



# SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

## GARDEN CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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March 2020

### President's Letter

As a child I moved 13 times and a few more as an adult, I can say with a fair amount of certainty that there are not a lot of neighborhoods in the world like ours. During times of hardship, our neighbors pitch in: We donate at blood drives, we cook soup for those who are ill, we check in with those around them who are older or ill, we shop for those who can't and above all we know that if we get in too deep someone can help us out. So in this moment of fear, I want to thank all of you for the good that you are doing. By staying inside and by asking your children to do the same, you are making a difference in the number of infections right here in our neighborhood so that all of us can get together this summer and toast a glass to this wonderful life we live. **Stay strong Saybrook** and if you are in trouble, call a neighbor because you would help them if they needed it.

SGC Co-Presidents,  
Maura Hoff and Jennifer Riordan

### Trivia Night 2020

Trivia Night never disappoints. If you haven't attended it before you should put it on your list for next year. It is such a great way to break up what always seems like a long winter and you get to see hibernating neighbors all while raising money for our local schools. And 2020 was another spectacular year of giving for our Saybrook Garden Club members. Each year I am astounded at the generosity of our members in all of its forms. Thank you to everyone that donated your goods and services as raffle items since they are the backbone of the fundraiser. Saybrook neighbors and the surrounding neighborhoods have such wonderful in-home and local businesses, and the trivia night raffle items are such a great way to highlight some of them. From donated music lessons, Pilates, massages, interior design, sports training to the ever-popular 'Dinner with the Staffords'. There were also amazing donations like Bears tickets and a TV with an AppleTV! There really was something for everyone! Also thank you to all SGC members that attended, those that brought a guest and those that bought absentee tickets! This event requires your support to

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**NAPERVILLE YARD WASTE  
COLLECTION RESUMES  
March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
June 6<sup>th</sup>**

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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### Annual Saybrook Easter Egg Hunt

We regret to announce that Saybrook's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be canceled this year due to concerns of exposing the children to each other and the COVID-19 virus.

make it successful. It feels like each year trivia night sells out faster and we are looking for ways to add extra spots, which is a great problem to have. But most importantly a giant thank you to the wonderful team of people that organized this event. Mary Kate Watkins did an amazing job taking over the event and coordinating with a new venue – Draft Picks! The trivia night committee also included Amanda Solomon, Renata LaBelle, Becky Stanton, Stephanie Reiber, Emily Kowal, Elizabeth Haas, Kelly Chen, and Justine Halama. These ladies did an amazing job with food, the signature cocktail and let’s hear it for the pre-labeled raffle tickets! But the best part about trivia night is that we raised a little over \$5,500! The money raised this year will go towards the fifth-grade boat trip and four scholarships worth \$1,000 each – more to come on that later. So way to go Saybrook!

## Saybrook Cares

Saybrook Cares spent January and February working to support the March 8th blood drive hosted by Kim Sanford. The teens spent an afternoon texting everyone they knew over 16 years of age to ask them to donate. Avery Wright, who is a member of the NNHS student government, added Kim’s hashtag #apintforkim to all of their student flyers and they were able to gather 100 donations. Saybrook Cares hosted a tie blanket making area at the drive to entertain children whose parents are donating blood on March 8th. The blankets will be donated to RMD House at Edwards Hospital.

**Saybrook Cares would like to help anyone stuck at home due to age or illness. Do you need an errand run? A meal? Let us know through the Saybrook Cares Facebook page or by contacting Maurahoff@hotmail.com, 773-859-0333.**

Saybrook Cares is collecting for Hesus House! Their immediate needs are listed on their website, but some of the most essential items are gloves, hand sanitizer, soap, cleaners, medicine. Donations can be dropped off at 113 Barley Ave. Also, if anyone uses this opportunity for spring cleaning Saybrook Cares will be taking a carload of items such as clothing and home items to Hesus House in late April or May.



### Need a face mask?

During this coronavirus pandemic, certain supplies can be hard to find, including face masks. Laurie Yndestad is offering her sewing talents and making face masks for anyone in need. If you would like a face mask, please email Maura Hoff at [Maurahoff@hotmail.com](mailto:Maurahoff@hotmail.com).

