

Orchard Valley News

Orchard Valley Homeowners Association

August 2016

Area Automobile Break-ins

At the Annual Meeting Aurora Community Police Officers **Ron Miller** and **Kyle Hoffman** addressed the issue of automobile break-ins



occurring in Aurora — particularly on the West Side and specifically in the Orchard Valley subdivision. Both officers suggested that homeowners do due diligence by reporting any suspicious behavior in the neighborhood — strangers/individuals roaming through the subdivision, particularly at dusk or nighttime. Whenever possible, park your vehicles in your *locked* garage. If you must leave your vehicle outside (*particularly overnight*), be sure to remove all valuables from sight and ensure that your vehicle's windows are closed and the doors are *locked*. In recent news broadcasts it appears that Aurora is not the only community seeing an increase in these occurrences of automobile break-ins. Naperville and Buffalo Grove have also been experiencing a rash of car break-ins. One last suggestion — *keep your outdoor lights on, thieves like to work in the dark!* Remember, *an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!!!*



West Aurora Schools Are Open!!!

First day of classes is Wednesday, August 17th. This means kids and buses in the neighborhood — *please, be extra careful driving out there!*



"OKTOBERFEST" — October 16th @ Orchard Valley Clubhouse, 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

"BREAKFAST with SANTA" - December 3rd @ Orchard Valley Clubhouse, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!



OVHA ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS!!!

The Association's Annual Meeting and election was held on June 16, 2016 at St. Davids Church. President Jason Morthland convened the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m. with the introduction of Aurora Community Police Officers **Ron Miller** and **Kyle Hoffman**. Following a brief question and answer session, President Morthland introduced a special guest — **Carl Franco, 5th Ward Alderman**. Alderman Franco's comments touched upon several on-going projects in the community.



A review of the Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting followed the evening's special guests. Upon acceptance of the minutes, the Board moved to the Annual Election process. Candidates that were present introduced themselves to the audience. Nominations for the Board were then sought from the floor. Upon completion of this phase, the ballots were collected and handed to the Association's Property Manager, Pat Torres, for tabulation; two members of the audience volunteered to assist in counting the ballots. Following a short homeowner session, Pat Torres presented the Board with the election tabulations — **top three** are elected. The voting produced the following results:

George Dyche — 71 (*Elected to a 2 year term*)
Mark Plummer — 60 (*Elected to a 2 year term*)
Harold Borg — 56 (*Elected to a 2 year term*)
Jim Sokolowski — 39

Following the pronouncement of the election results the Board went into executive session during which time the following officers were selected:

President — Zach Hubeck
Vice President — Mark Plummer
Treasurer — George Dyche
Secretary — TBA
Board Member — Harold Borg



Thank You!!!

The Annual Board Election marked the end of the tenure of two stalwarts who have served the Orchard Valley membership faithfully and tirelessly. The energy and service of retiring Board members **Jason Morthland** and **Andy Woodward** leaves some pretty big shoes to fill. We wish to pass along our heartfelt "Thanks" for the years of dedicated service to our community.

Additionally, following the election, Board member **Chris Neidhammer** submitted his resignation from the OVHA Board. Association by-laws direct the Board — should vacancies occur — to fill all vacancies by Board appointment. The Board is actively pursuing a viable candidate to appoint. The Board wishes to extend its gratitude to Chris for his dedication and time he selflessly gave in service to our community.





One of the more persistent grievances heard by the Board from the residents has to do with the traffic on Canterbury Drive. The residential speed limit in Aurora — and therefore within our subdivision — is **25 MPH**. It would appear that — to a casual observer — for some the posted speed limits are *merely suggestions*. Given the degree of compliance to the stop signs placed strategically near Canterbury Park, one could assume that, they too, are merely *suggestions*. *Neither assumption is correct!*

We all, every so often, find ourselves “running late” and are tempted to *roll through* a stop sign or accelerate a *wee bit* beyond the limit — especially when you perceive no one is there — *no harm, no foul, right?* **WRONG!** This is our neighborhood and it is mostly up to us to help make it safe. Practice being the *good neighbor* and follow the rules of the road! *Thanks!*



ARC Submittals

If one intends to make changes to the exterior structure or landscaping of their OV property, please be reminded that *prior* approval from the Board is required. The appropriate *required* documents may be found at our website — OVHA.org. Please download, print and complete the requisite documents. In certain cases one may be required to obtain a building permit from the City of Aurora. All necessary documents need to be completed and submitted *directly* to Alpha Management, *not* to individual Board members.



Selling Your Home???



Members of the OVHA who intend to sell their home and relocate outside Orchard Valley are reminded that part of the *closing cost*

fees they shall incur at the closing includes a *disclosure statement* as well as the *final inspection letter* provided by Alpha Management. ❖❖❖

Watering Restrictions

Lawn-watering is restricted to the hours of 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m. on “*odd and even*” day protocol (*based upon the last digit of one’s home address*)

Homes with permanently installed sprinkler systems shall follow the same schedule.

Watering is prohibited on both July 31st as August 31st for all residents. (2013 Aurora Water Conservation Ordinance)



Alderman Carl Franco

Orchard Valley resides in the 5th Aldermanic Ward in the City of Aurora. For a good number of years “Whitey” Peters served the 5th Ward on the City Council. In the April, 2015 election “Whitey” chose not to run. Carl Franco successfully ran for the 5th Ward Alderman in 2015. Mr. Franco, a 5th Ward resident since 1989, recently retired (2015) from the FAA as an air traffic controller working out of the Aurora Traffic Center. Carl, and his wife, Laurie, have two children: Michael and Anna — both now college graduates. Carl, over the course of some thirty years, has been actively involved in a variety of youth sports endeavors with the Fox Valley Park District, North Aurora Baseball Association, and Aurora Boys Baseball. He has served as a Board member on both the North Aurora Baseball Board as well as the Blackhawks Sports Booster Board.

Alderman Franco’s contact info is as follows:

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email: cfranco@aurora-il.org.

Upcoming Social Event. . .

Oktoberfest, Sunday, October 16th from 4:00 p.m. ‘til 7:00 p.m.

@ OV Clubhouse — *Adults only!!!!*

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No Garbage Pick-up

When???

New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

(When one of these holidays falls on or before your collection day collections are delayed one day that week.)

“Please, I need a leash!”



Please be reminded that Aurora does require dogs to be on a leash. (Animals “at-large” are subject to being impounded.)