

**Left Hand, Right Hand Halt Talks:** Just cuz *they* said it was okay... **Sure Enough, The Bugs Are Back:** creepy-crawlies of concern. **Because Someone Asked:** saving you a trip to the dictionary. **Do You Deal in a Service?:** recommend someone. **Nuttin' To Do:** area events. **Quarterly Meetings:** you're invited. **Behind the Scenes:** the people.

# LEFT HAND, RIGHT HAND HALT TALKS

Once upon a time, when the world was young and you wanted to make an alteration to your dwelling, you applied for a **building permit** from the City of McHenry. The City, in turn, would make contact with us, the Woodcreek Property Owners Association, to ascertain that the requested alteration was agreeable with us. If your request did not violate the standards that are set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (commonly known as the 'CCRs'), then the Association assured the City that the we had no objection to the issuance of a building permit.

But that was then, this is now. (Congratulations to anyone who just thought of *that* song from the 1986 compilation album by The Monkees, *Then & Now... The Best of The Monkees.*)

The Association has learned that the City is no longer asking homeowners associations for approval on building permits. Which means that you could get a permit for construction and the Association would have no knowledge of it, until someone noticed activity at your residence.

This lack of communication between the City and the Association doesn't mean that you can ignore the CCRs. If you're planning to make changes to your house that require a building permit, please contact the Association *before* you apply for a building permit. Major changes to your house may be within the purview of the CCRs; and if your plans do not meet the requirements of the CCRs, you will need to modify your plans before they are acceptable to the Association. Approval of your plans by the City of McHenry does *not* imply approval by the Association.

Especially in the case of exterior changes, you should consult the Architectural Committee for a review of your plans. The current members of that committee are Mike Bown (President of the Association), Jerry Hawkinson (Vice president), and Paul Morck. You can find contact information on the last page of this newsletter.

CITY OF McHENRY	
<b>DECK PERMIT APPLICATION</b>	<b>PERMIT NO.</b>
PROPERTY ADDRESS _____	Office use only
SUBDIVISION _____ PLN # _____	ZONING DIST: _____
NAME _____ <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> TENANT	FLOOD ZONE: _____
HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE (____) _____	TOWNSHIP: _____
ESTIMATED COST OF CONSTRUCTION \$ _____	
GENERAL CONTRACTOR _____	
ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____	
<b>TYPE OF USE:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENTIAL	
<b>PERMIT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST:</b>	<b>PERMIT FEES</b>
<b>IN ORDER TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED.</b>	BUILDING: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed building permit application, signed by the owner of the property or authorized agent, for work to be done.	COPIES: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two (2) copies of a current plat of survey for the property indicating the size of the deck and the proposed location with distances from property lines.	<b>TOTAL:</b> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Two (2) copies of the building plans for the deck, include the following information: -Post detail -Girder size and spans -Distance above grade -Joist size, spacing and spans -Post size, spacing and anchoring method -Ledger (rim) board size and method of attachment -Stair detail w/ riser height, tread depth, number of steps, size of tread material and stringer size and type -Railing detail including height, spacing and how constructed -Indicate all hose bibs, vents, windows, window wells and utilities located near deck.	
<input type="checkbox"/> If applicable provide written approval from Association. Note! Contact Association to verify requirements.	
Permit Cost: \$25.00 Residential / \$50.00 Commercial	
<b>NOTES:</b>	
I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE INFORMATION HEREIN AND ATTACHED IS CORRECT AND AGREE IN CONSIDERATION OF AND UPON ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO DO OR ALLOW TO BE DONE ONLY SUCH WORK AS HEREIN APPLIED FOR AND THAT SUCH PREMISES AND ITS EXISTING AND PROPOSED BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES SHALL BE USED OR ALLOWED TO BE USED FOR ONLY SUCH PURPOSES AS SET FORTH.	
SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____	
(OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT)	
THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED AND ACCEPTED WITH THE EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT THAT SAID BUILDING AND CONNECTIONS SHALL CONFORM IN ALL RESPECTS WITH THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF McHENRY AS NOW IN FORCE, REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.	
DATE: _____	
(DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT)	
333 S. GREEN STREET McHENRY ILLINOIS 60050 (815) 363-2170	

## Sure Enough, The Bugs Are Back

The leaf and grass root-munching **Japanese beetle** has been spotted in the area. They've infested most of the U.S.A. east of here, and they're slowly working their way west. If you find one, kill it! (Don't worry, they don't bite.)

