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A young girl with a braid holding a ginger cat in a field of tall grass. The girl is looking down at the cat with a gentle smile. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass and a few small white flowers.

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Have some fun with our quarterly crossword puzzle, sudoku, and a pithy cartoon. We have expanded our Family Fun section to also include some tongue-in-cheek editorial, and even a dot-to-dot! Have more ideas for our Family Fun section? Want to add your own 2¢ and publish your own opinion? Let us know at butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held at the new Christ Church Butterfield, 2S361 Glen Park Rd., March 19th at 7:30 p.m., come early to do some socializing!





Butterfield News

Coronavirus Information

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a new, or “novel” version of the existing Coronavirus disease that emanated from Wuhan province in China in late 2019. COVID-19 is short for COrona Virus Disease 2019.

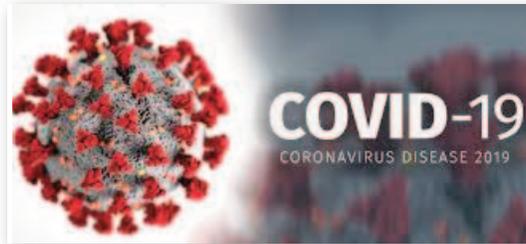
What It Does

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and, in rare cases, death (est. ~2%). Symptoms are flulike, may appear anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure, and include:

- Fever
- Coughing and sneezing
- Shortness of breath

How It Spreads

Coronavirus is spread mainly by person-to-person contact between people and animals up to six feet away from each other. Respiratory droplets typically come from coughing or sneezing (sneezes



can travel up to 200 feet), but even speaking can transmit droplets from one person to another, usually the mouth, nose or eyes. People can spread the virus without showing signs of illness, so don't assume you or others are not spreading it. Some reports also state that the virus can remain alive on surfaces for up to two weeks.

How to Protect Yourself

Though there is no vaccine available yet, everyday preventive actions can help prevent its spread, including:

- Avoid close contact with people;
- Avoid touching any part of your face;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer;
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.

Learn more at the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/> or watch updates on the progress of the virus in Illinois at <https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/coronavirus-in-illinois-what-we-know-so-far/> 🌐

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Letter from the President



Cat o' Nine Tales

By Doug Elwell, President
Butterfield Homeowners Association

*"I would like to see anyone, prophet, king or God, convince a thousand cats to do the same thing at the same time."
~ Neil Gaiman*

No doubt most of you living in Butterfield have a beloved pet, whether a dog or a cat, some fish, or even a snake. In any case, pets are one of the key ingredients of a happy family, and the unsung heroes of many happy memories.

For this reason, my cat Simba and I have agreed that animals need better representation in our newsletter. I am sure if he could talk he would have many "tales" to tell, having been in and out of various homes and shelters until I rescued him a couple of years ago. Now he is purrfectly content in his new home, and you will find his new "Kitty's Corner" column in our expanded "Family Fun" section, where he will expound on various issues of concern to our animal friends.

Also in this issue (left) we discuss the COVID-19, or "Coronavirus" disease. And no, it is not spread by drinking Corona beer, as some apparently have suspected. It is not a serious threat to our community, but could have become one if our leadership had not acted quickly to contain the virus. Despite this, there are a number of confirmed cases in the Chicago area and, due to the pernicious nature of the virus and its tendency to spread prior to symptoms being shown, it may be more widespread than we think, so the time is now to start taking precautions.



This issue, and all spring, summer and fall issues of our new magazine, will only go out to you, our faithful membership. Please come to the next meeting, our annual meeting, where we will be discussing these and other important topics, planning out the year's agenda, and having our annual election. We will be meeting at the usual place and time on Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 p.m. Come a few minutes early to socialize and make some new friends! Come and help make Butterfield a community again. ☀

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Connie's Corner



Connie's Corner

By Connie Poulos Loos,
Vice President, Butterfield
Homeowners Association

6 Simple Spring-Cleaning Tips for New Homeowners

Spring cleaning can either be the best, or worst, part of the new season. On one hand, who doesn't love spring weather? Plus, it can feel good to tackle those projects that you've been meaning to get to all winter. But if you've recently moved into a new home, you probably already have a laundry list of "to-do" items to turn your new house into your home.

