

# THE Glenmoor Gazette

May 2024



## YOUR GLENMOOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS HONOR AND THANK THOSE WHO SERVED AND GAVE ALL FOR OUR FREEDOM.

### **Glenmoor Community Reminders**

#### • Groot Garbage pick up days:

 $\circ$  Pick up will be Friday, May 31 due to Memorial Day.

All other weekly pick up will be normal - Thursdays

PLEASE BRING EMPTY TRASH CANS IN BY 11PM on Garbage Day per VILLAGE ORDINANCE!

### NOTABLE DATES IN MAY

- 4th. The 150th Kentucky Derby. The "Run for the Roses" .
- 5th. Cinco de Mayo
  - Celebrating Mexico's victory over the French in 1862 at the Battle of Puebla.
    - A more popular holiday in the U.S. than in Mexico.
      - Here we celebrate Mexican culture, music, and of course, fabulous food and drink!
- **12th. Mother's Day** Tell your Mother every day how much you love and appreciate her!
  - Don't forget to bring her beautiful flowers and treat her to a lovely brunch with family!
- 27th. Memorial Day
  - Originally known as "Decoration Day" following the Civil War because of the tradition of decorating soldiers graves with flowers.
    - Honoring those who died serving both the Union and the Confederacy.
  - Now on "Memorial Day", we remember and honor fallen members of the American armed forces from all wars.
    - Became a Federal Holiday in 1971.
    - Unofficially marks the beginning of Summer.



## >>> The Largest Hatch of Cicadas in Our Area in Over 210 Years!

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Invest in a comfortable set of earplugs if you wish to keep your sanity once Brood XIII, also known as the Northern Illinois Brood of "Periodical" cicadas, emerges in our area sometime in May or early June after 17 years underground and begins their relentless mating call.

> CLICK HERE for the BEST in-depth article we've found by the Morton Arboretum on cicadas and how they will effect us and our plants!

#### • Short Synopsis:

- WHY and how do they make so darn much noise?
  - Once cicadas emerge after 17 years underground, the males "sing" to attract mates.
    - Mating "songs" of male cicadas can reach over 90 decibels, which is as loud as a lawnmower, motorcycle, or tractor.
      - They have no actual vocal abilities. The "singing' noise is produced by expanding and contracting an organ in their abdomen called a "tymbal".
    - Females don't make a sound!
- Is there any relief from the noise?
  - Cicadas will be mostly quiet between dusk and dawn.
  - They will only be with us above ground for about a month to 6 weeks.
    - Once mating and egg laying in the bark of woody trees and shrubs is complete, and the adult cicadas die and the larva will quietly make their way underground for another 17 years.
- Good News: Cicadas pose no direct threat to humans or pets.
  - They look just plain creepy with their spooky red bulging eyes, large 2in. bodies, and haphazard, bumbling flight.
    - They may even accidently land on us or invade our space, but they don't bite or sting.
  - The decaying bodies of adults don't smell pleasant to us, but serve as rich fertilizer for plants.
  - Cicadas and their larva aerate our lawns as they rise out of the ground to mate and when the larva return to mature.
  - Birds and wild animals in our area will be VERY well fed as they find live cicadas and carcasses quite tasty!
  - Cicadas are not very graceful flyers, so may occasionally blunder into our homes. Fear not! They cannot survive long-term in an indoor environment and so, cannot infest our homes.
  - You actually could eat them if you wanted to, as long as you don't have a shellfish allergy. Seriously!
- Not quite as Good News:
  - Large, healthy trees and shrubs are not in danger of damage caused by females laying eggs, but it may be wise to protect young or newly planted woody trees and shrubs with small gauge netting secured at the base. Healthy trees may show minor damage on the ends of tender branches, but will recover.

#### Use of insecticides is not recommended to manage periodical cicadas in home landscapes

as they will do more harm to local birds and wildlife which may dine on the cicadas than to the cicada brood, itself. Experts highly recommend that we follow the advice of Paul McCartney and The Beatles: "Let it Be, Let it Be".







## Glenmoor Animal Lover Alert! Lost Dogs Illinois



Glenmoor's own Sheila Summaria is an active volunteer working with Lost Dogs Illinois, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization providing education and assistance for owners searching for their lost dogs!

Sheila is proud to have been active in the search for numerous lost dogs, and has even been part of a team reuniting several lost dogs with their thankful families in our area!

- If your dog is lost, follow these links and suggestions for instructions and strategies!
  - <u>5 Things to do if you have lost a dog.</u>
  - Report a lost dog to Lost Dogs Illinois and Pet FBI: (a data base for lost pets)
  - File a police report.
  - <u>Guidance in preparing appropriate signage</u> to alert people to the loss of your dog.
  - Create and continually update social media posts on Facebook, Ring, and Nextdoor.
    - Include photos and location/details of latest sightings.
- The same resources may be used if you think you have spotted an advertised lost dog or encounter a dog you suspect is lost.
  - Lost Dogs Illinois also provides strategies for successfully dealing with a frightened and disoriented lost dog.

