Nov. 17 **TREVI GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING**
6 pm, Southern View Chapel
- Nov. 26 THANKSGIVING



Balloons light up Southwind

The Springfield Park District hosted a Night Glow Festival in Southwind Park on September 29. Perfect weather — and shuttle buses — brought throngs of families to the park to enjoy the sights, music and food. It was the second year in a row that the Great Lawn has hosted the hot air balloons. It has the makings of a beautiful fall tradition!



Natural beauty and occasional bedlam

Trevi Gardens has an ideal location when it comes to commuting and communing with nature. We've got convenient access to the interstate in two directions, and are just far enough outside the city to be bothered by farm equipment at harvest time.

And since we're in central Illinois, we experience all four seasons. Weather is always a wild card, and is likely to remain a primary focus for budgeting purposes. Mowing is always our #1 operational expense.

The area received adequate rain throughout the summer to keep things green. Fortunately, application of an eco-friendly herbicide during the spring did a remarkable job of curbing the cat tail growth within the swale.

A weekend thunderstorm in August wreaked havoc around Trevi Gardens. In addition to bringing down some tree branches, it snapped three city light poles along Second Street at Trevi's northern end.

NOTE: If you have a home near one of Trevi's storm drains, please check it during heavy rainfall to make sure the grate isn't blocked by debris. The faster we can get water off the streets, the better.



Photo by JoAnn Jiardina

In September, two dead trees were removed from the common properties: one in the interior behind Dante Drive, the other at the Second Street corner (below).



An evening of community in Trevi Gardens

Trevi Garden's Board of Trustees held a fun neighborhood gathering as part of National Night Out on August 4.

The annual summer event gives residents an opportunity to meet the first responders (police and firefighters) who serve our community, as well as Public Works and municipal officials. Springfield **Mayor Misty Buscher** (right) and some of Lakewind Acres' board members from across Second Street were among the special guests at the hot dog soiree. A firetruck, bounce house and canine demonstration were also featured.





Dues paying made easy: online payment

Residents now have the option to pay dues online, using Trevi's new PayHOA service at www.payhoa.com. It's convenient and safe. About half of our members are already using it. It saves on postage and offers a clear paper trail. Here are the easy steps to set up a members account in PayHOA.

Go to <https://www.payhoa.com> and request to join the association by clicking the blue "Sign up" button.

You should see a "Get started with PayHOA" screen.

Next choose the HOMEOWNER box, enter your email, and click continue.

Enter TREVI GARDENS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION in the box asking which association you want.



An account information screen should come up.

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Once they submit the request, the association admin reviews it and confirms it.

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