



# SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

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## GARDEN CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

**LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?  
JOIN A SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE!**

October 2019

### President's Letter

As I write this letter it is almost October—and still warm out! I had to order a pumpkin cold brew at Starbucks the other day because it was almost 80 degrees out. Here's hoping this means nice (not sleeting or snowing) weather for Halloween. There are so many kids in the neighborhood and the excitement of candy and costumes is almost palpable.

The Salad Supper had a wonderful turnout again this year. Thank you Emily Kowal for stepping in to organize the event and for stepping into the roll of Welcome Committee. If anyone knows of a new family that has moved into Saybrook please reach out to us so that we can welcome them to the neighborhood with a directory and some flowers.

I would also like to thank Melissa Lavigne who has been in the role of beautification these past 3 years. She has worked to improve the process of paying the beautification dues (Yeah PayPal!) and coordinated some needed repairs to the 12th street lights. As a reminder Beautification dues are separate from SGC dues. They are completely optional but so vital to keeping our signs and islands looking good. Those areas are the responsibility of our neighborhood to maintain and that requires money and coordination. This past summer Melissa coordinated electrical repairs that totaled \$900. I know she is looking for help coordinating mulch and spring cleanup, so if you are looking for a way to help please reach out. Also, when those forms for beautification dues come out in the spring please remember to contribute. All monies raised from the poinsettia sales goes to the beautification fund.

Thank you Amanda Solomon, Liz Waterstraat and Laura Gaskill and anyone that donated root beer and ice cream to the Ice Cream social. The next kid friendly event, the Hayride, is right around the corner on October 20th, also courtesy of Amanda! If you haven't yet, please like us on Facebook since we send out a lot of notices about upcoming events on the FB page. Tricia Hutton graciously stepped into the roll to keep everyone up to date.

This years Christmas Tea committee has just started planning, so keep an eye out for the invite. I know I say it in every letter but volunteers are the lifeblood of SGC, and SGC is one of the things that makes our neighborhood incredibly special. So if you are looking for a way to get involved, no matter how small, reach out to us via email at [saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com).

SGC Co-Presidents,  
Jennifer Riordan and Maura Hoff

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**HAYRIDE**  
**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30PM**

**BULK CURBSIDE  
LEAF COLLECTION**  
**October 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**SBC BLOOD DRIVE**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS TEA**  
**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**YARD WASTE  
COLLECTION ENDS**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

If you would like to volunteer and help out with any of these events, please email [saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:saybrookgardenclub@gmail.com)

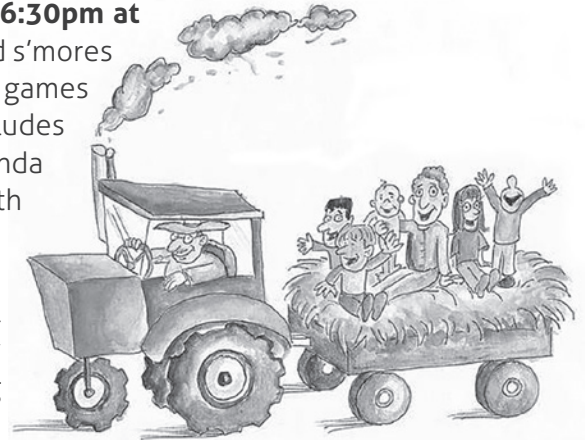
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**AND FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE UPDATES!**

# Annual Saybrook Hayride!

Join us for the annual **Saybrook Hayride October 20th from 4:30-6:30pm at Seager Park!** (1163 Plank Road, Naperville). We will cook hot dogs and s'mores by the fire after the hayride and there will be pumpkins to paint and games to play. Don't forget to bring your roasting sticks! \$10 per person, includes hayride and food. Kids under four are free. Drop off checks with Amanda Solomon at 113 Tanglewood Ln. Email [amanda.cinalli@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.cinalli@gmail.com) with any questions.

For those of you who have not attended before... The hayrides will start shortly after 4:30 and will continue as many times as your family is interested in riding. S'mores and hotdogs will be available starting around 5ish until the end of the event.



