

# BHA



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Investing in Our Future



*By Doug Elwell, President  
Butterfield Homeowners Association*

*"In investing, what is comfortable is rarely profitable."  
~ Robert Arnott*

Several years ago, prior to my being elected as President of the Butterfield Homeowners Association back in 2013, a collection was taken up by volunteers for the BHA, going door-to-door in the neighborhood requesting donations to fight against the building of some high-rise apartments near the southeast corner of our subdivision. These apartments would have been somewhat of an eyesore, and would have ruined the backyard views of many people, particularly those along the east side of Lloyd Avenue. It turns out, however, that a compromise was struck, and the apartments were limited to seven stories in height, so the need to get involved in a costly lawsuit to fight against the building of these apartments disappeared.

As a result, the BHA was left with many thousands of dollars in donations, with no list of donor names to return them to. Since that time, it has been decided to keep the money in case there is a future need for the BHA to engage in legal action on behalf of the people of Butterfield — most specifically against another annexation attempt by the Village of Lombard, which would result in substantial tax increases with few benefits in return. However, the investment vehicles chosen to manage this money have had such a poor rate of return that, when accounting for inflation, our investments are actually losing value. Inflation this year is currently 0.8%, and the paltry 0.1% return we get on, for example, the \$13,842.61 in our money market account leaves us with a net loss of value (not \$, but actual spending power), of 0.7%, or - \$96.89 per year. Hardly a responsible investment of your hard-earned money.

For the past couple of years, I have been encouraging the membership of the BHA to move our money into investments that will actually provide a positive return. A typical mutual fund, or a single conservative stock such as AT&T, would have returned over 30% in value over the past five years. AT&T also pays out a 4.65% annual dividend, which would have yielded \$643/year in additional income, over and above any increase in the stock's value. That excellent return, the 4.7% annual dividend, and the highly stable nature and bullish position of this stock, make AT&T my pick to help the BHA survive and thrive for years to come. If you want to help me invest in the future of the BHA, please come to our next meeting on October 20th and vote yes help the BHA remain financially solvent for years to come. ☀



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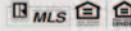


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## Important Phone Numbers

- Animal Control: 682-7197
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- BHA Website: [www.mybhoa.com](http://www.mybhoa.com)
- Butterfield Park District: 858-2229
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- DuPage Disposal: 268-9253
- DuPage Zoning: 407-6700
- Electronics Recycling: 627-2200
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- Flood Brothers: 261-0400
- Good Samaritan Hospital: 275-5900
- Illinois American Water Co.: 739-8810
- Lombard Post Office: 627-1864
- Milton Township
  - Office: 690-9036
  - Highway: 682-4270
- Poison Control Center: 800-942-5969
- Vacation home checks: 682-7256
- Voter registration: 629-0475
- Waste Management: 800-747-2278
- Westlake Middle School: 827-4500
- York Township
  - Office: 620-2400
  - Highway: 627-2200

## Connie's Corner



By Connie Poulos Loos,  
Vice President, Butterfield  
Homeowners Association



omeowner tips from  
Coldwell Bankers  
Sellers Resources:

### 9 TIPS FOR LIVING A (SEMI-)NORMAL LIFE WHILE YOUR HOME IS BEING SHOWN

Selling your house? Those frequent showings can be a real hassle. You know it's worth it to do your best to accommodate them, but that doesn't make it any easier! Here are tips to make keeping your house ready to show to prospective buyers more doable, plus a handy checklist of what to remember before you clear out each time — from someone who's been through the process (and lived to tell the tale).

#### 1. TREAT YOURSELF TO FRESH FLOWERS AND OTHER GOODIES

A bouquet of flowers, a bowl of fresh fruit, the "fancy" soap: These things make your home look extra lovely for potential buyers, but (here's the secret) they make your daily life a bit better as well. So go ahead and splurge a little — you (and your house) deserve it.

Budget tip: Make a grocery store bouquet go further by snipping a few blooms short and plunking them in bud vases for the bathroom vanity and bedside tables. Or, for a longer-lasting alternative, consider setting out a few small potted succulents and a bowl of bright lemons.

#### 2. MAKE A PRE-SHOWING CHECKLIST

It's easy to forget things in the rush to get out the door before the real estate agents show your house. A checklist that you can reference each time will ensure that your home is putting its best face forward for potential buyers. And remember, if you have a large household, you may not always be the last one to leave before a showing, so it's important that everyone's on the same page and knows what to do.