Here are six tasks to tackle these next few months that will add value to your new home... and immediately make it feel more like your own.

OUTDOOR CHORES

☀️ Plant some perennials

These plants come back every year, saving you money long term. Invest the time now and you won't have to plant again for many years to come. Hydrangeas, peony and daylily are some of the most popular and are easy to maintain – no matter how green your thumb is or isn't.

☀️ Power wash your decks and vinyl siding

Maybe the previous owner power washed last spring, or maybe

they didn't. Either way, spring is a great time to clean the outside of the house. Your wood decks can use a cleaning every year too, maybe even a new stain. You can purchase a power washer from your local store or ask a new neighbor to borrow theirs.

☀️ Clean your screens

Don't use the power washer for this one, just some good elbow grease will do. A simple soap and water solution and a sponge is all you need. Whether you open the windows or not, dirt can build up on your screens throughout the year.



☀️ Clean out your dryer vent

Not only can lint buildup become a fire hazard, it also makes your dryer work harder. This can cause you to run the dryer more than once, costing you time and an increase to your utility bill. Even though this task is not among the most glamorous, being outside is a great way to meet your new neighbors and bond over the joy that is spring cleaning when you're a homeowner.

INDOOR DIY PROJECTS

☀️ Steam clean your tile and reseal it

Your floors have seen it all. Give your floors some love this spring. From the sellers moving everything out to you moving everything in — and, oh yeah, that thing called life — your floors definitely need a little bit of TLC.

You can buy a sealer from any local hardware store. This will make your tile more stain resistant and stay shiny, longer.

You can give your wood floors the same love too with a waxing or new cleaning product.

☀️ Keep organizing

When you first started unpacking your new home, you were probably on your "A" game organizing. But towards the end of moving, we get tired and become a bit less organized.

Maybe there are still boxes that need to be unpacked or some closets a bit unruly. Take this time to assess what you have versus what you need and find items you forget you even had.

You either love or hate Spring Cleaning. Whatever side you fall on, this home marks a new chapter in your life, so start on a clean foot. ☀️

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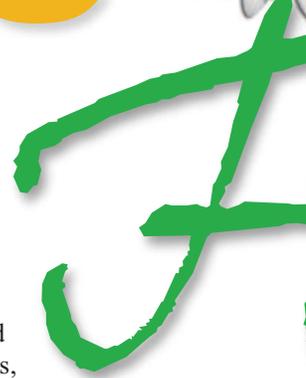
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Springtime



Folly /'fālē/ noun: Middle English: from Old French *folie* “madness”, in modern French also, “delight, favorite dwelling”, compare with folly from *fol*, “fool, foolish”. Springtime is the time for folly and frivolity, for cutting loose and shaking off the frost of winter that affected both body and soul. There are plenty of wonderful activities and festivals to attend throughout the Chicago area, some of them right here in our own backyard. Here is a selection of some of the best and most accessible events:

2020 WHEATON SPRING ANTIQUE VINTAGE FLEA MARKET

Wheaton, March 29, 8 am–3 pm
Come shop antique furniture, used watches, old paintings, silverware, old jewelry, toys, curios and more. Food and drinks will be available.

Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester
Admission: \$7. Children 12 and under free with an adult.

2020 SPRING FESTIVAL, AN ARTS & CRAFTS AFFAIR

Villa Park, April 3–5
Hundreds of the nation’s finest artists and crafters display and sell their handcrafted works. An

hourly gift certificate winner, plenty of food & drink, lots of family fun, and free parking! Your paid admission is good all weekend long with a hand stamp! For more information call 402-331-2889.

