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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Through the Wilderness



By Doug Elwell, President
Butterfield Homeowners Association

*"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations.
Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you:
'He found him in a desert land, and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;
He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.'
~ Deuteronomy 32:7,10*

As with many homeowners in the area, the recent unusually hot weather was so hot and dry that it looked like my yard was turning into a desert. The grass was becoming thin and spare, and the color was turning a variegated patchwork of greens and browns, all as dry as a bone. Living in temperate northern Illinois, we can usually get away with little or no watering, as there is frequent precipitation, temperatures are typically more moderate, and the air is more often on the humid side, so the hot weather usually does not dry out the grass. This year was different, however, and it was becoming clear we were dealing with a heat wave.

The timing was not the best for us at the BHA, as we had planned at the June meeting to have our annual picnic on September 24th, which now looked like it was going to be one of the hottest September 24ths on record. Instead of a cool, refreshing afternoon enjoying the rolling green hills of Kensington Park, we were now faced with a 94-degree scorcher surrounded by dry, brown, dusty grass. That, plus the fact that we were competing with a Bears' game, prospects were bleak for the kind of rousing, well-attended picnic that most people prefer to attend.

As a result, turnout was lower than hoped, but those of us who did attend actually had a pretty good time, many winning some nice bingo prizes and goodie bags. Most of the attendees came later, after the Bears game had ended, so the picnic picked up much later than usual, thanks to the loyal members who braved the heat, as well as some precocious young kids who breathed some life back into the afternoon. Much thanks to those who attended the picnic despite the heat — your loyalty will not be forgotten. As the BHA continues through its current "wilderness period", the heat, pressures and distractions of modern life will make it clear who is truly dedicated to our cause of preserving Butterfield's heritage for future generations.

For our next meeting, our generous friends at the Fountain of Life church have once again allowed us to use the Hospitality Room, which is much nicer than our normal meeting room, so we will once again be serving hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages starting at 7:00 p.m., just prior to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on October 19th at The Fountain of Life Church. As always, our Speak Out! Column is there for you to use to voice your opinion to everyone in Butterfield anonymously. You can "speak out" by emailing butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com, or by sending your feedback via our online contact form at <http://mybhoa.com/contact-form/>.

Finally, the time has come to renew your membership for 2018. Note that memberships renewed prior to October 1st are considered to be for the current fiscal year, and memberships renewed on and after October 1st are considered to be for the next fiscal year. Instructions on how to renew your membership are on the back of this newsletter. 🍁

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- BHA Website: www.mybhoa.com
- Butterfield Park District: 858-2229
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- Good Samaritan Hospital: 275-5900
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- 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
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 - Office: 620-2400
 - Highway: 627-2200

Connie's Corner



By Connie Poulos Loos,
Vice President, Butterfield
Homeowners Association

Homeowner tips from
Keller Williams Experi-
ence Realty Home-
owner Resources:

How to Stage Your Home

When preparing to sell your home, it's often a good idea to stage your property, highlighting its best features with presentation and decor. But how exactly does an effectively staged home entice buyers? Let's break down the science of staging and look at some tips for appealing to the senses.

Sight: When staging your home for prospective buyers, you should take steps to let in as much natural light as possible. Remove thick, heavy curtains and blinds, and avoid blocking windows with furniture. Use lamps with high-wattage bulbs to illuminate spaces that don't receive much outdoor light.

Another way to appeal to buyers' sense of sight: show them more of the room. Remove all excess furniture and clutter to make your spaces feel bigger. When it comes to paint and decor, stick with colors and designs that are muted and neutral. This will leave more to the imagination, allowing visitors to create their own vision of the room, instead of limiting them to yours.

Touch: Physical discomfort can negatively affect mood and perspective, so take care to ensure that your home provides a cozy, clean environment. Adjust the thermostat to ensure the temperature is perfect before buyers arrive. Make sure the surfaces in your home are spotless: there's nothing worse than putting your hand on a table, only to come away with grime or dust.

When it comes to furniture and fabrics, make sure you're showing off your sturdiest and most comfortable pieces. Even though your visitors aren't buying that scratchy couch or rickety table, they may still project

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Our Next Meeting

The next meeting of the BHA will be on Thursday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fountain of Life Church, 2S361 Glen Park Rd. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by a social 1/2 hour with non-alcoholic drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Questions? Call 630-627-4845, or email us at butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com

MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 15, 2017

Attendees

President Doug Elwell and 17 attendees.