Since you probably don't want this checklist on display, consider keeping it on your phone instead. Here are some items to include:

- Dishes washed and put away
- Kitchen counters and table wiped down
- Dirty clothes in hampers with lids on
- Bathroom sink and mirror wiped clean and toilet seats down

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## MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 16, 2016

### Attendees

President Doug Elwell, Vice President Connie Poulos Loos and 14 attendees.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

### Approved Motions

None this meeting.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the March 17th meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

### Officer and Committee Reports

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

All numbers are reported as of June 13, 2016:

##### ASSETS

• Checking account .....	\$4,995.21
• PayPal account .....	\$933.35
• Money Market Account .....	\$13,842.61
.....Interest earned (\$1.18) YTD (\$2.27)	
• CD .....	\$4,886.34
.....Interest is paid annually on 9/23 (\$24.79)	
• Balance in postage acct. (approx.) .....	\$1080.12
TOTAL ASSETS .....	\$25,737.63

#### INCOME AND EXPENSES

#### (MARCH 14TH – JUNE 13TH 2016)

##### INCOME:

• 2016 member dues (including PayPal) (39 households) (YTD total 219 households): .....	\$980.00
• Spring 2016 newsletter advertising: .....	\$500.00
• Summer 2016 newsletter advertising: .....	\$385.00
• Money Market account interest: .....	\$1.18
TOTAL INCOME (for 3/14-6/13/16) .....	\$1,866.18

##### EXPENSES:

• Insurance: .....	\$708.00
• Postage: .....	\$1,049.00
• Spring 2016 Newsletter printing .....	\$602.35
• Membership card printing .....	\$99.00
TOTAL EXPENSES: .....	\$2,458.35
NET Income or (Loss) for 3/14-6/13/16: ....	-\$592.17 (Loss)

### MARKETING COMMITTEE

- The new Beautiful Butterfield brochures were handed out to the members in attendance.

### WELCOME WAGON COMMITTEE

- Many homes are up for sale, and are being purchased

quickly.

- Some houses are not being sold, but transferred from parents to children.
- Almost all new homes are being sold to young families with children. Many have moved here for the school district, and for the fact that Butterfield is a great combination of location and affordability.
- Each new homeowner is given a free BHA bag with a free brochure.

### LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

- The Schroeders have been spraying for dandelions and trimming bushes, and added patriotic bunting to the entrances on July 4th and Labor Day.
- At the Lloyd entrance, some perennials had grown so large they were obscuring the boxwoods, so they were trimmed.
- The Schroeders could use some help with watering the entrances and other needs. Call or email 630-627-2671, pianograma@comcast.net to learn more.
- The 22nd street entrance has had many orange utility flags planted recently, indicating some sort of utility work was being done, most likely electrical.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

There have been several requests for stop signs on Glen and Lloyd Avenues as they cross Marlborough Road, and reducing through traffic in general:

- People are cutting through the subdivision in order to miss several lights, and creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians even in the heart of otherwise peaceful Butterfield.
- People are also speeding down 22nd Street as well, up to 50 MPH, making it like "The Indy 500". Police have been issuing many tickets, but it is still a big problem. Several cars parked on 22nd have been hit just this year. Please keep the speed limit down to 25 MPH or less throughout the subdivision and keep our children safe, and remind others to do the same.
- Placing an additional stop sign at the corners of Glen and Lloyd Avenues as they cross Marlborough, as well as possibly the addition of speed bumps, should keep drivers from treating our through streets as high-speed shortcuts.
- Signage is in place on 22nd Street to disallow through traffic, but it has not been effective. More effective deterrents such as cameras and speed bumps were also considered.
- The BHA is working with local government and law enforcement to get these and other safety improvements put in place. If you have any suggestions, or would like to join

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**>> Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 4)**

our Safety Committee, please contact us at 630-627-4845, [butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com](mailto:butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com).

There was also a discussion about possible solutions for solving the parking issues on Kensington Road during baseball games at Kensington Park, as well as early morning mowing that is disturbing residents:

- People are parking on Kensington Road in order to avoid getting hit by foul balls that occasionally hit cars parked in the parking spots behind the backstops.
- Solutions such as netting have been considered, but it could be expensive and unsightly.
- Signage allowing parking on only one side of the street, or parking for only Kensington Road residents were discussed as well.
- The fountain at the park has been fixed.

**>> Connie's Corner (Continued from page 3)**

- ➊ Hair removed from shower (eww!)
- ➋ Toys put away in baskets and bins
- ➌ Coffee table cleared and clean
- ➍ Entry cleared of shoes and personal items
- ➎ Window shades open

**3. MAKE YOUR BED AS SOON AS YOU WAKE UP**

If you're not in the habit of making your bed every morning, you may want to start now, so you don't have to worry about it if the real estate agent calls to request a last-second showing. If you have kids, be sure they make their beds in the morning too.