Location: The Odeum Expo Center, 1033 N. Villa Ave., Villa Park
Hours: Fri. 11am–9pm; Sat. 9am–6pm; Sun. 10am–5pm.
Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children Under 10 are free.
Website: www.hpifestivals.com

2020 AURORA SPRING CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

Aurora, April 4th, 11am–3pm
The Aurora Craft and Vendor Fair will be held on April 4th, 2020. Come out for shopping, crafts, raffle and more.
Location: Eola Community Center, 555 S. Eola Rd, Aurora

2020 WHEATON SPRING TRAIN SHOW

Wheaton, April 5th, 9:30am–3pm

The Train Show will host approximately 180 exhibitors from over 10 different states. The exhibitors will be showcasing trains of all scales and gauges. You'll find new and used products including HO Scale, N Scale, O scale, G scale, Lionel, standard gauge, American flyer, die-cast vehicles, scenery items, hobby tools, railroading, train whistles, t-shirts, slides, videos, railroad gift items, photos,

books, and much more. Come buy, sell or trade your trains. Free parking.

Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester
Admission: Adults \$7, kids under 12 are free.

2020 WHEATON COIN OP AND ADVERTISING SHOW

Wheaton, April 17–19
At the Windy City Coin Op and Advertising Show you will find jukeboxes, antiques, collectibles, slot machines, antique cash registers, neon signs, gumball, arcade games, antique bottles, peanut and candy machines, old toys, coin op machines, petroliana, pinball, and all types of antique advertising.

Location: DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester
Hours: Fri. noon–6pm, Sat. 9am–5pm, Sun. 9am–3pm
Admission: Adults \$7, kids under 12 are free.

LILAC TIME IN LOMBARD

Lombard, May 1–17
The Lombard Park District’s Lilacia Park is an 8.5-acre horticultural showcase featuring 700 lilacs and 25,000 tulips! All ages will enjoy a stroll through the park or one of our many special events. From tastings to tours and concerts to coronation, there is something for everyone during Lilac Time 2020.

Location: 150 S. Park Ave.
Hours: Weekdays: 11 am–5pm, Weekends: 10 am–6 pm
Website: <http://www.lombardlilactime.com>



The Lilac Time festival in Lombard goes from May 1–17 and features an Art & Craft Fair on May 3rd, as well as many other activities. Download a complete schedule of events at <https://bit.ly/38y6YUp>



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2020 LOMBARD LILAC TIME ART & CRAFT FAIR

Lombard, May 3rd, 10am-4pm

The Lilac Time Art and Craft Fair will be held on May 3rd as part of Lombard's "Lilac Time" festival. This fair will include over 100 crafters and vendors, food vendors, kid zone activities and more. Also enjoy local music and entertainment.

Location: St. Charles Rd. between Main St. and Elizabeth Rd.

Admission: Free

SEASON FINALE! THE PLANETS AT THE HEMMENS CULTURAL CENTER

Elgin, May 2-3

Join us for this cosmic performance of Gustav Holst's "The Planets". Experience the celestial finale of the 70th season with Music Director Andrew Grams, the ESO and the Elgin Master Chorale. Opening with Holst's ethereal "The Hymn of Jesus", this concert will bring you to your knees.

Location: Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way, Elgin

Website: <https://www.elginsymphony.org/concert/season-finale-the-planets/>

Learn more online at <https://www.enjoyillinois.com> and <https://www.fairsandfestivals.net>



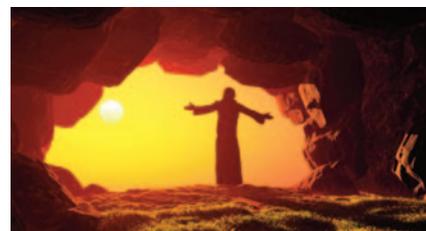
Easter: Christian or Pagan?



Easter Sunday this year will be celebrated on April 12th. Though typically associated more nowadays with the Easter bunny, brightly colored eggs, and candy treats, it was originally a Christian holiday that the ancient Anglo-Saxon Christians had combined with the worship of their pagan goddess Eostre, their goddess of fertility who returned every spring to bring fertility to the land. Her worship was associated with the sacrifice of rabbits, and the brightly colored eggs were also given as sacrifice to Eostre as thanks for returning fertility to the land, ably symbolized by the egg.

