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# TREVI NEWS

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## Spring forward, fall forward

Hello, Trevi Garden Homeowners Association members. Welcome to the fall newsletter.

This year has brought lots of warm, dry weather and some solid improvements to the neighborhood. The swale was mowed down in early spring and then sprayed to help keep the new growth under control. A summer drought also helped with the surviving cattails. Next year will tell how well this approach worked.

Trevi's shortest private street, Como Lane, was replaced in June (see the article on page 6). The construction went smoothly, with Moss Concrete providing reliable, high-quality work for our residents.

Barricades and orange barrels returned to the neighborhood this month. After several calls to the Department of Public Works and a meeting with officials, the city addressed longstanding street repairs on Trevi Drive and assisted with water drainage issues on Neptune and Sorrento Villas.

Board members have also been contributing to upkeep. Scott Fields cleaned and repainted the Trevi Gardens signs at the main entrance, and Steve Sandstrom has been watering the shrubs there. He has also assisted some neighbors in cutting back unwelcome volunteer tree growth around the subdivision.

The Trevi Board will once again be hosting a special treat stop on Halloween night (see page 3). We had quite a few children and families come by last year, and we encourage everyone to drift over to Lily Lane for some ghostly goodies on the 31st!

Finally, mark your calendars for **Trevi Gardens' Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4**, at the Southern View Chapel, 4500 S. 2nd. St. We will discuss and vote on next year's budget, as well as welcoming others to join the board. If you would like to volunteer to be a trustee of the TGHOA, please submit your interest by October 31 via a letter or email to [trevigardenshomeowners@gmail.com](mailto:trevigardenshomeowners@gmail.com).

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# Trevi Gardens

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### TREASURY NOTES

## Inflation, projects prompt need for dues increase

Five years ago, Trevi Gardens held a very well attended meeting in Southwind Park, where we discussed in great detail some of the challenges and opportunities facing the Trevi Gardens community. At that meeting, the residents overwhelmingly voted to authorize the creation of a Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding needed repairs to the Trevi Gardens infrastructure.

Since that time, the Trevi Gardens HOA has rebuilt three of the subdivision's private streets. In June, we completely replaced Como Lane with a properly engineered road.

This past year we also cleared much of the overgrowth within the Trevi Gardens swale. The original design of our central drainage ditch also creates multiple problems for the HOA.

Earlier this summer, the City of Springfield sent the Board of Trustees a letter instructing us to conduct work on our water retention and drainage. We are working now to determine precisely what that will

entail. What is clear is that any solution to mitigate the city's concerns is likely to have a financial cost.

Over the last few years, inflation has had a negative effect on Trevi's finances. Since 2022 we've managed to keep HOA dues level through a variety of measures, including earning competitive interest on savings and hand-delivering various documents to residents, like this fall newsletter. We've saved more than \$1,500 in postage with such efforts.

But inflation has now caught up with us. The cost of bookkeeping, pond management, street replacements, mowing and weeding, and insurance have all increased rapidly. To maintain a responsible bottom line, a dues increase will be proposed for the new year.

You should have received a packet containing the 2026 budget proposals. It will be discussed and voted on at our upcoming annual meeting. Please read the materials closely and consider attending the meeting beginning at 5:30 on November 4 at Southern View Chapel.

*Randy Armstrong, Treasurer*

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### Fall forward CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

It is very important for everyone who is able to show up at the annual meeting and vote. If you cannot attend, your voice can still be heard through the use of the proxy mailed to each property owner. Consider delegating someone to vote for you – e.g., a neighbor or the HOA Board as a whole.

I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

*Kathy Seketa, HOA President*



# Visit Lily Lane to boost your Halloween haul



Will you be prowling the streets, searching for treats on Halloween night? Then drift down to the southwest corner of the subdivision to Lily Lane for a monster-sized assortment of sweets!

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## Pond windmill removed, overflow pipe cleared

The pond has long been an attractive element of our neighborhood, especially for everyone who likes to fish or walk around Trevi. It is periodically treated to prevent algae growth and has two aerators working 24/7. This summer it looked especially scenic, marred only by the evidence that the Canadian geese like it too.

A windmill was installed in March 2004 to power the pond's first aeration system. A new electrical unit was added four years ago to upgrade the effort, making the structure purely decorative. As the trees grew around it, the windmill blended into the shoreline.

On September 27, the windmill was completely dismantled. The board worked with a contractor to have it taken down and hauled away at no cost.

In addition, the pond's drainpipe on its southern shore was professionally cleared in July. If/when heavy rains

DO occur, rising stormwater can flow unobstructed into the swale.



The Trevi Gardens HOA board and some friendly neighbors are hosting a driveway gathering from 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Friday, October 31. It's open to everyone, young and old alike.

Goodies will be in abundance, including hot chocolate, spiced apple cider, juice, fruit and candy.

If you'd like to be a part of the fun, just come on over! And if you'd like to contribute toward the evening, help hand out candy, or assist with the event in some way, you are welcome—the more, the scarier! Contact Theresa Armstrong at 217-341-4630 to donate your time, treasure or talent.

