





4th of July Parade

Theme: America the Beautiful

Parade at Ilam | Parade Line Up at 10:30am. Meet on Hasbrook at Seven Pines Drive

Picnic, Pool Party, and Prizes

(Prizes immediately following the parade)

Parade Categories

Scooters - Costumes - Hats - Pets - Strollers -Wagons - Bike and Tricycles (7 yrs and younger) -Bikes (8 yrs and older) - Kid Floats - Adult Floats - Classic Cars - Small Electric Vehicles (atvs, dirt bikes)



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JUNE 4 (WED) GARDEN CLUB MEETING 9:30 AM AT CONNIE'S HOME Visit to White Haven, Home of Ulysses S. Grant 11:00 AM

- JUNE 7 (SAT) SEVEN PINES GARAGE SALE 7 AM
- JUNE 14 (SAT) FLAG DAY
- JUNE 15 (SUN) FATHER'S DAY
- JUNE 16 (MON) SPIA MEETING 7 PM AT POOL

JUNE 20 (FRI) DEADLINE FOR JULY FOREST FLASHES

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JULY 2 (WED) GARDEN CLUB MEETING 9:30 THORNHILL LIBRARY JULY 4 (FRI)...... FOURTH OF JULY ANNUAL PARADE AND PICNIC



CHECK SWIM AND DIVE TEAM FLYER

FOR DATES AND TIMES OF MEETS

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Garden Club and Book Club Work Together

The **Seven Pines Garden Club** and the **Seven Pines Book Club** are joining forces and establishing a **Little Free Library** for our community. Our library was handcrafted by long-time resident **Roy Evans**. It will be registered with the nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota and placed in the common ground by the playground.





Although we are fortunate to have **Thornhill library** close by, there is something special about passing along a favorite book knowing that someone else will get to experience it as we did. The idea behind the library is that you take a book and leave a book, but if you don't have a book to leave, don't let that stop you from taking one to read. **We envision a library with appeal to all ages and genres.** Please be appropriate in your exchange and do not leave a book if there is simply no room for it. Come back and try again.

The two clubs will take joint stewardship of the books and will keep the little library clean, attractive, and in good shape. If the library is damaged, we will be responsible for repairs and will take care of them in a timely fashion.

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Seven Pines Trustee Meeting May 8, 2025

Trustees Present: Norm Rich, Adam Spector, Marvin Lerner, Sharon Reilly,

Lynn Lundstom, Kathy Schonlau, Lynda Sotolar

Residents present: Barb Brooks, Robin Novak

Resident Comments:

- The garden club will be installing a library that was handcrafted by Roy Evans. This will be placed in the common ground by the playground. Watch for more information from the Garden Club in the *Forest Flash*.
- The Garden Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in mid-June. The plant sale was successful. They appreciated everyone who came out to support the plant sale.

Treasurer's Report:

• The April financial statement was approved via email.

Meeting Minutes:

• The April minutes were approved via email.

Pool:

- Pool clean-up is scheduled for May 17 at 10:00 AM.
- Pool IDs will be issued on May 17 and May 24 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you have lost your ID, email the trustees.



- Wall returns, new gutter lines and lighting have been completed at the pool. Concrete will be poured next week, weather depending. We were unable to repaint all the gutters during this phase, that work will be completed in Phase 2.
- Daily pool hours 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- The exhaust fan in the boys' restroom and one of the ceiling fans in the pavilion will be replaced before the pool opens.
- Chesterfield Fence will be contacted to fix several sections of the pool fence.

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Grounds:

- Power on the entry island is still out. AT&T is going to have an electrician come and restore power.
- Several areas in the common ground that will not be mowed this summer due to existing erosion or as a measure to help prevent future erosion.

Old Business:

No old business

New Business:

 The second and final payment for the special assessment is due May 31. Residents who have not completed payment will not have access to pool privileges, swimmers won't be allowed to be on the swim/dive teams, and liens will be filed for nonpayment.



NO

MOWING

BEYOND THIS

POINT

 Residents have contacted the trustees about dogs that bark continuously or cause a disturbance, please contact the nonemergency line or report the issue to Neighborhood Preservation.

