

Townhomes of Rivermist

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HOA NEWSLETTER

May Board Meeting

May 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Home of Sharon Johnson
574 Katherine Circle

April Board Meeting Highlights

*No new expenses

*Final payment for roofs will be made in June

*Landscape Committee will be looking into new contracts for snow removal and lawn care. Current snow contract is up and lawn care contract ends in October 2025.

Special Shout out to Pat Bastian for contributing lots of local information to our newsletter this month.

PLEASE JOIN US

May 19th 4:00 p.m.

for a Going Away Party for
Carl and Marina Heinisch

Carl and Marina will be leaving our neighborhood to reside at Oak Crest Retirement Center.

Please let me know if you will be attending

We will be serving Cheap Chicken from Jewel and ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. I will also need to know if you'd like fried or grilled white or dark meat

(815) 814-5403 no later than 5/17/25

Memorial Day

For the past several years some neighbors have created the American flag display along Spruce Drive on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day. Additional flags have been purchased to also put them in the public/common areas on Katherine and Brant Circles. To accomplish the additional displays, more people are needed to help with the set up.

We will meet on Monday May 26th at 7:00 am at the corner of Spruce, Katherine and Brant. If possible, please bring a long tape measure, and tools to dig small holes in the ground (a hammer and long screwdriver work well).

If you would like a special flag for your front yard to honor a veteran or current serviceperson in your family, please let myself or Pat Bastian know. We have identified some neighbors that served and want to make sure we show appreciation for all of you. If you have any questions about the display please let us know.

Landscape Improvement Update

As most of you know, the board approved hiring Wasco Nursery last fall to do an evaluation of our current landscape. Herb Buhr and myself, spent a morning going through all of the HOA's property evaluating the current design, plant material, and current issues with Matt from Wasco. Wasco gave us a very detailed plan of things that needed to be taken care of sooner than later (diseased trees and shrubs).

The landscape committee then reviewed the list and decided to break down the tasks into a 3 year plan.

We went through and picked the items that needed immediate attention submitted the list to the board and received approval. Katherine Circle has the most issues, so the majority of the work this year will take place there.

I have listed for you the work that is going to be performed sometime the middle of June.

The mailbox area on Katherine will be completely redesigned and new plant materials installed.

In the circle of Katherine the four Pear trees will be removed and replaced with 2 Emerald City Tulip Trees and 2 Espresso Kentucky Coffee Trees

Behind the gazebo, where there was a pear tree that we lost last year there will be a 7' White Fir put in to replace it.

There is a drainage issue on the west side of Katherine that is washing away the mulch and granite boulders will be put in to contain the mulch.

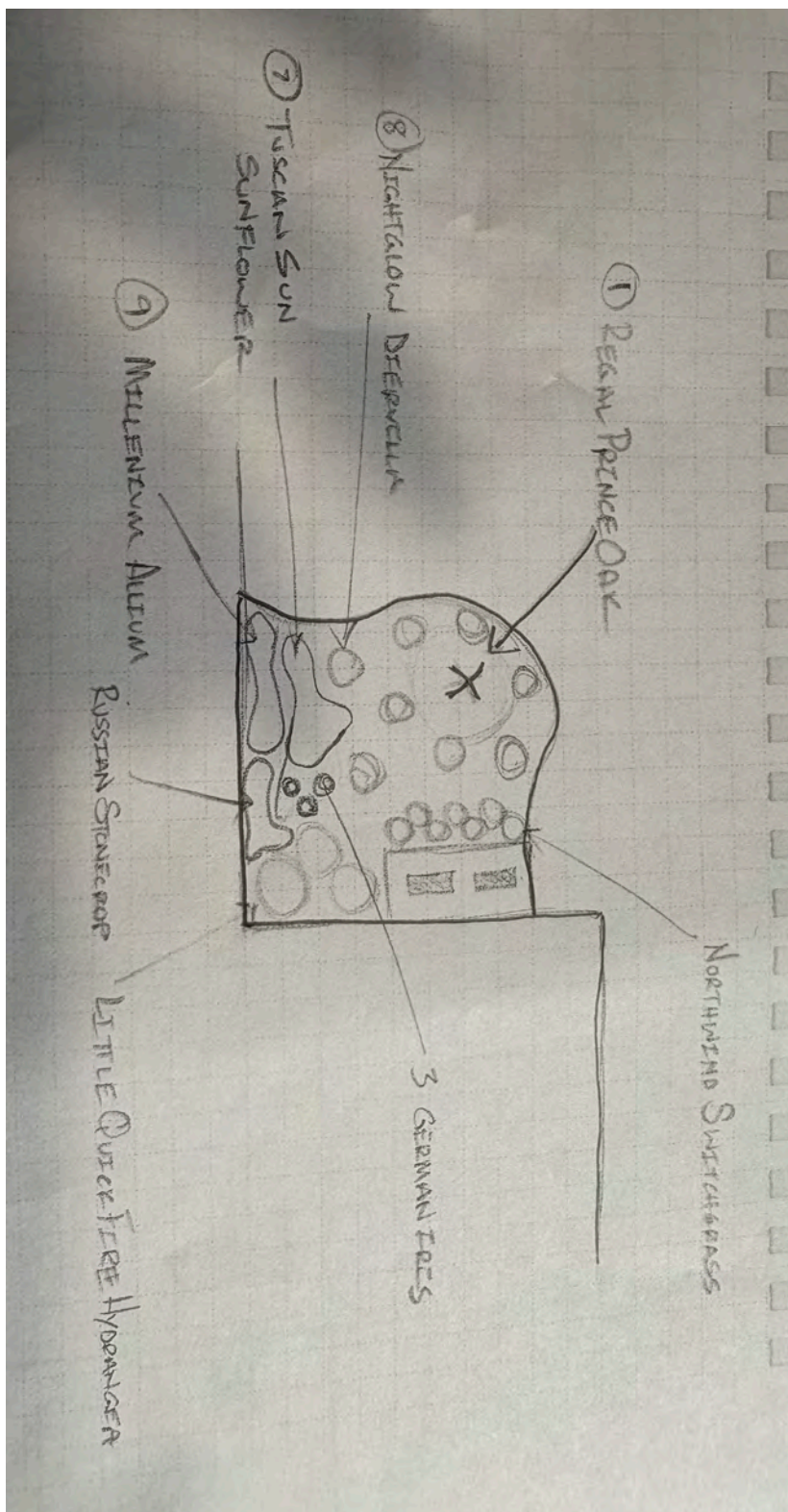
The River Birch at 574 Katherine is diseased and will be removed and a Firespire American Hornbeam will be planted to replace it.

