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### VISIT AND LEARN FROM NEIGHBOR'S SUSTAINABLE GARDENS

Right here in Hobson Village is a "living classroom" which educates us in the fundamentals of biology and also has spiritual and recreational benefits." That is how Shyamala Rajan describes the many sustainable gardens, or ecosystems, that grow throughout her property at 1115 Faireno Court.

She and her mother and siblings, with whom she lives, welcome visitors—particularly parents with children and pets—to stop by their yard. "We always have native plants to share with anyone who is interested in growing them," said Shyamala.

What began as a small front yard garden cultivated by her mother in 1998 now features native trees, shrubs, vines, woodland plants, prairie grasses, meadow flowers, etc., all of which provide food,

shelter and nesting needs for insects, birds, amphibians, and mammals. The gardens are also wildlife habitats certified by the National Wildlife Foundation.

Said Shyamala, "I expanded upon my mother's garden after reading about how the increasing subur-

one among other species, instead of dominating the landscape."

According to Shyamala, an environmental law specialist and Morton Arboretum-certified steward of natural areas, sustainable gardens are extremely useful for plants and animals (including humans) because they preserve biodiversity, provide food, clean the air, conserve and filter water, and reduce landfill waste and energy costs.

Inspired by her parents, who were organic, sustainable farmers with "enormous respect" for our natural resources, Shyamala's passion for the environ-

mental footprint. Plant a native tree, have a birdhouse, protect a species, reduce chemical usage, grow at least some of your own



food. Sharing your yard with wildlife is relatively simple in this age of information just a click away."

—By Barb Ceruti



**Veggie sampler**  
tomatoes, peppers  
eggplants, okra,  
cucumbers, potatoes,  
onion, garlic  
sweet potatoes, pumpkins

ban sprawl and chemical pollution of air, land and water were adversely impacting biodiversity

through loss of habitats and toxicity build-up in food chains. I decided to re-create native ecosystems within a suburban garden setting, where humans exist as just

ment is in her DNA. "Sustainability extends beyond our gardens to all aspects of my life," she said. "With increasing population pressures, dwindling natural resources, and a rapidly changing climate, it is cru-



Raised bed vegetable Garden

Photos and descriptions courtesy of Shyamala Rajan



# HOBSON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

**Attendees:** Alice Anderson, Andrea Marwah, Lisa Sachdev, Sarah Causemaker, Colleen Grills, John Pollitt, a concerned resident

Meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Lisa Sachdev.

A concerned resident addressed the Board with questions about the rights of neighbors and community with regards to renters who have engaged in criminal activity. Discussion ensued around homeowners' responsibility to those in the neighborhood when they rent out their property. Resident brought up Crime Free Housing Programs, which exist in other communities, as well as crime free lease addendums, which enable landlords the right to break leases if renters engage in illegal activity. He questioned whether we could include a crime free lease addendum in the bylaws.

**Secretary (Colleen Grills):** Last month's meeting minutes were approved by members of the board.

**Treasurer (John Pollitt):** As of the date of the meeting, seven residents have not paid dues. One paid assessment letter was sent out this month. The total cost for snow removal this season was \$440. The bill for liability insurance was \$1,527.

**Landscaping (Jim Hill):** (Report via email) The sprinkler system at the entrance on Olesen is up and running. The City installed the water meter, and Muellermist tested the system and repaired some damaged sprinkler heads. There was no charge for that, as it's considered normal wear and tear and is covered by our maintenance contract. There is some old fence lumber that someone piled up on the north side of the entrance. Jim thinks it actually belongs to Hobson Village, from a fence we had long ago, so he will take care of removing it when he cleans up the other brush on that side of the entrance. Brush pickup starts on June 8, so Jim will do the clean-up the weekend of June 6 and 7. Jim spoke with Tom Tuch of Home Landscape Materials, and the trees he ordered for Derby Park are in. Tom said they would plant them and do the other work in the park in the next few weeks. He also gave us a proposal to remove the shrubs around the parking lot and plant new ones. Jim attached the proposal as well as information about proposed plants for the Board to review. Tom's proposal for replacing 40 shrubs works out to about \$90 each. The total cost (\$3,600) is, however, more than the \$2,000 we had set aside in this year's budget. One alternative is to carry over the \$2,000 to next year, add \$1,600 to next year's budget, and do all the work next spring. Another alternative is to ask him for a quote to just remove the shrubs, which would hopefully fit our budget this year, and then we could organize some volunteers to plant a few perennials. Jim would like to move forward with the "neighbors helping neighbors" idea he e-mailed the Board members about earlier. He would be happy to coordinate the volunteers and recipients. The Board discussed the expense of landscaping of Derby Park and decided to table decision until next meeting.

**Tennis (Sarah Causemaker):** The tennis courts have been set up. Sarah received a query from a neighbor asking if there was a list of others who play tennis in the neighborhood. She will call the coach who had asked if he could use our courts for lessons. The board has voted against painting pickle ball lines on the tennis courts this year due to other priorities in Derby Park. A reminder to residents: the city of Naperville does not empty the trash in Derby Park. Please do not put pet waste in the trash bin in Derby Park! This trash bin is emptied by a resident of Hobson Village.