## Saybrook Cares Fall Blood Drive

Giving blood is a quick, simple way to give back to your community. Join your neighbors on **November 16th from 9:00am to 12:00pm** in front of the Hoff residence (113 Barley Ave) to donate. If you're interested email Maura Hoff at [maurahoff@hotmail.com](mailto:maurahoff@hotmail.com) or call/text 773-859-0333.

## Philanthropy

Once again this holiday season Saybrook families can support Beebe Elementary families with holiday presents. Be on the lookout in mid-November for an email with a Sign-Up Genius link that will allow you to fulfill a specific child's holiday wish. Last year it filled up very quickly which is a testament to the generosity of SGC members.

### **BOUQUET OF CHEER!**

Please welcome our new neighbors:

Greg & Jessica Arnold and their daughters Harper and Grace at 1213 Millet

## Book Sale

Fall is generally the time of year that we host a book sale. This year we are making a few changes. In addition to collecting children's and adult books, we'll be accepting board games, puzzles or educational items. Beverly George (509 Bayberry Lane) has generously offered to serve as the book drop-off location for this year. Thank you Beverly! She has a covered front porch area, so feel free to drop off your books, games, and puzzles anytime. The date of the sale is not yet set. We plan to host it at Beebe again so the teachers can have easy access to the sale. It may be later in the year depending on availability. Thanks everyone! We can't wait to see what books, puzzles and games you have.



## Membership

Before all the holiday festivities and volunteer events get started make sure your SGC membership is current. Visit [www.saybrookgardenclub.com](http://www.saybrookgardenclub.com) to become a member or check your membership status.

# Winning Salad Super Recipes

Thank you to everyone who attended the salad supper. It was a beautiful evening with so many delicious salads. Congratulations to Lauren Fasolo, Hannah Graver, and Kristen Locy on winning the top 3 best salads. Each lady brought home a mum. Below are the winning salad recipes.



If you were unable to attend the salad supper and still need to pay your dues, please visit [www.saybrookgardenclub.com](http://www.saybrookgardenclub.com) for the membership form and submit to Christina Papa (112 Barley Avenue). Thank you.

## **Watermelon With Mint And Lime**

From Lauren Fasolo

### **Ingredients**

- 8 cups diced watermelon
- Lime juice (from 2 limes)
- ¼ cup finely chopped mint leaves

### **Instructions**

Place the watermelon in a serving bowl. Squeeze the lime juice generously over the top. Sprinkle with finely chopped mint leaves and serve.

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## **Cabbage, Cherry Ginga Salad**

From Hannah Graver

### **Ingredients**

- ½ cup Makota Ginger Dressing
- ¼ apple cider vinegar
- hearty handful fresh basil
- 12 oz bag of dark sweet cherries
- half red cabbage chopped
- 10 oz arugula
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- salt and pepper to taste

### **TOPPINGS:**

- toasted pecans
- dried cherries

### **Instructions**

Chop 8oz of cherries in food processor. Mix dressing, vinegar, basil, ginger, and 4 oz of cherries in food processor. Toss arugula, cabbage, chopped cherries and dressing. Top with dried cherries and toasted pecans.

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## **Bacon Vinaigrette Potato Salad** **(AKA- German Potato Salad)**

From Kristin Locy

### **Ingredients**

- 3lbs potatoes red or Yukon gold cut into bite-sized pieces
- 8-10 slices of bacon
- 6 green onions sliced
- 2T fresh parsley finely diced
- Salt and pepper to taste

### **Vinaigrette**

- 1/2c olive oil
- 1/2c apple cider vinegar
- 1T Dijon mustard
- 1T sugar
- 1tsp salt
- 1/2tsp pepper
- 2T bacon grease (optional)

### **Instructions**

Place potatoes in a large pot filled with water and bring to boil over high heat. Generously salt water. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook until potatoes are fork-tender, 15-20 minutes, depending on potato size. Drain and set aside. While potatoes are cooking, place the bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook until crispy, turning as needed. Remember to reserve 2T of bacon grease for vinaigrette (optional). Place on paper towel lined plate. Once cooled, break into bite-size pieces. In a small bowl, mix olive oil, vinegar, mustard, sugar, salt, and pepper. Drizzle over warm potatoes. Top with crispy bacon, green onions, parsley, and optional parmesan. Season with additional salt and pepper. Serve warm, room temperature, or cold. Best served warm while bacon is nice and crispy.