Call to Order

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

Approved Motions

- A motion was approved to budget \$500 for printing additional "Beautiful Butterfield" brochures.
- An additional motion was approved to automatically give new homeowners one free year of membership in the Butterfield Homeowners Association.

Pledge of Allegiance

Special Presentation/Police Report

Corporal Mike Urso of the DuPage County Sherriff's Office made a presentation on local criminal activity and related issues in the Butterfield subdivision. Corporal Mike discussed how there has been an uptick in burglaries locally, including Butterfield East, Butterfield West and Valley View, caused by an organized group from Chicago. The group uses underage kids to go around looking for unlocked doors on cars and houses. If a car has keys in the ignition, the car

will be stolen. Sometimes, kids home from college will also engage in petty crimes, mainly burglary. Mike explained that simply going into someone's car is considered to be criminal trespass to vehicle, whether they steal anything or not. Other "lowlights" of Corporal Mike's presentation included:

- On Glen Avenue, a wallet was taken from an unlocked vehicle, and the identity of the owner was stolen and was being used in Chicago.
- On Coronet Road, a car was stolen.
- On Valley Road, there was another burglary from an unlocked vehicle.
- There was also a drunk & disturbance incident as well as a dog bite incident.
- On Coronet Road there was a report of a suspicious noise like a gunshot.
- On Coronet Road there was another incident where valuables were stolen from an unlocked car.

Door-to-door solicitors have to get a permit from the county in order to solicit. This includes seemingly legitimate people such as energy companies trying to get you to switch to their energy company. Most of these people are legitimate, but some are actually criminals knocking on the door to see



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if anyone is home, and then checking the doorknob to see if the door is unlocked. Feel free to call 911 if you see suspicious people, but use discretion. If 911 gives you a hard time, tell them Officer Urso told you to call. He would also prefer you deal with the police directly rather than posting incidents online. Other points of discussion included people speeding down Lloyd and drivers not honoring crosswalks.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The reading of the minutes was waived by the membership.

Officer and Committee Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

All numbers are reported as of June 13th, 2017:

ASSETS

- Checking account\$5,621.96
- PayPal\$274.01
- Money Market Account\$13,856.45
- CD \$4,908.88
- Balance in postage acct.\$1,560.88

Note: Balance in postage account does not include Summer 2016 newsletter postage cost.

TOTAL ASSETS\$26,222.18

INCOME AND EXPENSES (MARCH 16TH – JUNE 13TH)

INCOME:

- 2017 member dues (including PayPal) (69 households, YTD total 188 households):\$1,707.49
- Spring 2017 Newsletter Advertising
 - Paid by Check\$310.00
 - Paid with Cash\$40.00
 - Paid via PayPal\$195.00
- Total Newsletter Advertising:\$545.00
- TOTAL INCOME (for 3/16-6/13)\$2,252.49

EXPENSES:

- Bulk Mail Permit\$225.00
- BHA 2017 Annual Report Filing with State of IL ..\$10.00
- Printing Cost for Spring 2017 Newsletter\$596.21
- Gjorgji Jorgolli 2016 Christmas House 3rd Prize..\$25.00
- Carl Schroeder – repayment for light bulbs.....\$8.61
- Printing Cost for Membership Postcard.....\$109.90
- Deposit into Bulk Mail account\$1,000.00
- TOTAL EXPENSES:\$1,974.72
- NET Income or Loss (3/16-6/13, Gain):+\$277.77

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WELCOME WAGON COMMITTEE

Sandy and Jean visited 12 homes since the last meeting. They were almost all young families with children. A motion was passed to print more "Beautiful Butterfield" brochures as the Welcome Wagon ladies have given almost all of them away to new homeowners. If you would like to suggest changes to the brochure, if you are a new homeowner and have not received your welcome bag, or if you are a local business who would like to add your promotional materials to our bags, please call us at 630-627-4845, or email us at butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

No report this meeting.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

No report this meeting

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

2017 PICNIC PLANNING

This year the members in attendance decided to hold the annual picnic at Kensington Park. Last year, at Glen Briar Park, the tables were neither clean nor conveniently arranged, and the attendees had to spend a fair amount of time cleaning and rearranging them so we could use them for the picnic. Kensington Park has a nice, fixed pavilion under which cleaner picnic tables are more neatly arranged,

and the park is more conveniently located for our residents to attend, so we decided to try Kensington this year. We also decided to save money by using email and social media to alert attendees of the date of the picnic, which was set to be held on Sunday, September 24th. This resulted in a substantial cost savings as, including printing and postage, the picnic reminder card costs us nearly \$500 per year. That, and since about the same number of people ended up registering to attend the picnic as had in the previous year, we will be relying on email, our website at <http://www.mybhoa.com>, and other social media outlets to alert our residents of the picnic and other events.