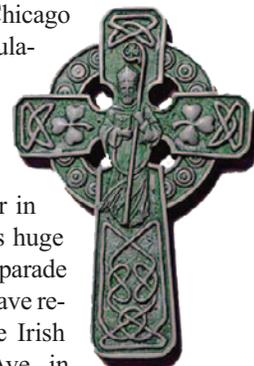
Nowadays of course chocolate rabbits and Easter-egg hunts are all that are left of that ancient religion. Christianity has since taken the place of the old ways and replaced them with the idea that the Son of the Most High God had been born as a man, led a sinless life, died for our sins, and was resurrected on the third day. Easter Sunday is that "third day". On that day that man, Jesus, arose from the dead, the first of many Christians who would be destined to also rise from the dead at the end of time, and live forever in heaven.

If you are curious to learn more about the Christian message, contact Christ Church Butterfield. Contact information can be found on page 7 of this magazine.



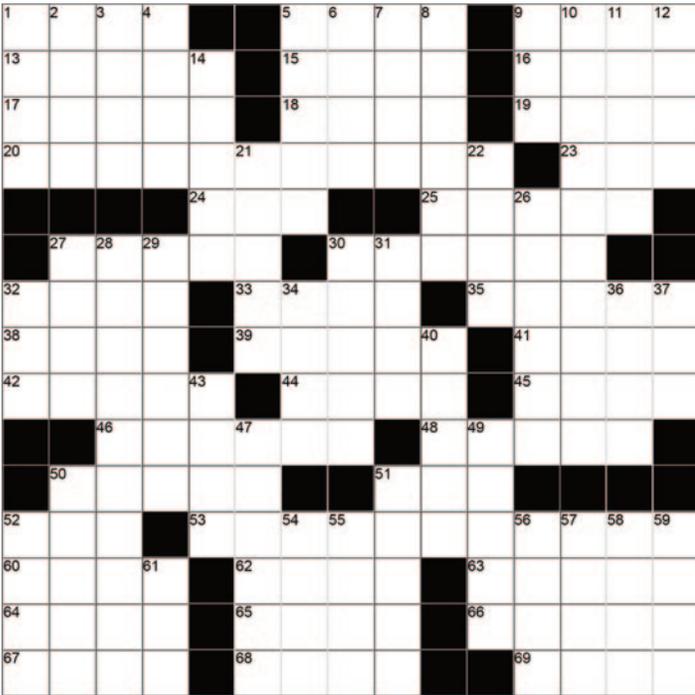
St. Patrick's Day Festivals

St. Patrick's Day is a big affair in the Chicago area, due to the historically large population of Irish immigrants. The epicenter of Irish culture and activities is actually in the Chicago neighborhood of Beverly, and the majority of large Irish festivals, parade, and general happenings take place either there or in downtown Chicago, known worldwide for its huge Chicago St. Patrick's Day parade. Though the parade will already have taken place by the time you have received this newsletter, you can still visit the Irish American Heritage Center at 4626 Knox Ave. in Chicago. There are also additional parades on the south and north-west sides of Chicago, and a surprising number of festivities through St. Patrick's Day proper, which is always held on March 17th. For more information visit <https://www.choosechicago.com/articles/holidays/st-patricks-day-chicago/> and <https://www.timeout.com/chicago/things-to-do/the-best-st-patricks-day-events-in-chicago> for lots of useful information and links.