## A Pint For Kim

On Sunday, March 8th, the community came together to support Kim Sanford’s dream of saving lives through blood donations. As many of you in Saybrook may know, Kim began her fight against cancer in 2012. She has been a beacon of strength and positivity for anyone going through a tough spot. So in January, after receiving several blood transfusions, she decided to raise awareness that 34% of blood donations are used to help cancer patients and to ask people to donate blood. With the help of her sisters, her husband, family, and friends, a blood drive was organized and it was an amazing success. The average number of donations at a normal blood drive is 22 and on that Sunday alone over 450 people donated with many many others donating ahead of the event. The atmosphere of the event was a true celebration with friends and strangers talking in line about donating blood, the fears for first-timers, or memories of Kim. Plus there were food items, crafts for kids, cool cars to see, and a raffle for donors. It was an amazing outpouring of love and hope. We are lucky to have known her and to still have her family right here in Saybrook. Kim’s family asks that we save-the-date for the Saturday before Mother’s Day next year (May 8, 2021) when they will host the drive again.



A Pint for Kim has a goal of 100,000 donors. If you are able to donate on Kim’s behalf, please tag a photo on social media with #apintforkim. Thank you!

Get the mind set to strive.



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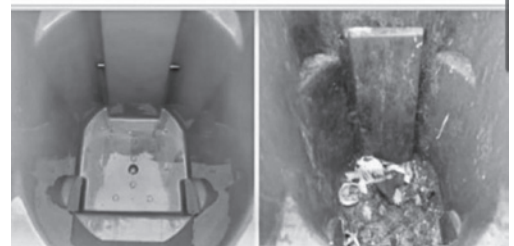
**SEE THE DIFFERENCE!**

## Gardeners Corner – Let's Talk Trash...cans! DIRTY TRASH AND RECYCLE BINS?

Are your trash and recycling bins full of bacteria and stinking up your garage? If so, Saybrook Garden Club has partnered with Eco Trash Bin Clean to get your bins steamed, disinfected, and smelling great! For every scheduled appointment during the month of April, **Eco will donate \$5 back to Saybrook to support our Beautification Fund.** If you would like to participate and receive pricing/schedules: text the code word "SAYBROOK" along with the name of your town and zip code to 630-352-8022. You will receive a reply text message back with all the info needed to complete the scheduling.

To really make this work, and raise some funds (and have clean cans in the subdivision) we are asking everyone to please share this information on your Facebook and other social media pages! Saybrook will raise funds from anyone in the area using the code SAYBROOK!

If you have any questions on the program, please email:  
[saybrook.beautification@gmail.com](mailto:saybrook.beautification@gmail.com)



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# Saybrook Beautification Fees for 2020

Please consider donating to the Saybrook Beautification fund. The beautification fee covers costs for servicing and maintaining the entry islands, as well as the brick entry monuments.

## HOW TO DONATE

To make a donation you can mail or drop a check (made payable to Saybrook Beautification) off to Melissa Lavigne, 5 E 14th Avenue, Naperville 60563 OR for online donations, send money via PayPal to: Saybrook.beautification@gmail.com.

Remember, Saybrook doesn't have a homeowners association. So while the dues are optional, we urge you to contribute so that we can keep Saybrook beautiful for all of us to enjoy. Every little bit helps!



## SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020 SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

RETURN PAYMENT AND FORM TO 112 BARLEY AVENUE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL 1: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL 2: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM SEPT 2019 - AUG 2020  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAYBROOK GARDEN CLUB

- \$25 STANDARD MEMBERSHIP RATE
- \$15 SENIOR RATE (65 AND BETTER)

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

BEING A MEMBER MEANS BEING ACTIVE, OUR CLUB DEPENDS ON IT SO SIGN UP NOW!

- SALAD SUPPER
- HAYRIDE
- FUNDRAISING
- CHRISTMAS TEA
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- GIRLS NIGHT OUT
- BOOK SALE
- BEEBE GARDEN
- PREPARE FOOD
- PROGRESSIVE DINNER
- HELPING HANDS  
(ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEND A HAND)