Open Forum

Much of the time at the meeting was spent discussing topics of interest to the attendees, which is a good sign of a healthy interest amongst the members in attendance in the welfare of our community. Most of the discussion centered around the following four topics:

SIDEWALK TALK

The townships started working on upgrading the sidewalks in the spring of this year, but our residents were not always completely satisfied as to the quality of the work. Most people had a good experience, but others had been inconvenienced in various ways, both in terms of having their sidewalks and driveways partly blocked, and having leftover bags of crushed limestone, rebar, and other materials lying around in the parkways, sometimes for weeks. Some noted that the quality of the construction was not always the best, noting that crushed rock and/or rebar was not always laid

down prior to the pouring of the cement. However, the general consensus was that the sidewalk situation has markedly improved, thanks to the diligence of the townships.

GARBAGE COMPANY CONSOLIDATION

At the March annual meeting, the York and Milton Township Highway Department representatives had come to the meeting to address our concerns about the sidewalks, and mentioned that a lot of the problems with the streets and curbs has to do with the large number of garbage trucks that regularly use our streets. The average weight of a fully loaded garbage truck is 15-20

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tons, and statistics show that they do more damage to the streets every year than thousands of cars. The large number of garbage trucks is partly due to the large number of waste disposal companies that currently operate in Butterfield, including Waste Management, Flood Brothers and Du-Page Disposal, with others regularly vying for our business. For more information, see the article we wrote on the various waste disposal options available to you for free on our website by going to <http://mybhoa.com/newsletters/> and clicking on "June 2014 Newsletter". The article starts on page 10. It was agreed that the people of Butterfield should settle on one or two waste disposal companies in order to reduce wear and tear on our streets and curbs, like it was in the old days when Waste Management was the primary provider, but it is difficult to do so these days when so few people get actively involved in their community and their homeowners association.

ENTRANCE SIGNS UPKEEP

Some members expressed concern that the areas around the entrance signs were not being kept up as well as they used to be, as the Schroeders have not been able to spend as much time on them as they would like to. That, and the lack of volunteers to help the Schroeders take care of the entrances, has led the board to consider using professionals to help with upkeep for the entrance signs from now on. If you would like to volunteer to help keep our entrance signs and surrounding environs beautiful, please contact Carl and Phyllis Schroeder at 630-627-2671, email: pianograma@comcast.net

SIDEWALKS OVER I-355?

BHA member Terry Shapiro of Canary Lane discussed his concern about the lack of sidewalks on the sides of the Butterfield Road overpass over Interstate 355. He proposed that we contact IDOT and have them build sidewalks with a barrier on the north and south sides of Butterfield Road in order to provide safe passage for people who frequently use the very narrow space between the road and the edge of the bridge to cross over 355, regardless of the risk. IDOT is looking at doing some remodeling in the near future, so Terry believes now is a good time to encourage them to build such a structure. The main contact at IDOT for our district, District 1, is Anthony Quigley, District Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096. More information and a mailable form letter will be provided later in this newsletter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on October 19th, 2017 at the Fountain of Life Church. 🌿

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🌿 **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: connieloos21@aol.com. See her ad on page 9 for more information.

🌿 **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. See her ad on page 2 for more information.

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BUTTERFIELD NEWS

Out with the Old & in with the New: Kmart, Mariano's & the Future of the Butterfield Area

BHA Today Editorial Staff

At last the new Mariano's has opened, replacing the aging eyesore formerly known as Kmart. When I was growing up in the area in the 1970s, Kmart was one of the local favorite places to shop for various and sundry items of all types. The "blue light special" was one of their marketing gimmicks to get shoppers to impulse buy whatever overstock they had on hand. I myself as a young boy camped out in the books and magazines section while my mother shopped around, my fuzzy memories of the place during that time being mostly pleasant ones.