## Gardener's Corner

As our kids are getting excited about Halloween and the idea of filling their bellies with candy (and maybe hoarding a few pieces for ourselves) something else is also eyeing the spoils of Halloween. The porch décor that accompanies Halloween is an all you can eat buffet for the squirrel community. I swear last fall I saw a squirrel passed out drunk next to a pumpkin carcass on my front steps. Aside from the upset kids with destroyed jack-o-lanterns there is the mess that the little rascals leave behind. In an effort to help everyone out I have scoured the internet for a solution to everyone's problem. Here is a quick rundown of some common remedies.



- Hairspray – this comes off after a light rain or even from dew in the morning and just doesn't work
- Vaseline rubbed on the pumpkin with cayenne – it also causes the pumpkin to rot quicker and I swear my squirrels like spicy food
- Loose dog hair placed under and around the pumpkin – this requires that you have a dog and that it isn't too windy
- Visual deterrent like a fake snake or owl – again my squirrels seem smarter than the average squirrel or they like to dance with death

The most tried and true method seems to be a spray on rabbit repellent that you can purchase at a garden nursery or hardware store. If you have never used one of these products before let me warn you – they smell bad. Think of all of the worst smells you can image and then combine them. It will stop smelling after it dries but the rabbits and squirrels can still smell it and will steer clear. For the Martha Stewarts out there here is a home remedy that seems to work well and it uses things you have around the house. So let's put those squirrels on a diet and save the porch pumpkins.

### Squirrel Repellent Recipe

- In a 1 gallon jug combine 5-6 crushed cloves of garlic, 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper or cayenne, 1 tablespoon dish soap and 1 gallon of water.
- Shake and let the solution sit in the sun for a day or two.
- Apply to pumpkins. May need to apply once a week.



## Poinsettia Fundraiser – Order by November 16!

The Saybrook Garden Club is once again selling beautiful and decorative poinsettias for the holiday season. Poinsettias are a beautiful way to decorate for the holidays and they make great teacher and office gifts. All the funds raised through the poinsettia sale go to the maintenance of our common neighborhood spaces on 12th and 14th. See order form on page 6 of this newsletter with instructions on how to place your order!

**NEW** – You can also order and/or pay electronically through Paypal and by downloading the online order form at [www.saybrookgardenclub.com/connection/beautification](http://www.saybrookgardenclub.com/connection/beautification).



## Naperville News You Can Use

Check out these four programs through the City of Naperville that will save you money, help keep our neighborhoods safer, and make fall maintenance a little easier. Did I mention save you money?

### Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program

The City of Naperville repairs and replaces sidewalks in neighborhoods on a cost-sharing basis. For sidewalks adjacent to residential properties, the city pays 60% and the resident pays 40%. Inspections for the 2020 Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Program are now underway. Any new requests which meets the city's criteria for replacement received before October 31, 2019, will be placed on the 2020 program. Full program details at <http://bit.ly/2ml7NrQ>. Don't wait to submit your repair request!

### Adopt A Drain Program

In the event of a storm, clogged drains can prevent the flow of water from the streets and into the storm sewer systems. The backup of water can cause localized flooding which can result in dangerous situations and inconvenience. Adopting a drain is one of the many ways you can keep Naperville clean and prevent flooding in your neighborhood streets! Adopting is a great opportunity to take leadership in your community, for volunteer groups to get involved, and an easy way to get community service. The city would love your help! To learn about the program and adopt a drain visit <http://bit.ly/2mUZFUT>.

### Free Bagged Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Program

From November 4 through December 13, 2019, the City offers a free leaf and yard waste collection program. During this time, homeowners may dispose of yard waste and leaves in 32 gallon paper yard waste bags or clearly labeled cans or carts, free of charge. Branches and other yard waste that are tied into bundles require a sticker at all times. For full program details visit <http://bit.ly/2m6A1Mp>.

