



August 8, 2013

Dear Homeowners,

Recently an owner noticed unusual and somewhat suspicious activity in front of her house by people that she did not recognize. She called the police, but these people were gone by the time the police arrived. We encourage you to call the police and/or the association if you notice anything that seems odd or out of the ordinary, or if you feel uncomfortable or threatened.

In early September we will begin painting the exterior wood trim, front doors, and sidelights which will take about 3-4 weeks to complete. The wood will be power washed and inspected for rot. We are offering two Saturdays (September 7th or 21st) as options for painting the doors because the door should be left open to be properly painted, and then remain ajar for 5 hours of drying. Please contact us with your preferred date. If neither date fits your schedule please contact us so that we can look for an alternative solution. If we do not hear from you we will paint the door while it is closed. If there is inclement weather on either of these dates we will reschedule.

The painters will do their best to work around any plants or vines growing next to your home. We do not want to harm any landscaping. Please contact us now if you have any concerns about this.

The contractor will need to use owner-supplied water to power wash. The cost of water in Palatine is \$3.31 per 1,000 gallons, and we estimate using less than 500 gallons (\$1.65) from any one owner. If asked, we will reimburse you for this amount. Notice will be posted, and your doors and windows should be kept closed during the power washing.

We will be replacing the four driveways at the northwest end of the street and all of the guest parking spaces. We will post signs a few days before this work begins. The remaining driveways will be crack filled and seal coated on August 19th (west side) or 23rd (east side) (rain dates 8/26 or 8/30). Please do not drive or park on your driveway until the barriers are removed. Palatine will allow you to park on the street during this time.

Our landscapers will begin inspecting the grounds periodically for adequate watering. Watering is a homeowner responsibility. Any landscaping found to be dying because of insufficient watering (or rain) will be replaced and the cost will be charged back to the owner. Plant and sod replacement can be expensive.

The board has approved the recently proposed rules changes. A red-lined copy was sent to all owners for comments. If you would like a copy with all changes incorporated please contact us.

One item continues to be an issue... guest parking. Several owners have complained that these spaces are frequently unavailable for their intended purpose – **temporary** parking for owners or guests. Please respect your neighbors by parking your vehicles on your lot.

The August meeting has been canceled. Our next meeting will be October 9th at the library.

As always, please contact us with any questions, issues, or suggestions. You can email us at info@desirablewellings.com or call us at 847-776-8222. Remember – we can't fix what we don't know about.

Thank you.
The Board of Directors