Over time, however, the place fell into decay. The linoleum tile became yellow and cracked, and the aisles of hardware and inexpensive clothing became shabbier and more unkempt, until our beloved local Kmart became more of a local embarrassment. During the late 1980s Kmart began its slow decline, which continued throughout the 1990s and into the 2000s. Kmart enjoyed a brief revival after it merged with Sears in 2004, after which time many of their stores, including our own, were rebranded as "Big K" stores. Kmart continued to survive for another decade until continued financial difficulties forced Kmart, now part of Sears Holdings Corporation, to shutter the doors of over 100 stores, our local Kmart being one of them. Closing its doors for good in 2013, Our dear old decrepit Kmart sat idle for four years, waiting for a better managed company to take over that prime real estate and once again put it to good use.

In 2016 Mariano's worked out a deal with the City of Lombard to purchase the old Kmart location and turn it into one of their very popular

"fresh market" stores. Mariano's is actually a sub-brand of Roundy's, which is itself a subsidiary of Kroger. Roundy's was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1872 as a food distributor, but later expanded into retail, under various brand names as Pick 'n Save, Cops Food Center and Metro Market, all based in Wisconsin. Mariano's Fresh Market is Roundy's Chicago-based *nom de plume*, their great success being attributed to the development of upscale shopping facilities that still offer food at affordable prices.

My initial experience with Mariano's was actually the Mariano's in Wheaton, where I

lived for about a dozen years starting back in the mid 90s. Wheaton was and is known for its upscale shopping and quality of life, but it comes at a price. I considered buying a house in Wheaton, but for the money I would pay for a house there I found I could get something much larger here in Butterfield. So I moved back to my old neighborhood, "where everybody knows your name", and I have been living here ever since, working hard to keep the old traditions alive.

I have been pleasantly surprised at the way that our area has been gradually improving, even becoming gentrified in some ways. Our housing values have increased significantly over the past decade, and the quality of the restaurants and shopping has made our area one of the best shopping areas in the Chicago area, if not the world. Mariano's sits as the jewel in the crown of our local amenities, and our area continues to flourish.

Still, there was something about old Butterfield that rings true to this day. We must not forget the past, as it holds the key to our future. Join us at the BHA and help us maintain the best of the old, and the new. 🍷



Mariano's Fresh Market's beautiful store front. Mariano's first opened its doors on August 22, 2017, and it was mobbed with visitors from day one. Weeks after its opening employees still had to park across the street in order to allow enough room for the massive amounts of visitors.



Mariano's designers paid exquisite attention to detail, making sure each aisle is a new and pleasant experience.

This "Rome" emblem is actually painted with light, slowly rotating to let the shopper know this aisle specializes in Italian cuisine.



CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Help Us Get Sidewalks on the Butterfield Road Bridge over 355!

By Doug Elwell

Earlier this year I was approached by one of our members regarding an idea he had to convince the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to build a safe walkway along the sides of the Butterfield Road bridge over I-355. He said it was necessary so that people could safely cross over 355 in order to walk to the Finley Square Mall shopping center, as well as other local restaurants and shopping.

At first I thought it was an unnecessary, even frivolous request, as most people simply drive these days. Moreover, I knew from experience how hard it can be to get government to get normal needs taken care of, let alone more unusual requests such as building a sidewalk along a bridge that has already been long completed. The recent work on our sidewalks took a fair amount of effort to convince the townships that they need to be replaced, and our local sidewalks are a higher priority because not only are they part of Butterfield proper, but also they are more highly trafficked and their formerly decrepit state has actually been the cause of significant injuries. The sidewalks our loyal BHA member was proposing to have built were much more out of the way, and in fact would be outside of Butterfield proper. That I felt spelled doom for the effort, and so set it aside behind the numerous other concerns the BHA is fighting for on your behalf.

But one day when I saw a young girl and her younger brother precariously making their way along the small space between the low outer wall and the traffic along the Butterfield bridge, I realized that the sidewalk was needed because people were crossing there whether it was safe to do so or not. I saw with greater clarity why our erstwhile member was so aggressive about getting these safe sidewalks put into place — these children could have been my children, walking a precarious path only a few feet away from speeding cars and massive trucks. One mistake, one brief distraction, would lead to horrible tragedy which would be part of our local memories forever. It was then that I realized that this was precisely the sort of thing we at the BHA are here to fight for, and so I took up the challenge to help promote the cause of safer pathways along our major roads.

