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It's Your Move!

Can you believe it? The construction on your new home has moved along right on schedule. Now, we are able to target the approximate dates this fall that the apartment homes will be turned over by the construction company to GreenFields. We will be sending out letters that will tell you when you will be able to pay the balance of your Entrance Fee and pick up your key. Once you have received your key, you will be able to schedule your actual moving day.

Now, it is your move! It is time to act on the plan that you have been formulating to prepare to move to GreenFields of Geneva.

Most of you have assessed what you need to do to organize your furnishings and possessions, in preparation

for listing your house for sale. That means fixing up, de-cluttering, "staging", as needed, and paying attention to "curb appeal." Many have already listed with realtors. Four future residents have sold their houses in a very short time! We have posted pictures of some of the successful sales in the Information Center. There is a place waiting for your house to be posted on the Sales Success Board. It is time to get serious. Realtors tell us that this is the best season for the buying market.

As Moving Coordinator, Susan Hanson, is available to help you in a variety of ways. She is keeping track of when houses are listed with a realtor, the name of the realtor, the list price, the date of sale and the sale price. All of this information will be helpful for GreenFields to understand what is happening in the real estate market. In addition, Susan has many resources to pass on for helpful services and products that will make your move a smooth one. You can reach Susan at 630-232-9105. So, now, Let's Get Moving!



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A Bright Future in Engineering!

An eager group of boys from Webelos Den, Pack #238 recently visited the Information Center to learn about the GreenFields of Geneva construction project as part of their work to earn their Engineering Pin. Many of the boys go to school at the neighboring Mill Creek Elementary School and have watched the construction progress on a day-to-day basis. They were very excited to learn how the various elements come together to get a project off the ground.



The discussion was led by Chuck Cassell, Retired Architect, from the Fox Valley area who serves as Chair of the Friendship Senior Options Board of Directors and he attends all GreenFields of Geneva board meetings. The boys were provided with an overview of the construction project by viewing the scale model. They were lead in a discussion related to the various types of engineers contributing to this type of project such as: civil, electrical, structural, and mechanical engineers.

In addition, each of the boys received a floor plan of one of the 16 apartments offered at the community along with graph paper to aide in learning how to measure square footage and insert windows and doors to assist them in a



portion of their assignment which requires them to design a house. The boys were busy drawing and talking about the features they would add in the house they would design.

We are very pleased to have launched the first of many activities involving the children at the school and within the Mill Creek neighborhood. We look forward to having Webelos Den, Pack #238 visit us and tour the community when we open the doors later this year.

Family Favorites

As many of you engage in the sorting out and throwing out process, be careful not to throw out all of the old family favorite recipes. On a recent visit to Dorothy Maisto's home, I arrived just after she had received a call from her daughter, Heather, now living in Florida. Heather remembered the wonderful Zucchini Squares that Dorothy had made when the kids were younger. Now with kids of her own and lots of zucchini, Heather needed Mom's recipe. It sounded so good... and Dorothy said that it is SO easy... I wanted to share it with you.

Dorothy Maisto's Marvelous Zucchini Squares

- 3 cups zucchini, cut up
- 1 ¼ cup bisquick
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- ½ cup oil
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. oregano
- ½ tsp. pepper
- 2 Tbs. chopped parsley
- 4 eggs

Mix together. Spread in 9 X 13" pan. Bake at 350 degrees until done... (30 minutes)



Enjoy... and pass on to your kids.

All Under One Roof...A Construction Update!



- * Fiber cement siding and stone veneer Exterior of the building is approx 55% complete
- * Roof is complete for all buildings
- * West Wing units and Lower Level of North Wing are complete including cabinets, countertops, final paint, and all flooring
- * Appliances, flooring, and cabinet install in progress in the North Wing Levels 1, 2, and 3
- * Kitchen equipment install is in progress
- * Concrete curbs and sidewalks in progress
- * Landscape planting has started with trees along the South portion of the project

BRIEF RE-CAPS

Going Green: The GreenFields "Happy Thumbs" Garden Group

On Saturday, May 14th, seven enthusiastic gardeners gathered at the GreenFields Information Center with Judi Donovan, Executive Director, and Nanette Falcone, Residency Counselor, to share their vision for the resident garden area at their new home. Although it was a cold and rainy day, it did not dampen the spirits of these "Happy Thumbs" people. After warming up with coffee and muffins, many from the group ventured out to Third Street to take advantage of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce Gardenology event.

As the GreenFields future gardeners bonded over new friendships, flowers and vegetables, they talked about plans for types of plantings, individual plots, garden tools and storage areas, container gardens, bird feeders and much more. Judi noted their ideas and took delight in their enthusiasm. Those attending the Saturday gathering talked about encouraging other resident to join the "Happy Thumbs" group. The morning ended with plans to get together again sometime this summer. Calling all Gardeners: Watch for the announced time and place.

"Ya Gotta Know The Territory"

These famous words spoken by Professor Harold Hill, in "The Music Man", seemed to set the stage for 62 men and women who gathered at the Persinger Recreation Center (The Peck Rec.

Center) on May 18th to get to know the GreenFields territory. Before hearing from people who know the territory well, the future GreenFields residents enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch.