The backyard (facing Sangamon) 532 Katherine will receive new bushes

The backyard at 522 Katherine will receive new bushes to replace the dead ones we removed last year.

Brant Circle will get a replacement tree for the pear we lost last summer. The mailbox area will have a new design and the area where the tree was located will be completely removed and a new planting area will incorporate the mailboxes. A Regal Prince Oak will be added into the new design.

I have included a drawing of the new design, which will be the same for both circles. The only difference is Brant will have the Regal Prince Oak.



This is the mailbox design for both Katherine and Brant Circles. The only thing different is that you see the Royal Prince Oak that will be installed on Brant. There will not be a tree included on Katherine's design. All of these plants will provide a variety of color throughout the spring, summer and fall.

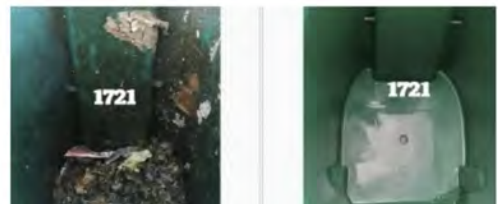
SPRING CLEANING TIME

Last year Sharon Johnson arranged for us to get our windows washed. She contacted Wilson Window Washing and they came out and did any amazing job. If you are interested in having your windows cleaned (they will do both inside and out or one or the other). I found them to be reasonably priced and was very pleased with their work. Sharon has agreed to coordinate with them again this year so if you are interested in having your exterior/interior windows cleaned please let Sharon know. (815) 751-9950 Before June 1, 2025

For the past few years we have been having Eco Trash Bin, clean and sanitize our garbage bins. They steam, clean, sanitize and make your trash bins smell amazing. It's only \$35.00 for both trash bins and no monthly or quarterly contract. We have them cleaned once a year and are very happy with the results. I did receive a text from them reminding everyone that they also Power wash garage floors, driveways, walkways, fences, decks, and porches. If you are interested you can text any questions to (630) 352-8022.



Simply text your town to 630 352 8022 and you will get a reply text back!



The city of DeKalb and the Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission is accepting applications for the 2025 Paint-A-Plug program. The Paint-A-Plug program encourages artists to create fire hydrant artwork.

Artists are encouraged to paint the fire hydrants to celebrate the Declaration of Independence's 250th anniversary. The anniversary themes include historic figures, independence, patriotism and the nation's cultural heritage celebrations and achievements.

**The invention of the
shovel was ground
breaking,

but it was the invention
of the broom that truly
swept the nation.**

Thank you for being a part of our community

MAY

2025

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	Mingle at the Gazebo 4:00 pm. Bring a Chair			Landscape Committee Meeting. 10:00 am - Seymores		
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Mothers Day	Mingle at the Gazebo 4:00 pm Bring a chair. Board Meeting 6:30 pm 574 Katherine Circle				Let Pam Knott know if you are coming to Supper Club on the 20th. (815)978-6129	DeKalb & Sycamore Townships Shredding Event 9-11 am. Kishwaukee YMCA
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	Mingle 4:00 pm. 553 Brant Circle. Cheap Chicken Potluck Carl & Marinas Goodbye	Supper Club 6:00 pm. Texas Roadhouse Sycamore		Estate Sale 4-7 pm. 514 Katherine Circle	Estate Sale 10-3 pm. 514 Katherine Circle	Estate Sale 10-3 pm 514 Katherine Circle
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