**Social (Alice Anderson and Stephanie McDonald):** The first TGIF of the season will be at the Malone's on May 15. We still need a host home for the June TGIF. We are looking for teenagers to work the bouncy house at the picnic in June. We are looking into games for older kids. This year at the picnic, we will have neighbors fill out name tags. Signs will be put out the Thursday before. Alice or Stephanie will get in touch with Brad about possible dates in August or September for a neighborhood Movie Night in Derby Park. Alice and Stephanie have received feedback from a few residents about a neighborhood garage sale. They are thinking about organizing this at the end of the summer or early fall. We still need to figure out a budget for a Fall Adult Social. Alice suggested a Ravinia-type event in Derby Park, where people bring seats and blankets and provide their own food and beverage.

**Welcoming (Christine Thompson):** Nothing new to report.

**Bylaws/Directory (Kate Searcy):** (via email) Kate has contacted Gabrielle (our lawyer) twice and is waiting to hear back. She will send another email soon. Kate is waiting for Gabrielle to draft a memo and discuss a timeline.

**Architecture (Andrea Marwah):** Andrea received one email from a resident regarding the fence building process.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** The neighborhood Facebook Group page is up and running. Barb Ceruti will be asked to put a blurb in the newsletter about the new neighborhood Facebook Group page. Lisa suggested we table Jim Hill's idea of "neighbors helping neighbors" until next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. by Lisa Sachdev.

## Hobson Village Has a Facebook Group!



This is a private group, open only to Hobson Village residents. It is a great place to connect and share information with our neighborhood. Those who have a Facebook account can join by searching "Hobson Village Residents" — Join Today!

## Neighborhood WATCH

### Do You Have a Hobson Village Website Account?

Keep up with all the latest in Hobson Village and also provide us with your most current, accurate information for our directory, coming out again this year. Open an account on our website ([www.hobsonvillage.org](http://www.hobsonvillage.org)), where you can inform us of any changes or updates to your contact information (including e-mail), new family members, etc. It's easy! Just log in to your current account or create one, if you haven't already.

The Naperville Police Department has asked that we inform Hobson Village residents of a few home break-in incidents in or near Hobson Village, including one near Challdon Court and Charles. If you see, hear or know of anything suspicious in our neighborhood, please contact Detective Roger Otto at 630-420-8597 or [ottor@naperville.il.us](mailto:ottor@naperville.il.us). Now that it is vacation season, please take extra precautions in safekeeping your home while you're away. Tell a trusted neighbor if you're going away, and ask them to keep a watch on your home. Hold any newspaper or mail delivery, or arrange for it to be picked up.



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853-2370

## 2015 Board Meetings

*Board meetings are generally on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Hobson Village residents are welcome to attend. Please check this newsletter for dates and locations, or contact a Board member to make sure there has not been a time or date change.*

**June 11: 724 Chateaugay**

**July 9: 911 S. Charles**

**September 10: 910 S.**

**Charles**

**October 8: 1103 S. Charles**

**Nov. 12: Annual Meeting**

**TBD**

# SOCIAL SCOOP

**May TGIF** - There was a great turnout for our May 15 TGIF event, hosted by the Malone family. Here are some fun pix from the evening!



**TGIF, June 12, 6pm** - The Stricker family has offered their backyard for our June event at 924 Jaipur St., 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage(s) of choice. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Please note, event is canceled in case of rain.

**HV Annual Picnic, June 27, 4pm** - Join us for our favorite annual event for adults, children and families in Derby Park. Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down the picnic. Please contact our Social co-chairs, listed at left, if you can help.

**TGIF, July 10, 6pm** - Hosted by Jim Hill and Chris McBride at 714 Celtic Ash Ct.

**HV Garage Sale, July 18, 8am-2pm** - We received very positive response from residents interested in participating in a neighborhood-wide Garage Sale. Thank you! Notices will be placed in local media; interested residents are encouraged to put up their own signage and/or balloons in front of their homes.

## Thank You, Tennis Court Helpers!



Many thanks to Jason and Sarah Causemaker, Janet and Mark Davis, Jim Hill, T.J. Kolev, Stephanie McDonald, and Lisa Sachdev for helping to set up our tennis courts on May 9.



## SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR...

- **Movie Nights in Derby Park - August/September**
- **Halloween Parade - Oct. 25, 3pm in Derby Park**
- **Christmas Lights/Décor Contest - Date TBD**

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## HOBSON VILLAGE BABY/PET/HOUSE SITTERS

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**Jacqui Cardot** · Age 15 · 630-546-7612

**\*Gillian Delaney** · Age 15 · 707 S. Charles · 630-432-1262

Ages 4 and older; completed Edward babysitting course; helped younger kids at camp; also interested in cat sitting.

**Grace Kilgore** · Age 11 · jennifernkilgore@gmail.com

Mother's helper - mature, responsible, takes direction well.

Is a helper in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's nursery.

**Mila Koleva** · Age 17 · 1141 Secretariat · 630-548-2791

Red Cross Certified Lifeguard (first aid, CPR, AED); experienced with children any age as well as pets.

**Samantha Marwah** · Age 13 · 630-357-6434 · Experienced pet sitter for dogs and cats. Summer dog walking, too.

**Aline Miller** · Age 16 · 1118 S. Charles · 630-305-3881

All ages (except children in diapers).

**Emily Schaschwary** · Age 15 · 1117 Dark Star · 630-717-4993

or 630-441-2734 · Babysitter experience with younger siblings.

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**Claire Spinner** · Age 16 · 800 Riva Ridge · 630-355-5496

Edward Hospital babysitting certified.

**Sarah Stein** · Age 16 · 961 Tim Tam · 630-961-9873

Experienced; completed Edward Hospital babysitting course.

**Ellie Thompson** · Age 15 · 1103 S. Charles · 630-428-7647

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**Sam Wittwer** · Age 16 · 1125 E. Gartner · 630-848-1995

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