### Bulk Curbside Leaf Collection Program

The City's curbside leaf collection schedule provides every neighborhood with three leaf collection opportunities, weather permitting, each year. To participate, residents rake leaves into the street next to the curb in front of their house, avoiding storm drains, at the beginning of each leaf collection cycle.

Collection cycles for 2019 begin on:

- Monday, October 21
- Monday, November 4
- Monday, November 18

Please visit <http://bit.ly/2m6A1Mp> for full program details.

## Christmas Tea

Ladies, mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Tea on **December 6th!** Remember this is a members-only event so make sure your dues are paid up. If you aren't sure if you have paid your dues yet, you can go to our website under Membership. This year the Christmas Tea will include a cookie exchange, so start combing through Pinterest for the perfect cookie recipe! Anyone who wants to is encouraged to bring at least 2-3 dozen cookies to share and the Garden Club will provide take-home boxes. Also, the Christmas Tea is one of SGC's two fundraisers. We ask that anyone who attends bring a gift card to Jewel, Walmart, or Target to donate to Jefferson Jr. High. You can also fulfill a holiday wish for a specific Beebe student through a Sign-Up Genius link that will be emailed directly to SGC members. Look for the Christmas Tea invitation in your email/mailbox in November!



## Annual Fundraiser Event

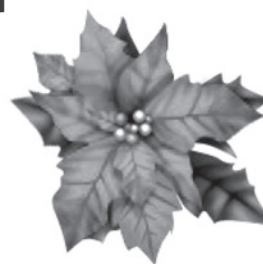
Save the date for our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser! Lock in your sitters for **Friday, January 31st** and join us at a new location this year – Draft Picks (523 Fairway Drive, Naperville, IL 60563). A fun night of Trivia and great raffle prizes awaits!

All proceeds from this event support the students of Beebe, Jefferson and Naperville North. This event is open to non-SGC members too, so spread the word and invite friends!

We are looking for donations for our raffle prizes – do you have extra tickets, a service or product that you would be interested in donating to this Annual Fundraiser event? Please contact Mary Kate Watkins at [watkins.marykate@gmail.com](mailto:watkins.marykate@gmail.com) or 630-217-4035. See you there!

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Orders will be available for pickup at the Christmas Tea December 6 or dropped off the week of November 25 (see order form below for details).

**Place your order by November 16th.**

| Plant Description  | Cost Per Plant | Number of Plants | Total      |
|--|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 3+ Flower Red Poinsettia   | \$8.00         |                  |            |
| 4+ Flower Red Poinsettia   | \$16.00        |                  |            |
| 7+ Flower Red Poinsettia   | \$30.00        |                  |            |
| 6" Red Azalea  | \$30.00        |                  |            |
| 6" Red Cyclamen  | \$30.00        |                  |            |
| <i>Sub Total</i>   |                |                  |            |
| <b>Delivery Option 1:</b> I will pick up at the Christmas Tea on December 6  |                |                  | FREE       |
| <b>Delivery Option 2:</b> I would like my order dropped off at my home the week of November 25 (exact date/time will be communicated to you) |                |                  | Add \$1.00 |
| <b>TOTAL \$ Amount Due</b>   |                |                  |            |

**Select type of payment - Please enclose payment with your order.**

**Check** – Please make checks payable to “Saybrook Beautification” and drop off form and check to 5 E 14th Avenue

**Online / Paypal** – You may drop off this form (or email the electronic order form) and pay directly through Paypal – Saybrook.beautification@gmail.com – Just be sure to indicate in the notes it is for your Poinsettia Order. Online order form is available at [www.saybrookgardenclub.com/connection/beautification](http://www.saybrookgardenclub.com/connection/beautification)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders are due November 16th. Please drop off forms and payment type to 5 E 14th Avenue. If you are ordering and paying electronically, you will find the online order form at [www.saybrookgardenclub.com/connection/beautification](http://www.saybrookgardenclub.com/connection/beautification) and you can pay through Paypal to saybrookbeautification@gmail.com

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