Inserted in between pages 8 and 9 you should find a pre-written form letter that you can sign and mail to our main contact at IDOT for our district, District 1: Anthony Quigley, District Engineer, Illinois Department of Transportation, 201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096. Please sign and mail in the letter, or use it as a template to create your own letter. We recommend sending letters as they are more prominent and tend to have a greater impact than emails do nowadays, so few letters are sent anymore. Help us save lives, and make a difference. 🌟



A view from the west of the narrow shoulder of the Butterfield bridge over I-355. The shoulder is only about three feet wide, from the white line to the rather low barrier – does this look like a safe place to walk? Many take that risk every day.

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

that cheap quality onto their surroundings.

Hearing: Depending on where you live, ambient noise from outside your home can be a blessing or a liability. If you're in a city, you'll want to minimize street noise by keeping your windows closed. Conversely, if your yard plays host to songbirds, you might consider leaving your windows open.

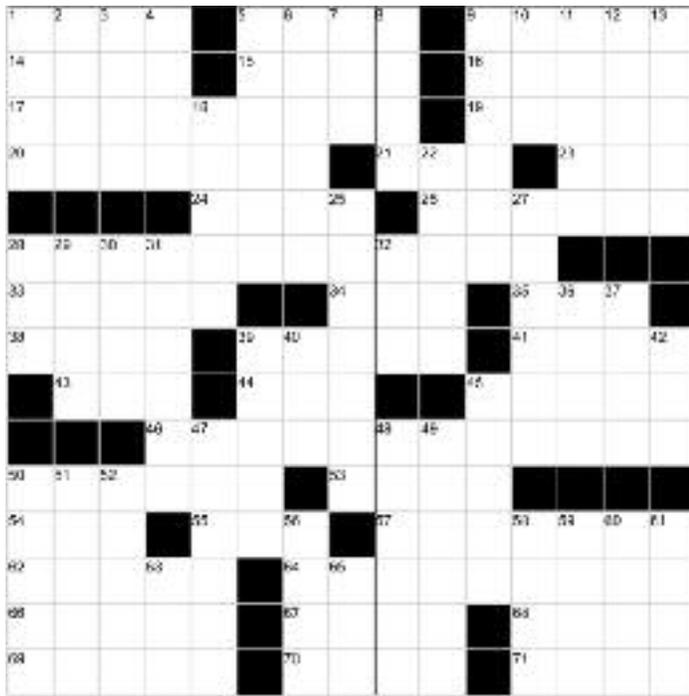
Speaking of songs, you can also use sound actively in your staging. By playing soft, slow, classical music, you can provide buyers with a comfortable atmosphere to contemplate your space. Be sure to keep it simple, quiet, and consistent—after all, you don't want to distract buyers from their big decision.

Smell: Few characteristics will put off home buyers more quickly than a bad odor. If you have lots of carpets or rugs, make sure they've been steam cleaned thoroughly before you start showing your home. Get the dog or cat out of the house, or, if they must stay, make sure they've been bathed recently. Open the windows to let fresh air in at least ten minutes before buyers arrive.

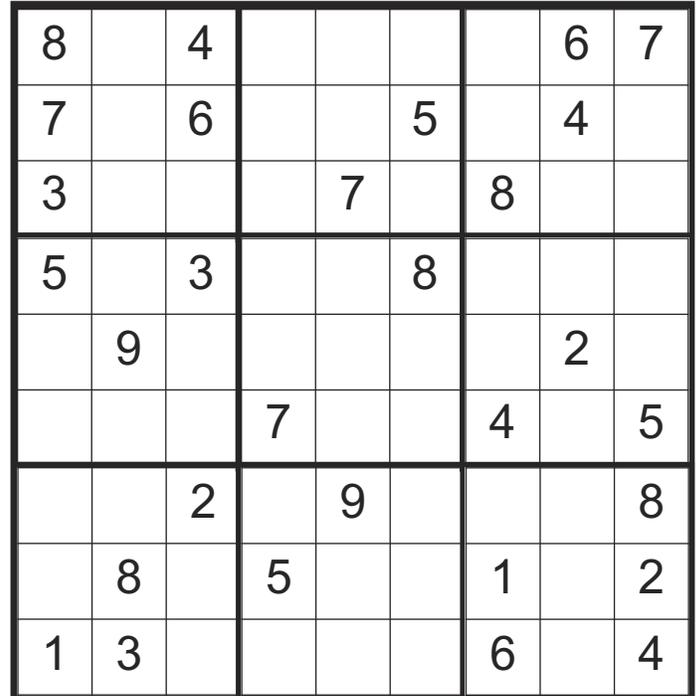
You may have heard stories about baking cookies or lighting scented candles to entice buyers. While pleasant odors can have a positive impact, it's important to keep your efforts subtle and simple. An overpowering smell, no matter how sweet, will reduce buyers' focus and undermine your staging efforts. 🌟