**4. HIDE LAUNDRY IN A LIDDED HAMPER**

An open hamper filled with dirty laundry isn't the sort of thing you want prospective buyers to be greeted with in your bedroom, right? Get a hamper with a lid to conceal the whole rumpled mess instead. (In a pinch, you can use a storage bench.)

**5. PUT NIGHTSTAND DRAWERS TO WORK**

After making your bed, be sure to tuck out of sight any odds and ends that have accumulated around your nightstand, such as magazines, hand cream and jewelry. If your nightstand doesn't have drawers, keep a lidded box under the bed or atop the dresser, and stash your stuff in there before leaving for the day.

**6. SIMPLIFY CHILDREN'S ROOMS**

If it's too difficult or takes too long, putting away toys in your

President Doug Elwell lead a discussion on better investment options for BHA savings accounts. On average our investments yield less than \$50 a year in interest, which is not good management of our funds. Investment in a mutual fund, or stable, high-trust stocks such as AT&T were discussed, AT&T being preferred as it yields a yearly dividend of 4.65%. In either case, we need better investment options in order to make the best return of our investments of your money. Please attend our next regular meeting on October 20th in order to vote on the future of your money.

The group also discussed approaching the township governments in order to get them to take better care of the sidewalks:

- The townships should pay in full for sidewalk repairs, not just half.

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child's room before showings will become a headache for all involved. My advice is to pack many of them in boxes or bins and tuck them in a closet or storage area, leaving only ones that fit easily within your current toy storage. This way, even if all those toys were strewn over the floor, it wouldn't take more than about 10 minutes to get the room looking presentable again.

**7. STASH CLEANING WIPES IN THE BATHROOM**

I tend to choose reusable microfiber cloths for normal everyday cleaning, but when you're selling your house, things are decidedly not normal. I found it incredibly helpful to have a pack of cleaning wipes within reach for wiping down the sink, faucets and around the toilet. Then you can just toss the wipe in the wastebasket and walk away.

**8. KEEP A SPARE STACK OF FRESH TOWELS ON HAND**

A neatly folded stack of fluffy white towels can make any bathroom look instantly fresher, cleaner and more spa-like. While selling our house, I kept a few new white towels folded in the cupboard and put them out before showings. It sounds fussy, but it was actually less stressful than worrying about whether the towels were clean all the time. And we got to enjoy using those nice towels after the house sold!

**9. WHEN IN DOUBT, ADD MORE BASKETS**

Honestly, it's so easy to scoop stray items into baskets and close the lids, you'll be glad to have a few extras. Big baskets are great for clothes, blankets and toys, while small baskets and lidded boxes work well for papers, magazines and random assorted clutter.

*Homeowner tips from Coldwell Bankers Homeowner Resources*



# *Connie Poulos Loos*

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## Connie's Featured Listings -



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## B U T T E R F I E L D N E W S

### Local Focals

#### BHA Today Editorial Staff

One of the disadvantages of living in a safe, quiet, respectable little suburb like Butterfield, where no one has any adventures or does anything unexpected, is that there is rarely a lot of "news" to report on of any import. Nevertheless, there is always something going on, even in our sleepy little town. Here is a selection of what has been going on with the BHA, and with Butterfield recently:

#### INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

The BHA has a modest amount of savings that it has kept in case there is a need for legal defence against such things as annexation by Lombard. However, the investment vehicles currently in use bring in so little income that we would like to look into investing these small but useful funds into investments that are safe, stable, and will provide a more substantial return. Some ideas include investment in one or more mutual funds, or stable stocks that provide a substantial yearly dividend such as AT&T. Please attend our meeting on October 20th so we can discuss how to better invest your funds so as to provide a better return on your investment.

#### NEW MARIANO'S GROCERY STORE

The Village of Lombard announced back in April that Bradford Real Estate will be pursuing zoning and development approvals from the Village for a new 74,000-square-foot grocery store at the old K-Mart location, 345 W. Roosevelt Road, Lombard. As of July 5th, the Village of Lombard approved

the construction of a new Mariano's on the site of the old K-Mart store at the corner of Finley and Roosevelt Roads. This construction will be accompanied by improvements to the local roads, including improvements to the left-turn onto Finley from the parking lot, improvements to the lanes along Roosevelt Road, and a new traffic signal at the east entrance of the site. Construction of the site has already begun, and as of the date of this writing, one can still see the rubble from the old K-Mart building. Mariano's is a high-end grocery store that includes such things as an in-house coffee shop, a wood-fired pizza oven, a sit-down sushi bar, and a full-service pharmacy. Taxes from this new Mariano's will also benefit the local community, particularly school districts 44 and 87.