Executive Session: (The executive session is closed to residents.)

Next Meeting: August 7, 2025 7:00 PM at the pool

Couldn't have done it without you!

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the pool clean-up and to those who took home yard waste bags! Your time and effort are truly appreciated!



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from the seven pines swim club

The Swim & Dive season is underway! Practices are held on Sun/Tues/Thurs evenings from 4-7pm and Mon & Wed 9-11am. The pool is open to residents during evening practices along with available lanes for lap swimming.



2025 SWIM MEET SCHEDULE

2025 DIVE MEET SCHEDULE

MON JUNE 9	CAC AT SEVEN PINES
MON JUNE 16	SEVEN PINES AT RIVERBEND
MON JUNE 23	CCRC AT SEVEN PINES
MON JUNE 30	SEVEN PINES AT ELKS
MON JULY 7	SEVEN PINES AT JCC
SAT JULY 12	CONFERENCE AT
	PATTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

THUR JUNE 5	JUDGING CLINIC AT COOL DELL 5:30PM
WED JUNE 11	SEVEN PINES AT RIVERBEND
SAT JUNE 14	PACIFIC AT SEVEN PINES
SAT JUNE 21	MAC AND SEVEN PINES AT COOL DELL
SAT JUNE 28	LINDGATE AND SEVEN PINES AT MAC
SAT JULY 5	RESERVED RAIN DATE
SUN JULY 13	CONFERENCE AT COOL DELL



A REMINDER THAT THE POOL CLOSES EARLY AT 4PM ON 6/9 AND 6/23 FOR HOME SWIM MEETS AND AT 5:30 PM ON MONDAY 7/14 FOR THE SEASON-END BANQUET



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Down the Garden Path . . .

At our recent meeting we welcomed 4 new members to the Garden Club, one of whom is a Master Gardener. We are excited to have such vibrant and



energetic women in our group. We also want to extend a huge thank you to all our friends and residents who participated in our annual plant sale. We appreciate your support in beautifying our subdivision. All our digging around in our gardens paid off as we sold the 147 perennials we offered! We'd love to know

how they worked out in your landscaping.

Our program for May was a presentation from **Republic Services** about single stream recycling. Steve Wortmann, Recycling Coordinator, used video to illustrate how the recyclables are sorted. He told us that, contrary to popular belief, only about 20% of what is collected ends up in the



trash, the rest is actually recycled. We enjoyed his question-and-answer format. There are four major categories: flattened cardboard, paper, metal cans, and plastic bottles and jugs. Everything else belongs in the trash. It all boils down to these two rules: keep all recyclables free of food and liquid and never put recyclables in containers or bags. Best of all, reuse or repurpose.

We had a fun lunch at Taziki's Mediterranean Café on Olive. If you haven't tried it yet, we recommend it.

June 4th will find us enjoying Connie's garden patio for our 9:30 am meeting and then visiting White Haven, the historic home of Ulysses S. Grant for a Park Ranger guided tour. Lunch to follow at Joe Boccardi's on Watson Rd. Newcomers always welcome; just contact President Connie Satchell at Consatch@aol.com or call 314-226-2713.

Gardening Tips

Be sure to dispose of your planting containers properly when you finish installing all those beautiful new plants in your garden. They are not recyclable nor are the plastic bags potting soil and mulch comes in.



Please consider replacing any trees you may have lost due to the recent storms as they add value and beauty to your home. You may want to visit Forest ReLeaf at https://moreleaf.org located at 2194 Creve Coeur Mill Rd. about 1 mile from Seven Pines for some ideas on what trees to plant.



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SPIA HIGHLIGHTS

Although the Easter Egg Hunt was delayed a week due to rain, we still had a great turn out with approximately 55 kids.





Parents and neighbors found delight in watching the various age groups search for eggs.





The kids enjoyed racing to find eggs together and choosing a prize for their search efforts.



A big shout out and thank you to the **Robertson and Mueller families** for organizing this event for Seven Pines!