Should you have questions, interest in donating, or doing volunteer work for Lost Dogs Illinois, contact Sheila at sasser2568@aol.com or 847-525-3275



## >>> Events Around Town in May

#### by Janet Vogler

#### • Touch-a-Truck Event -

- Sat., May 4, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Public Works Facility, 110 Mitchard Way, Algonquin.
  - Youngsters can enjoy horns, lights, or sirens.
    - Kids can explore and climb aboard a diverse array of vehicles, ranging from construction machinery and emergency vehicles from the local police and fire departments to tow trucks, garbage trucks!



#### Groot Document Shredding Event -

- Sat., June 1, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Public Works Facility at 110 Mitchard Way.
  - (or until the trucks are full, whichever comes first).
    - Material accepted includes standard office paper and file folders.
      - All material shall be free of binders and binder clips or any other materials that could compromise the integrity of the equipment. Each participating vehicle is limited to eight (8) standard size banker boxes each.
- Annual Algonquin Garden Club Spring Spring Plant Sale -
  - Sat., May 11 St. John's Church parking lot at 300 Jefferson St., Algonquin.
    - Proceeds benefit community gardens, environmental and conservation projects and nature preserves.



- Get Mom a hanging basket for Mothers Day or find perennials and houseplants for yourself.
- The Barrington Area Library Teaching Garden -
  - Classes/events throughout the month of May with a variety of opportunities to learn for all age groups.
    - Check out the link above for dates and times.







INTO THE GARDEN I GO...BY JUDI Z

### **May Garden Checklist**

#### • KEEP TRACK OF RAIN (buy a rain gauge)

 Avoid working the soil if it is excessively wet. Soil should crumble when squeezed into a ball. If it doesn't, it's best to wait until it dries out to avoid ruining the soil's structure.

#### KEEP TRACK OF DAILY TEMPERATURE LOWS

- The official day that it's ok to plant is usually Mother's Day Weekend. However, I've already planted some items since the lowest upcoming temperature is 45 degrees. If it goes below 37, I would cover the plants with a towel or sheet, or bring them into the garage.
- TRIM THE DEAD AND FERTILIZE ROSES (the dead never come back to life)

#### PREP OUTSIDE CONTAINERS

- **New Large Pots**-add cans of water bottles to at least 1/3 of the bottom of the pot. This makes the pot easier to move and easier to replace the soil when needed.
- Older Pots- replace pots (Costco and Ollies) have nice inexpensive pots. Consider spray painting outdoor containers.

#### • KEEP SQUIRRELS OUT OF NEWLY PLANTED POTS

• Put Pinwheels or small flags or something that moves with the wind in the pots.

#### BUY YOUR HANGING POTS SOONER THAN LATER

- Most stores and nurseries already have lots of plants to pick from.
- Read the labels. We are in Zone 5. Tropical plants do not survive our winters. However, you can enjoy a tropical for the summer. I just bought a Bougainvillea at Home Depot which my mother had and grew like a weed and flowered all summer long but in Florida not here. I'll enjoy it as it reminds me of her.

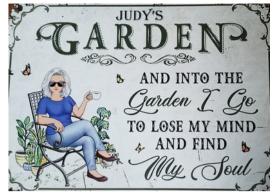
#### • OVERSEED THE LAWN

 If you aerate in the spring, it's a great time to overseed and seed empty spots with less effort. Be careful to not spray a pre-emergent weed killer where you put new seed.

#### MAKE YOUR OWN WEED KILLER

 Using items that you already have in your kitchen make a weed killer to kill weeds on sidewalks and driveways. 3 ingredients: vinegar, dish soap (Dawn works best) and optionally salt. Select the link in the title to learn more.

## Judi Z.





See you in the Garden!

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## Watch for JUNE dates for our Glenmoor Annual Meeting! Become part of the team!

Become an active part of your Glenmoor community Bring your voice, ideas, creativity, expertise, and energy to the table!

We have a terrific group of hard-working Board Members and Committee Members, but more help and input is always appreciated!

> To volunteer, contact your Glenmoor Board at GlenmoorHOA60102@gmail.com

#### **Glenmoor Committees:**

- Architectural
- Landscape
- Welcome
- Newsletter
- Well being

Committees can always use additional help!

#### **Current Open Positions:**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary

#### Currently filled position:

• Treasurer

#### **Annual Elected Positions:**

 3 Board of Directors plus 1 alternate BOD position are voted upon annually. The BOD fills other positions by appointment.

Our Glenmoor HOA newsletter is provided via email distribution. Should you have any items, suggestions, ideas, or announcements you wish to share with your neighbors, contact: Your Glenmoor Board at: GlenmoorHOA60102@gmail.com

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