#### HOME SWEET BUTTERFIELD

Butterfield homes provide great value for the money. Not only is Butterfield a great place to live in general, our quaint little subdivision has been described by the DuPage County Sheriff's office as one of the safest, most peaceful areas in DuPage County — and DuPage County itself is one of the wealthiest, most peaceful areas in the world. Moreover, the value of our property has been steadily going up over the last several years. A typical Butterfield home on Zillow.com is predicted to go up in value as much as 4.7% over the next year — a tremendous leap in value by any standard. If you are planning to sell your home, read the helpful tips provided in every newsletter from our Vice President, Connie Poulos Loos on how to make your house as valuable and saleable as possible. The kitchen and master bathroom are among the most valuable parts of the home, the kitchen usually being one of the first rooms to be seen by new buyers, and frequently the one that makes the biggest impression, so make sure it is well-designed and attractive. However, as we are seeing, the market for Butterfield homes is getting hotter, as described by our Welcome Wagon committee in the Meeting Minutes in this issue, so it may be in your best interest to stick around for a while, as your home may dramatically go up in value over the next few years.

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## &gt;&gt; Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 6)

- Some areas of Butterfield, particularly Valley Road, have sidewalks that are in poor condition. Several residents have tripped on the sidewalks, some were injured.
- Generally speaking, the sidewalks and streets on the York Township side are better maintained, whereas the Milton Township side is worse. That is partly because Milton also covers Wheaton and Glen Ellyn, and spends most of their funds on those cities.
- People should also remember to not block the sidewalks with their cars, to make sure their neighbors have free use of them. Residents should also keep the sidewalks clear of grass, branches, trash and other clutter. Dog walkers are also responsible to clean up after their pets.
- BHA members are working with local government to remedy the situation. Please contact us at 630-627-4845, butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com if you wish to get involved.

Initial planning, organization for the 2016 picnic:

- Our annual picnic is held every year at Glenbriar Park, behind the Butterfield Park District building, 21W730 Butterfield Road, near the corner of Route 53 and Butterfield Road, from 1-5 p.m. This year it is on September 18th.

The picnic is free for paid members. If you are not a member, you can pay \$25 at the door. Postcard alerts were sent out to everyone in Butterfield. You can find more information at [www.mybhoa.com](http://www.mybhoa.com).

We still need volunteers to help, call 630-627-4845 or email [butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com](mailto:butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.

## Open Forum

- One new member discussed how the new tree planted in his parkway by the township was not doing well. If you are having problems with the new tree planted in your parkway, call your township: York Township, 630-620-2400; Milton Township: 630-668-1616.
- Another member mentioned that water bills are much higher in Butterfield than in Lombard, but Lombard utilities may be subsidized. The BHA will do more research to con-

firm. Water went up in price when we went over the lake water from well water back in the 1990s, and the quality was much improved as the well water was very rusty. Most water is used when bathing, washing clothes and watering lawns. As a result of overconsumption and lowering of Lake Michigan levels, prices may rise and there may be restrictions, so get into the habit of using less water today.

- The Secretary and Treasurer positions remain open for anyone who wishes to apply. You can apply at any time as long as the offices remain unfilled, you do not have to wait until the regular election in March.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM. ☀

The next meeting will be October 20, 2016. ☀

## BUTTERFIELD CLASSIFIEDS

● **Phyllis Schroeder** is an experienced teacher in piano, organ and keyboards. Phone: 630-627-2671, email [pianogramma@comcast.net](mailto:pianogramma@comcast.net). See her ad on page 10 for more information.

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● **Darlene Mahnke** offers realtor services as a RE/MAX real estate agent. Darlene is a Lombard resident and has been an area specialist since 1997. Phone: 630-674-3678. Web: [www.DarleneSellsMyHome.com](http://www.DarleneSellsMyHome.com). See her ad on page 2 for more information.

● **Christina Becker, RE/MAX & Bianca Stone, GuaranteedRate** work together to offer both realtor and mortgage services. Phone Christina at 630-632-2064, email: [christinasellshomes@comcast.net](mailto:christinasellshomes@comcast.net), and Bianca at 630-869-0011, email, [bianca.stone@guaranteedrate.com](mailto:bianca.stone@guaranteedrate.com). See their ad on page 11 for more information.