Judi Donovan, Executive Director, welcomed the guests to GreenFields territory. Susan Hanson, Moving Coordinator, then introduced Brain Griffin representing the multiple services for Delnor Hospital; Lt. Kevin Williams representing the Kane County Sheriff's department; Al Isberg, Elburn-Countryside Fire Marshal; Uwe Rotter, Blackberry Township Assessor; and Mike Mueller, Kane County Chronicle. Each shared information about their particular service which will be available to GreenFields residents.

Ronette Ico, Marketing Director, concluded the program with information about programs that will be available to residents as they plan for the sale of their house and their move into GreenFields. She also mentioned dates for coming events planned for future residents.

Before the event was over, a drawing was held for all future residents who have already listed their houses for sale. The lucky winners of a \$1,000 gift card were Don and Helen Meints, of Lockport. Everyone agreed that they left that afternoon with a much better knowledge of the GreenFields territory.



SAVE THE DATES!

June 26, 2011 – Sunday, 11:30 a.m. ** Swedish Days Parade** - Join in the fun...and join with your future neighbors...as GreenFields of Geneva proudly participates in the annual Swedish Day Parade! Ride in the GreenFields trolley, or walk beside it with your kids or your grandkids. You will be caught up in the spirit of celebration of Geneva's colorful Swedish heritage. Meet at the Information Center by 11:30 a.m. The trolley will take you to the staging area for the parade. You will be dropped off back at the Information Center after the parade. Call **630-232-9105** to let us know if you can join us. We will have special T-shirts for everyone.

July 22, 2011 – Friday, 11:15 a.m. ** "Cruisin' Down the River"**, a Charter Paddlewheel Riverboat Lunch and Cruise, on the beautiful Fox River. We will gather in the parking lot next to the paddlewheel boats in Pottawatomie Park in Saint Charles, IL at 11:15 a.m. We will board the boat for departure promptly at 11:30, make ourselves comfortable and enjoy a little banjo music as we begin our leisurely sight-seeing cruise up and down the Fox River. Professional caterers will provide a delicious lunch to enjoy while you visit with your new friends. As you cruise up and down the river, the Captain will point out the sights and the history of travel on the Fox River. You won't want to miss this fun event, rain or shine. Call **630-232-9105** for your reservation today.

Back By Popular Demand ** "The Secret to a Good Night's Sleep"**, an interactive Financial Roundtable discussion.

July 6, 2011- Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. in the Solarium at the Lodge in Sun City, Huntley

July 7, 2011- Thursday, 9:30 a.m. at the GreenFields Information Center, 507 S. Third Street, Geneva

Join us for a **Continental Breakfast**, while hearing from a financial professional who will share information and insights on: determining your home's true value in today's marketplace; assuring asset and income protection; understanding the emotions connected to assets; making good "cents" out of taxes; managing the negative effects of the economy on adult children and most importantly...crafting a vision for your future. We will send you home with a new financial peace of mind, ready for a good night's sleep. Call **630-232-9105** today for your reservation.

September 13, 2011 – Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. ** "Freshmen Orientation"**

Judi Donovan, GreenFields of Geneva's Executive Director, will host a fun and most informative morning session at the Mill Creek Club House, 39W525 Herrington Dr., Geneva. Join us for brunch and an opportunity to learn everything you have ever wanted to know about life in this new continuing care retirement community. You won't want to miss this program. Call **630-232-9105** to let us know you will be there.

Meet your New Neighbors... Bob and Judie Knott

"It's just a no brainer!"



Overheard at the recent Financial Roundtable held at the Information Center, was future resident Bob Knott's comment when talking to a potential resident about deciding to move to GreenFields of Geneva. "It's just a no brainer," he said. To which his wife, Judie, added, "Why wouldn't you make this smart decision while you are able to decide for yourself, and take advantage of all of the good things at Greenfields!"

As Bob and Judie have said many times to anyone who asks, moving to GreenFields makes perfect sense. First and foremost, GreenFields offers life-time financial security with its Life Care protection against the escalating costs of long term care. In addition, the refundable entrance fee protects the asset that is used to pay the fee. Add to that, the predictable monthly service fee in the midst of unpredictable economic times. "It just makes sense" they said.

Getting out from under the ongoing tasks and expenses of home maintenance is another "no brainer" for Bob. No more grass to cut, driveways to shovel, appliances to replace, high property taxes to pay. That also makes sense. Judie has been a master planner when it comes to deciding what to bring to their new home, what to sell (ask her about her successful garage sale), what to give away and what to throw away.

For people like Bob and Judie Knott, the real value is in the vision that they have for the lifestyle they will enjoy when they move to GreenFields. The comfort and conveniences of so many services and amenities; the fun of making new friends; the opportunity to be part of creating interest groups and activities; the knowledge that your apartment home is your personal and private space to rest and relax in on your own time schedule; and finally the knowledge that if the unforeseen health setback should happen, there is someone available to assist you 24/7...this is really the "no brainer."

The future residents of GreenFields are our best ambassadors! Thanks to all of you, who like Bob and Judie Knott, are sharing with others the wisdom of the decision to take advantage of all that GreenFields has to offer.



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