

Something Old Something New

CALENDARS

AUBURN

September 7 Late night shopping, live entertainment and food, food, food

BERNE

September 8 Swiss Heritage Days

FORT WAYNE

September 8 Swinney Homestead Open House

BOTANICAL CONSERVATORY

September 15 featuring a Fall Bonsai Display

September 16

Lindy McCormick Sculptures and Art
September 20-21

Bi Annual Fall Rummage Sale

JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

September 15-16

BLUFFTON STREET FAIR

September 18-22

Other events will be shared on the Facebook page

With every season that goes by the streets in Deerfield Estates seem to crumble a little more and with every big rainfall the concrete lifts a bit more and the Deerfield River seems to overflow at her banks. So obviously the something old would be our streets and drainage system.

I'm excited to say that the something new will be our streets and drainage system, hopefully by the time the Spring rains come the Deerfield River will be reduced to a babbling brook.

Thursday August 30 the city project manager, designer and contractor met with several of the Deerfield residents to give us an idea of what we can expect. I want to provide a bit of information as to what is to come.

The project is expected to begin September 17 in the cul-de-sac of Yearling and will then move to the cul-de-sac of Buck all cul de sacs will be completed first. Weather permitting their goal is to spend 2-3 weeks completing each of these areas before moving on to other areas.

We were told that the overall project will be messy, muddy, dusty, noisy, distracting and a pain in the butt for all residents of our neighborhood and for those that try to enter or exit. Start preparing your minds for many frustrating days and inconveniences. Along with every dark cloud will come a silver lining, that being new streets and less flooding. Streets that you can ride a bike on, streets that are aesthetically pleasing thus increasing our curb appeal and property values.

Only one half of the street will be torn up at a time, curbs will be removed and new drains and manholes will be put in. The concrete will be ripped up and 2-4" of stone will be placed before 7" of concrete will be poured on top of it. Barricades will be placed in strategic areas. It is of vital importance that you NEVER move one of the barricades even if you think that the concrete is dry enough. The concrete cures slowly if you drive across it you may not see any cracks but in fact there may be cracks below and over time the cracks will continue to make their way to the surface. I must also point out that you would not want to be caught doing this, apparently the police may and most likely will be called. It's one of those things that when over a million dollars is being spent to make our neighborhood nicer one person does not have the right to spoil that or waste the city's money.

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The Duck Walked Up to the Lemonade Stand

I had been enjoying the pair of ducks that I often saw waddling from my neighbors trees, through our yard over to our other neighbors small backyard pond. It seemed this couple were joined for life. With the female laying eggs along their path while the male carefully watched over his mate and their assuming family. Then just as quick as they were there they disappeared leaving their future children behind. Has anyone seen them or know what happened? Even our killer cat Glenn I believe enjoyed this young couple watching them but never bothering them. I realize this is not urgent neighborhood news but it is one of the reasons that I enjoy our home so much and im quite sure I am not the only one that enjoyed them.

If you are wondering where I got the title of this article from I urge you to look up the title on YouTube or Google.

If you have not yet checked out the Barr Street Market on Saturday Mornings it is well worth your time.

For elderly neighbors who may be effected by the road improvements if you need something and a neighbor is not available to get it for you I urge you to use the delivery program that Wal-Mart and Meijer are now offering.

Does a homeowner have the right to decrease the value of their neighbors properties by not caring for their own ?

About a week ago I placed a question on our Facebook page about what neighbors would like to see changed in our neighborhood. Naturally the issue of a shed came up but also in those comments I was reminded of some homeowners who have a far worsening issue than where to store their lawn mower and Christmas Tree. Some homeowners are living next to others that do not mow their yard, pull their weeds or maintain their property in any way. Because of the deterioration of the property other homeowners are subjected to an increase in rodents and weeds. The loss of enjoyment of their own properties because of the offending property. Imagine planning a graduation party at your home and you spend months cleaning, painting, landscaping and etc. your guests arrive and your place fades into the background because the condition of your neighbors home is now the subject of every conversation of your guests. Your child's accomplishments are barely noticed because your guests can not get over how bad the offenders home looks.

After some research hear is my feelings on the subject.

- ◆ Call 311 daily along with all your neighbors and association board. Do not just complain about the grass not being mowed. Also, complain that your property is no longer worth what it should be because of the neighbors lack of concern for their property.
- ◆ Write a letter to the offender and have several signatures from neighbors on the letter. Share your concerns openly.
- ◆ If the city does not follow through with action then call local reporters and ask that they visit the home.
- ◆ Write a letter to the Mayor be sure to share your concerns about the value of your property.
- ◆ If any of the homes around you are rentals then get the home owner involved and share your concerns of the value of their property as well.

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Continued:

In the cul de sac areas you will most likely need to take your trash cans all the way to the entrance of the cul de sac. We ask that if you live near an elderly person or a disabled person that you assist them with this task.

There will be times when you will not be able to easily get to your property so get to know your neighbors and help each other out by asking about parking your cars in their driveways or as a courtesy let them know when you are planning to park in front of their home so they are not concerned about strange vehicles being near by.

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Gas lines have already been lowered and they will not be coming back to fix any more yards the remaining yard damage is not being fixed because it is in an area that will most likely be torn up again. At the end of the project your yard will be restored. Please keep the area mowed and watered for best effect.

Concrete will be poured in the mornings after school buses have passed. Leaf pickup will continue as usual with a few variations during the improvements.

Mail delivery is not expected to be interrupted.

Downspouts that are drained to the streets will be torn up and not replaced. Apparently they are illegal . Invisible fencing, fencing and anything that extends to the area to be torn up during the renovations will be removed and replaced on a case by case basis.

DO NOT MOVE THE FLAGS THAT ARE MARKING UTILITIES!!!!!!!!!!

**Right Away
Materials Enclosed**

**Deerfield Estates
9630 Buck Court
Block Party
Sunday September 23,2018
4:00**

**Block Party September 23, 2018 4:00 CHILI CHEFS BRING
9630 Buck Court YOUR BEST!!!!!!!
Odd number homes bring a desert
Even numbers bring a side dish**