Homeowner tips from Keller Williams Experience Realty Homeowner Resources

FAMILY FUN



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



SUDOKU

ACROSS

- 1: Point out
- 5: Horse color
- 9: Winter drink
- 14: Fabled race loser
- 15: Mercury or Saturn
- 16: Clued in
- 17: Tried
- 19: Mercury, for one
- 20: Heartache
- 21: Resort hotel
- 23: Diamond judge
- 24: Sow's opposite
- 26: Andean beasts of burden
- 28: Organizations with Greek letters
- 33: Johnnycakes
- 34: Wedding page word
- 35: 9 - 5, e.g.
- 38: Speck of dust
- 39: Chad and Tanganyika
- 41: Part of a gas mileage rating
- 43: Set of supplies
- 44: Spot
- 45: Prima ____
- 46: Beloved Ralph and Alice?
- 50: Nod of the head, for one
- 53: 'No problem!'
- 54: Lurid
- 55: Divot material
- 57: Naps in Nogales
- 62: Tolerate
- 64: Transfer from one carrier to another, as freight
- 66: Transplant, in a way
- 67: Person of vision
- 68: Ammonia compound
- 69: Get into uniform
- 70: ____ d'oeuvre (appetizer)
- 71: Whimper

DOWN

- 1: Roe source
- 2: Really dislike
- 3: Table scraps
- 4: Sob
- 5: Like some wit
- 6: Beat to the tape
- 7: Had a bite
- 8: Acknowledges silently
- 9: Monterrey dish
- 10: Have markers out
- 11: Bit of fact
- 12: Type of queen
- 13: Cries out
- 18: Fillies, when grown
- 22: Ballet bends
- 25: Evergreen tree has critical condition that's contagious (7)
- 27: Sub sinker
- 28: 28,800 seconds before midnight
- 29: Castle in a board game
- 30: Knock preceder
- 31: Cut canines
- 32: Player's peg
- 36: Jambalaya grain
- 37: Recipe direction
- 39: Slowly, in music
- 40: Bluto's assent
- 42: 'Sure thing!'
- 45: Theater lobby
- 47: Beginnings
- 48: Tony, to Jeannie
- 49: Basketry twigs
- 50: Judgment payout
- 51: One-edged sword
- 52: Straight-billed game bird
- 56: Soap site
- 58: Visit a run-down neighborhood
- 59: Word before irons or chains
- 60: Freshly
- 61: Flipped fish fancier
- 63: Fancy affairs
- 65: Opposite of paleo-





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Anthony Quigley, PE
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Dear Mr. Quigley:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a transportation need and a potential opportunity to address it. The need relates to a pedestrian and bicycle barrier along a State route in DuPage County. At the bridge carrying Illinois Route 56 (Butterfield Road) over Interstate 355 there exists a six-lane roadway with essentially no roadway shoulders between the ramp intersections. This situation makes it very difficult for any pedestrians or bicyclists who live in the residential areas to the west (including the Butterfield East subdivision, in which we live) to access the shopping and restaurants to the east in the Finley Square Mall and the Yorktown Shopping Center. With the large volumes of traffic and high rates of speeds, it makes it highly dangerous and essentially impossible for these non-motorized modes of transportation to traverse along this route.

We understand that the Illinois Tollway is embarking upon a rehabilitation project for the Butterfield Road bridge over I-355 as part of an overall larger rehabilitation project along I-355 from Butterfield Road to Army Trail Road, which could go to construction as soon as 2018. We think this would be an ideal opportunity for the two transportation agencies to work together towards a common goal and address an unsafe condition that is an accident waiting to happen. Safety for pedestrians and bicyclists should be paramount on the State system, especially in areas where there are needs to connect people with shopping and dining areas, which can in turn decrease the number of vehicles on these roads and reduce congestion. Please reach out to the Illinois Tollway and work with them to add these needed improvements to their project so that this need can be addressed. Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,