If you have a vegetable garden, you ought to be watching for these pests, as their favorite foods include the leaves of strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, blackberries, blueberries, corn and peas, among other varieties of plants.

Pheromone traps were the most popular way to capture these beetles: as the beetles are poor flyers, they would fly into a flat wall of the trap, then fall into a collection bag. However, research has indicated that these traps may attract more beetles than they catch, and so they are not recommended.



Catnip, chives, garlic, and tansy are natural repellents, as are the remains of dead beetles.

If you've seen only a small number of beetles, a simple soapy water spray is sufficient to control them. You can cover your plants with netting, but that may interfere with the pollination of the plants.

The adult beetles are typically active only until mid-summer, after which they burrow into the soil and lay eggs. While in the ground, they are susceptible to milky spore disease, caused by the milky spore bacterium. Applying milky spore bacterium to the soil, especially in the fall, can reduce the emergence of adult beetles in the next spring. Milky spore bacterium is commercially available in powder form.

And then there's the **Emerald Ash Borer**. Its larvae burrow into the bark of ash trees; the tree will starve, and eventually die. Ash wood from northern Illinois is quarantined, and cannot be moved out of this area.

If you suspect that you have an infected tree, describe its symptoms and send a digital photograph to the Illinois Department of Agriculture at <[AGR.EAB@Illinois.gov](mailto:AGR.EAB@Illinois.gov)>; or call the hotline at 800.641.3934.



Finally, here's the ever-popular **Gypsy Moth**. It feeds on many different species of trees, but it prefers hardwoods. After the moth has eaten the leaves of the tree, the tree goes into shock and may die due to the stress.

If you see a Gypsy Moth, either adult or caterpillar, call 866.296.6684 (6684 = MOTH). This is toll-free number.





*Adult Gypsy Moth*

## Because Someone Asked

**promulgate** *ˈpräməl.gāt; prōˈmæl-|* : verb [ trans. ] promote or make widely known (an idea or cause) : these objectives have to be promulgated within the organization. **promulgator** *ˌgātərɪl* | *ˈpräməlˈgeɪdərɪl* : noun. ORIGIN mid 16th cent.: from Latin *promulgat-* ‘exposed to public view,’ from the verb *promulgare*, from *pro-* ‘out, publicly’ + *mulgere* ‘cause to come forth’ (literally ‘to milk’).

## Do You Deal In a Service?

[www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org](http://www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org), which you may remember from last quarter’s *Promulgator*, is adding a new page: Services. This will be listings of local businesses that you have used and would recommend to other owners in the Association.

- Are you using a landscape or lawn service? Tell us about them! (You’re not embarrassed, are you?)
- Are *you* a business? Tell us about yourself!
- What about that new restaurant that you patronized last week? We want to know!
- Want to advertise your availability? Here’s the place! (Woodcreek owners only, please. But if you’re not a Woodcreek owner, and you want to place a paid advertisement on the web site, we can negotiate.)

## Nuttin’ To Do

Looking for a local event? Here’s what happening around town:

August 6: **City Band Concert & Farmer’s Market** at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 7 p.m.

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August 16: **Johnsburg Car & Bike Show** at McHenry Township Park, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

September 12 & 13: **2nd Annual Downtown Business Association Wine Tasting Festival** at

Veteran’s Memorial Park.

September 13: **Country Meadows Craft Show** at Petersen Park.

September 19: **McHenry Township Touch-a-Truck** at McHenry Township Park, 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

October 3 & 4: **Antique Tractor Show** at Historic Petersen Farm, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
 <<http://www.tractorsforcharity.com>>

October weekends: **Jaycees Haunted House** at Knox Park.

## Quarterly Meetings

The Board of Directors of the Woodcreek Property Owners Association holds its Quarterly Meeting on the third Tuesday of the first month in each calendar quarter. The next meeting for 2009 will be held on October 20 (at the home of Jerry Hawkinson, 6515 Sycamore Court). The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

## Behind the Scenes

The Woodcreek Property Owners Association is *you*. We’re just the volunteers who do the busy work.

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The WPOA web site is located at <<http://www.WoodcreekMcHenry.org>>. Our e-mail address is <[wpoa@WoodcreekMcHenry.org](mailto:wpoa@WoodcreekMcHenry.org)>. If you need to mail something to us, send it to WPOA, P.O. Box 721, McHenry, Illinois 60051-0721.

## About The Woodcreek Promulgator

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