

**A bi-monthly newsletter for future GreenFields of Geneva Residents**  
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## WHAT'S NEW

Since you received the March/April issue of the *GreenFields Gazette*, we have welcomed 4 additional future residents to the GreenFields family.

This month, we'd like to take the opportunity to personally thank **Marlyss Alexander**. Her referral has turned into a new resident. She and Lois will receive an **ADDITIONAL COMPLIMENTARY MONTHLY SERVICE FEE** when their referral moves into the community! Thanks for the referrals. Please continue to spread the word about GreenFields of Geneva!

## “AT LAST” ...

Yes, that is the name of a song...actually, an oldie, but a goodie.

For GreenFields of Geneva, however, “*at last*” means that Ziegler Capital Markets, our underwriter, is now able to proceed with the next phase of the financing process, going to the investors.

As you know from our recent letter, GreenFields is the second community in a group of three waiting for financing approval. We have just had word that Park Place, located in Elmhurst, has successfully completed their financing. **We are now ready to go!**

Invitations to the Groundbreaking Celebration to be held in July at the Mill Creek Golf Course Club House are on the designer's drawing board. They will be in the mail as soon as our financing is complete. Watch for your invitation.

The Personalization Process is also moving forward. The selection of standard options and upgrades is now being developed. Once finalized, selection boards and actual samples will be delivered to the Information Center. Each of you will receive a scaled floor plan of your future apartment home, with a furniture template to the scale of the floor plan. Susan Hanson will become the Personalization Coordinator. As soon as the financing is complete, she will be calling to plan a time to meet with you to make your selections.

*At last*, it's time to get serious about planning for your transition to your new home. In the months ahead, GreenFields will be offering seminars and resources on topics such as Selecting the Right Realtor, Downsizing "Stuff," New Homes for old "Stuff," Staging for Success, Moving Right Along, etc.

Speaking of downsizing, here are a few tips to get you started:

- Set a schedule and stick to it
- Avoid stress by taking it slow
- Organize into categories: 1.Keep 2. Family 3.Donate 4.Trash
- Downsize small spaces first and work up to larger areas
- Eliminate items not touched in two years
- Enlist the help of family, friends and professionals
- Be realistic
- Keep a positive attitude
- Make a clean break with "stuff"

Questions? Don't hesitate to call us.

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## BABY ICSO UPDATE

Many of you have called to ask how Roni and baby Bria are doing. Bria is continuing to delight all those around her as she grows and develops each day. Roni has been enjoying this special time off with her young family, but would like to assure everyone that she is looking forward to returning to her role as Marketing Director towards the end of June.

## BRICKS AND MORTAR

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated with our future residents Geneva's 175th anniversary, by exploring the rich architectural heritage that makes up our beautiful city. Led by Margaret Selakovich of the Geneva History Center museum, we took an armchair tour of the homes of the 19th century. With new appreciation for the past, we look forward to what's ahead for GreenFields in the future.



## YOUR FUTURE NEIGHBORS

Most of you have been to at least one of our lifestyle series events and had a chance to meet some of your wonderful future neighbors. We thought it would be fun to feature one of you in each new issue of the Gazette so you could learn something special about your new friends!

## MEET HARRY BARNES AND HIS GREEN THUMB!



Harry's love of plants and gardening began as a young boy. Growing up in Joliet, Harry was fortunate to live next door to his Grandfather, from whom Harry inherited his special talents with all things that grow. Harry fondly remembers getting up early before school so he could help his Grandfather tend his beautiful gardens before breakfast. This early interest led Harry to take several botany classes throughout his formal education.

Harry, now retired, went on to teach and coach tennis in the Elgin school district. Over the years, his passion for growing prized vegetables and creating beautiful gardens has continued to inspire. We have been fortunate enough to enjoy his lovely and fragrant flowers, which he has so graciously shared with us in our office on several occasions.

Harry has built a greenhouse in each of his homes. He currently has a 40 x 80 plot that he cultivates every year. His biggest crop, and favorite thing to grow, is popcorn! His wife and biggest fan, Donna, loves to cook with, and eat, all of the great things that Harry so lovingly grows. His popcorn is a definite family favorite! We can't wait for Harry to share his talents and passion with his fellow garden enthusiasts when he moves into GreenFields. With his help, we are sure our gardens will be truly spectacular!

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