Family Fun



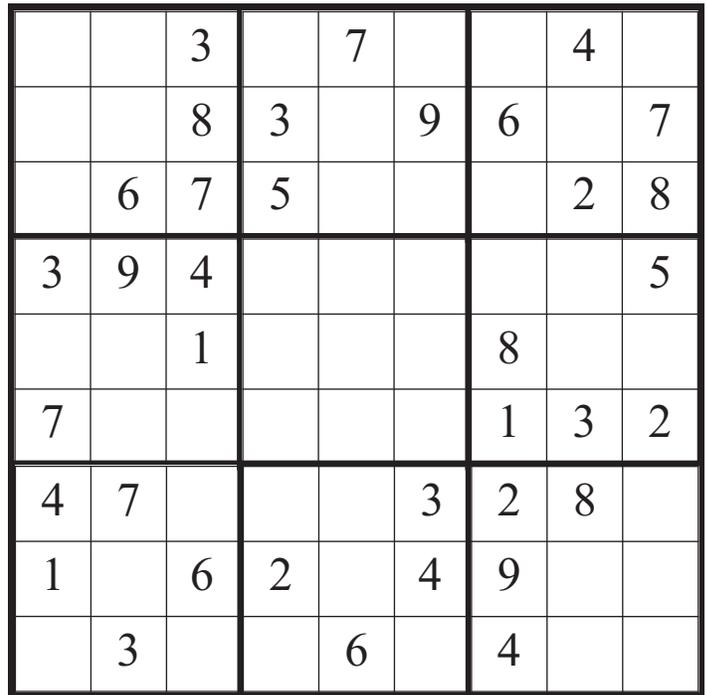
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1: Off course
- 5: Baseball VIPs
- 9: Intervals
- 13: Salad oil holder
- 15: Break time
- 16: Multigenerational story
- 17: Dining room staple
- 18: Cooked sufficiently
- 19: Isinglass
- 20: A dynamic speaker, e.g.
- 23: Put up preserves
- 24: Ran in front
- 25: Picture puzzle
- 27: No longer in vogue
- 30: Curtain attachment
- 32: Type type
- 33: 'Hamlet,' for example
- 35: Ragged
- 38: Greek letter
- 39: 'Gracious ___ alive!'
- 41: 'Natch!'
- 42: Overhead sight at a ballgame, perhaps
- 44: Dove tail
- 45: Harness race pace
- 46: Brings to a halt
- 48: Lightened up
- 50: Mottled mare
- 51: Marsh
- 52: Biretta or beret
- 53: Small hoverer
- 60: Indian maid
- 62: Hooligan
- 63: Island near Molokai
- 64: Word before blocker or testing
- 65: Hawaiian dance
- 66: In conclusion, in Cannes
- 67: Leak slowly
- 68: Drop a dime on
- 69: Mafia bosses

DOWN

- 1: Behaves
- 2: Envelop
- 3: Yokel
- 4: Loud utterance
- 5: Reversed the effects of
- 6: Night light
- 7: Toy boat spot
- 8: Curls one's lip
- 9: Amethyst or tourmaline
- 10: Beekeeping
- 11: Typographic units
- 12: Read quickly
- 14: Squeals, so to speak
- 21: Blows the horn
- 22: Unused portion
- 26: Animals
- 27: It may be Olympic-sized
- 28: Look forward to
- 29: Pollen producer
- 30: Accepts uncomplainingly
- 31: Motion-carrying votes
- 32: Little lie
- 34: Like some excuses
- 36: Trampled (on)
- 37: In the time left
- 40: Metallic quality
- 43: Course of action
- 47: Endeavored
- 49: Point of view
- 50: Check recipient
- 51: Set in concrete, so to speak
- 52: Airport vehicles
- 54: Pout
- 55: Gangster's gal
- 56: Wedding entertainment
- 57: Dirt, so to speak
- 58: Parade spoiler
- 59: Clamors
- 61: Come to pass



Sudoku





Family Fun



Kitty's Corner

Introducing Simba the Cat

"In this snug corner of the world we may realize that our comfortable routine is ... merely a little space of calm in the midst of this tempestuous world."