# TREVİ GARDENS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 31	HALLOWEEN
Nov. 2	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
Nov. 4	<b>TREVİ GARDENS ANNUAL MEETING</b> 5:30 pm, Southern View Chapel
Nov. 11	VETERANS DAY
Nov. 27	THANKSGIVING

# Balloons cast warm glow in Southwind Pa

Sharing a border with a public park has distinct advantages. Not only does the park provide convenient walking paths and activity areas, but it also hosts random community events. On September 18, the Springfield Park District held a Balloon Glow at Southwind Park. Ten hot air balloons were inflated and illuminated as the sun set and night fell. It made for a fun, colorful evening—one that Trevi Gardens residents would love to see become an annual tradition.



Aerial photo courtesy of Corey Blaum

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# Como 2.0: smooth, sturdy and self-financed

The city repaired a multitude of cracked road sections along Trevi Drive this October. They were replacing the original concrete, dating back to when the neighborhood was first developed.

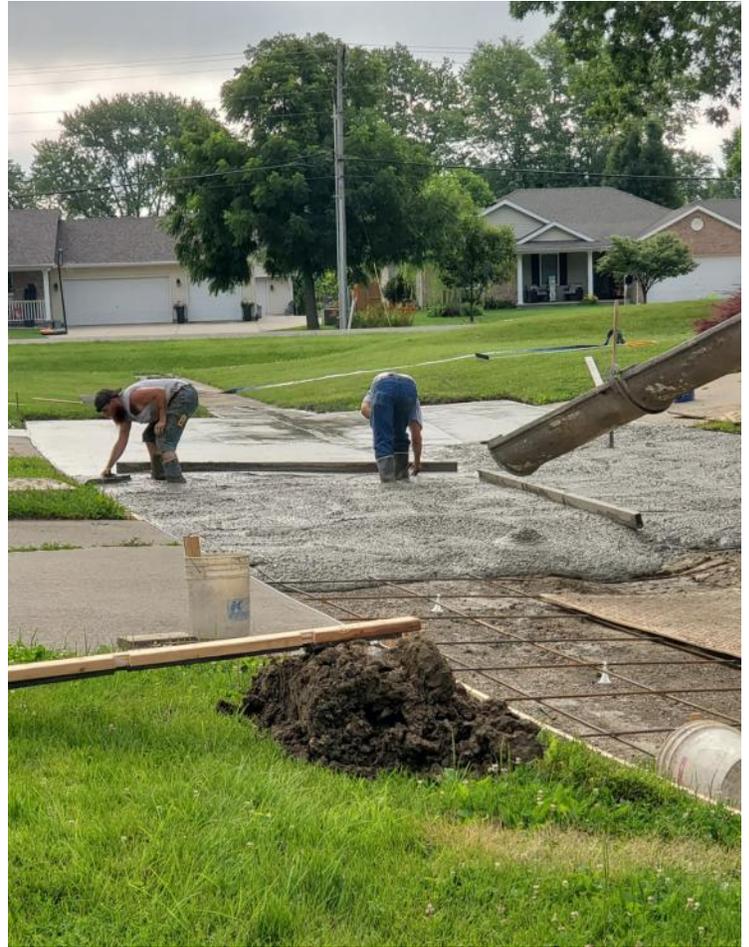
Trevi residents sincerely appreciate the use of our municipal tax dollars toward the effort. We could tolerate the short-term inconvenience of the many construction zones for the long-term gain.

The Board of Trustees knows how difficult and expensive it is to tackle a project of this magnitude, and to do it right. At the beginning of the summer, we had Como Lane rebuilt from end to end. It is 1 of 8 streets within Trevi



Gardens that was not built to city code. As such, the Public Works department considers them long driveways, and is under no obligation to maintain them. The residents on these private streets literally own the road in front of their homes, with lot lines extending to the midpoint of the street adjacent to each house or duplex.

Five of these original “stub” streets connect to Trevi Drive parallel to Second Street. From north to south, they are Caesars Lane (on the west side of the street, nearest the pond), Agustus, Volare, Capri and finally Como, the shortest of the bunch. They too were initially constructed in the 1980s, concrete poured directly onto topsoil without reinforcing rebar or any crushed gravel foundation.



The other three private streets are within a section of the subdivision completed in the '90s: the Fifth Addition. According to Trevi's covenants, the 31 collective properties on the Messina/Resina horseshoe and Argenta Drive were designed to be governed by an independent condo association. That group has never formed.

Moss Concrete and Excavating completed Como's construction on schedule in June for \$44,067. It is being financed from three sources:

- 1) a gift from the HOA equal to 30% of the total expense
- 2) dedicated funds from property owners on the respective private street, and



**Signs cleaned & shined:** Sharp-eyed residents may have noticed things looking a little brighter at the main entrance. Trustee Scott Fields removed and restored the Trevi Gardens signage over the summer. Each sign was thoroughly cleaned and repainted, and they look like new. Thank you, Scott!

3) an internal loan to the residents from the HOA for the remaining balance

The loan is being repaid from earmarked funds from Como's owners. Private street property owners have been paying a second, annual assessment into a dedicated account for this purpose since 2016.

The Board hopes to have the final remaining stub street—Volare—rebuilt in the near future.

Each new road provides solid “curb appeal” for the residents and helps to maintain the safety and appearance of the subdivision. And like the new sections of Trevi Drive the city just fixed, it should last for another 50 years.



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