Dear Valued Customer,

The Daffodils will soon be out of the ground as warm weather is near. It's not too early to schedule our fertilizing services, new mulch for the season, or Spring Clean-Up's. The first application of fertilizer is the most important. Your lawn needs essential nutrients to recover from winter stresses, and when applied with a pre-emergent weed control application your yard can be rid of unwanted weeds throughout the summer. We offer **FREE** estimates and lawn analysis to help you determine the best options for your lawn. We are scheduling appointments now.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

Summer has arrived and the Seven Pines Yard of the Month program is back. The Seven Pines Garden Club selects a feature yard each month based on landscape design, color and maintenance as visible from the street. The winning yard is selected by a committee of Garden Club members. Garden Club members and winners from the past three years are not eligible for the award. Yard of the Month winners receive a \$25 gift certificate, a certificate suitable for framing, a write up in the Forest Flashes and the Seven Pines website, and a Yard of the month sign for their yard. The gift certificate is courtesy of SPIA

Congratulations to **Ken Ross at 12911 Mayerling Drive** for being our June Yard of the Month winner – He is a long time resident.

The yard consists of many plants – Green plants include boxwood and catmint. Flowers are numerous including peonies, vinca and begonias. There are many decorative items – birdbath, angel statuary, lights, stepping stones and landscape stones. The porch has several planters consisting of ferns, polka dot plants and begonias.

Drive by 12911 Mayerling Drive or visit the Seven Pines web page at www.7pines.com for Yard of the Month pictures. Ken receives a \$25 gift certificate to Ace Hardware courtesy of the Garden Club and SPIA.



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ODDS AND ENDS

Upcoming SPIA Events Please join us on Monday, June 16th for the next SPIA meeting at the pool starting at 7pm. The meeting only requires 30 minutes of your time; we will be discussing the Seven Pines July 4th parade and picnic. We will need volunteers for that day and help with planning so please mark your calendars to attend!

Forest Flashes Editor Needed The Forest Flashes needs your help. Looking for a way to give back to the community? How about volunteering for a couple of hours each month and help put this informative and entertaining newsletter together. No experience necessary. On the job training provided. Very rewarding experience.



June means school's out and lighter traffic through the neighborhood. But please SLOW DOWN, 25 mph isn't a suggestion. More people/children are playing, walking and riding bikes. Deer run into the street without warning and this time of year they young ones following. Stop at stop signs. Watch/stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.

REMINDER, Porch Pirates are real and work year-round. It may not be the holidays, but don't let your guard down. Get packages in as soon as you can or ask a neighbor to help.



Yap! Yap!

Every dog barks - but some dogs seem to never stop! An overly vocal dog can not only give you a pounding Yap! headache but also get you in strife with your neighbors whose quiet time is disrupted. When barking starts to have rap! detrimental effects on the dog, the owner, the people and environment around them, it's essential to work through the issue to resolve it. Let's all practice being good neighbors.

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Rev. of The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

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could bring their complaints and grievances. However, women could only testify if their father or spouse was present. The Bill of Rights had not yet been ratified.

Lawhon manipulates Martha's diary to fit into one story that takes place over a sixmonth period, November,1789 to Aprl,1790. She uses flashbacks at the appropriate times to fill in the backstories of current people and events. As a midwife she is entrusted with oh so many secrets and she proves herself both loyal and honest. In her own subtle way, she manages to expose the Havard doctor, totally ignorant of childbirth, as an egotist unwilling to acknowledge her superior expertise and experience.

Martha's life is difficult and tiring and still she manages to write daily in her diary. She once wrote "I have lost my train of thought...Ha! There it is! A glimmer. I grab hold of the tail end of the thought as it skitters by, then chase it so that it won't evaporate." And she is a great observer of human nature, her husband in particular. "Some men think in a straight line, like an arrow off the string. They go to logic, to the easy conclusion, and avoid the waterways of the mind. But not Ephraim. His head is all rivers and streams, and with a mind like that a thought could run anywhere." These quotes are real gems.

Menu: Our host recreated the Pollard Tavern dinner of cucumber/tomato salad, hard tack and pioneer stew, along with fresh baked bread, served with hard cider or a glass of wine. Dessert was Geroge Washington Carrot Tea Cake made from original recipe topped with whipped cream.



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