● **Connie Poulos Loos** offers realtor services as a Coldwell Banker real estate agent. Certified in residential relocation, negotiation, short sales and foreclosures. Phone: 630-400-1212. Email: [connie.loos21@aol.com](mailto:connie.loos21@aol.com). See her ad on page 7 for more information.

● **BP Wash-N-Go** is a full-service gas station and car wash located on the southwest corner of Route 53 and Butterfield Road. Call 630-790-1881 or see their insert for more information.

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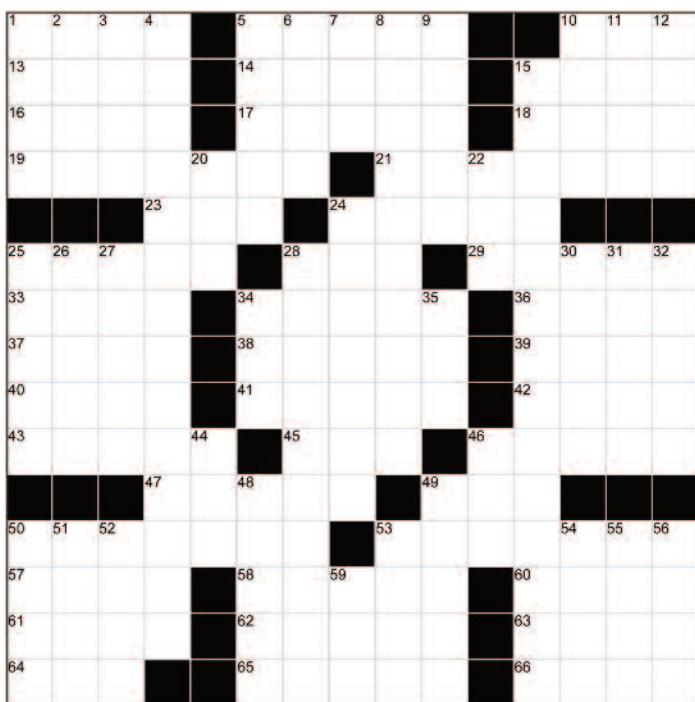


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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

- 1: Course of action
- 5: Spacious
- 10: Corn unit
- 13: Well-ventilated
- 14: Jeweler's eyeglass
- 15: Pond organism
- 16: Stage piece
- 17: Cookware
- 18: Raymond of 'Perry Mason'
- 19: Slander
- 21: Type of oil used in paint
- 23: Same-old-same-old
- 24: Kohoutek, e.g.
- 25: Prevent, with 'off'
- 28: Item placed on andirons
- 29: Game keepers?
- 33: Take on cargo
- 34: Cabbie's customers
- 36: Curly coif
- 37: Hulks pump it
- 38: Be a ham
- 39: Ignition
- 40: Libel, for instance
- 41: Frenzied
- 42: Heavy book
- 43: Oktoberfest souvenir
- 45: Pouch in the body
- 46: Pocket breads
- 47: Gimlet garnishes
- 49: White Stripes, for one
- 50: Knitted garment
- 53: Call Cary Gary, e.g.
- 57: Nursing need
- 58: Popular fragrance
- 60: Computer signpost
- 61: Life of Riley
- 62: Hose hue
- 63: Roe source
- 64: Bitterly amusing
- 65: Fall bloom
- 66: Sawbucks

#### DOWN

- 1: Dad
- 2: Ditties
- 3: De \_\_\_ (too much)
- 4: Experience a lack of oxygen, perhaps
- 5: Crater creator
- 6: Lassoer's cord
- 7: '\_\_\_ Town'
- 8: Regretful
- 9: Casual fabric
- 10: Puzzle piece
- 11: Shrek, e.g.
- 12: Minstrel poet
- 15: Hazarding a guess: doctor who puts stomach muscles in pulleys?
- 20: Cry over spilled milk
- 22: Court divider
- 24: Circles around the sun
- 25: Narrow incisions
- 26: Fortuneteller's deck
- 27: Be taken with
- 28: Himalayan monasteries
- 30: In progress
- 31: 'Jump, Jive, an' Wail' composer/bandleader Louis
- 32: Cobbler's supply
- 34: Not masc.
- 35: Brief time, briefly
- 44: Louse egg
- 46: Boil fluid
- 48: Peach
- 49: Chef, at times
- 50: Hearty meal
- 51: Don
- 52: 'No problem!'
- 53: Conjuror
- 54: Feel compassion
- 55: Eerie sound
- 56: Budgets make them meet
- 59: Like cherries jubilee
- 55: Passports, e.g. (abbr.)
- 56: Pindar product

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