~ George Will

Welcome to Kitty's Corner, the place to come for biting political commentary, politically incorrect satire, expert advice on animal-human relations, and much, much more. My master and I have decided to add some animal-friendly editorial to expand *Butterfield Today's* coverage to include both humans and animals. I never finished my master's degree in journalism from Northwestern years ago, deciding instead to take a year-long sabbatical in the south of France to "find myself". However, I have kept my journalistic claws sharp by doing fierce online blogging and occasional color commentary for Fox News, and am itching to get back into the big game with this, my first real column.

As implied by my choice of the George Will quote above, I think it is remarkable how calm and well ordered the Butterfield area is, considering the political, economic, and health crises that seem to surround us. Butterfield has always been a place of calm in a world gone mad, and that's the way we like it. Nice and normal, with everything always staying exactly the same, and no one trying to stand out from the crowd.

My alter ego recently sent out a link on Nextdoor.com to the CDC's recommendations on how to prepare for the latest version of the Coronavirus, a virus that apparently affects both humans and animals, so it is in our mutual best interest to be prepared for this and future diseases. Indeed, it is believed that the virus was transmitted via a bat that had been sold in a wet market in Wuhan, China, proving that it can pass between humans and animals, unlike previous versions of Coronavirus that were restricted to either humans or animals. So, when making preparations for this and future diseases, please keep your furry friends in mind.

And speaking of foxes, we have seen a few of them around, along with some coyotes. Though they are cute and look similar to dogs, they are still dangerous to children and pets, and can also carry rabies, so please keep a close eye when you let your kids and pets outside.

My master says being a leader is a lot like herding cats. After reminding him curtly of the specist nature of that statement, I had to agree with him. People don't work together like they used to. As the good book says, instead of working together, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." If we continue to have problems with viruses, or other significant issues that threaten our peaceful community, we must remain united, or we may fall. ☀

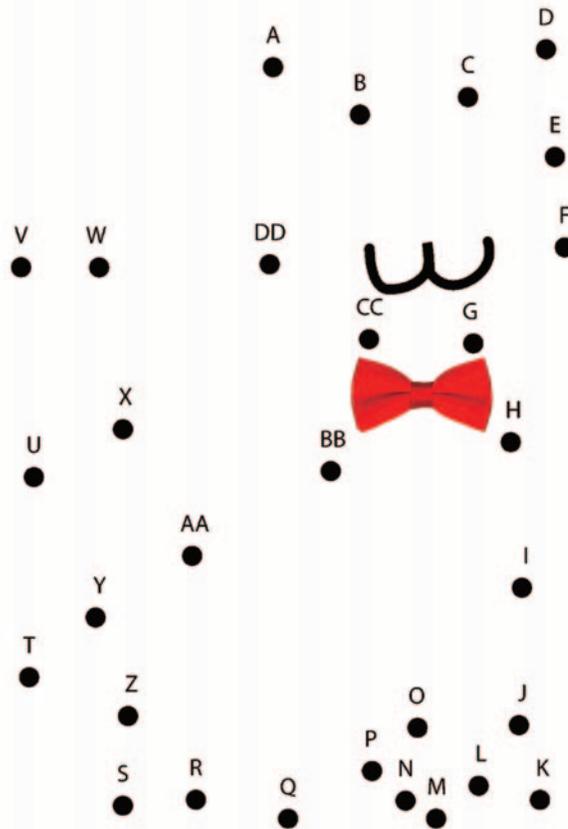
Butterfield Park District Youth Programs

The Butterfield Park District has a variety of programs designed to be meaningful and fun for children and teens:

- ☀ Early Childhood Programs (Ages 2 – Pre-K)
- ☀ Learning Nest Early Childhood Education
- ☀ Youth Programs (Ages K–5th grade)
- ☀ Rec Kids Before & After School /No School Days
- ☀ Teen
- ☀ Summer Camps
- ☀ Dance
- ☀ Family Friendly Special Events year-round

The BPD also offers many different programs for kids of all ages including soccer, karate, fitness, and athletics. Adult programs include yoga, dancing, fitness, and more. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.butterfieldpd.com> and click on the "Programs" dropdown, or call 630-858-2229. ☀

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