



The Newsletter of the Penncross Knoll Homeowners Association

### FROM THE BOARD

September | 2022

Fellow Penncross Residents...

hanks to our president, Kajal who took the time to represent our subdivision at the meeting regarding the sound wall on September 8. Please see his recap below and share this outcome with your neighbors who reside within this section of Penncross Knoll who will be directly impacted. The next meeting is scheduled for October 4 and is the LAST opportunity for your voice to be heard. We encourage our residents to attend the final meeting.

#### September 8, 2022 - 248th Avenue Road Improvement Project Update

The Naperville City Hall meeting concluded today to discuss the 248th Avenue sound wall. The City project engineers gave a technical presentation around the noise analysis and design parameters.

The Penncross Knoll HOA sent letters to the residents with homes along 248th Avenue. These homes would be directly impacted by the future traffic projected with the expansion. Only two residents living at 3363 Hollis Circle and 3367 Hollis Circle were present to voice their concern.

As the President of the Penncross Knoll subdivision, I questioned the noise study and put a case to demand for a correction to the 2050 traffic projections for the noise analysis. The point was also emphasized that with the future traffic generator, the reflective noise effect of the sound walls across the street and the four lane traffic, it would be extremely unfair to the residents to deny our homes of the sound wall. A request was made that the City reconsider their decision and provide approval of the sound walls for the Penncross Knoll subdivision.

October 4 is scheduled to be the FINAL day when the City Council will hear from residents who live alongside 248th Avenue warranting the need for a noise wall. For the record, this is our last chance to make your voices heard. The impact to such discussions at the City level are greater when affected residents are involved.

This is a final plea to the residents living at the following addresses to show up at the October 4 meeting at City Hall (Naperville Municipal Center at

400 S. Eagle Street) and express your concerns.

3444 Lapp Lane 3375 Hollis Circle 3359 Hollis Circle 3387 Hollis Circle 3363 Hollis Circle 3391 Hollis Circle 3367 Hollis Circle 3439 Hollis Circle 3371 Hollis Circle 3443 Hollis Circle

The noise wall analysis for 248th Avenue is available on the project website at naperville.il.us/248th-avenue/. View all the latest posts by logging in.

Regards, Kajal Pal

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**ANNUAL MEETING** SUNDAY, **OCTOBER 23** 5 PM.

We will communicate more details on the **ANNUAL MEETING** via email and notices in vour mailbox.

If you have any questions or topics you would like discussed, please email the board at penncrossknollhoa @gmail.com.

#### **HELP NEEDED!**



We would like volunteers whose children attend Fry, Scullen and WVHS to send us a snippet of what is happening at the schools for this newsletter.

Kristi Bloedorn is the contact and her kids are grown so she will need your help with current events.

Please email the board or see her at the annual meeting next month if you are willing to fill this spot.

#### **ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS!**

Want to share some favorite memories?

Send them to the **Penncross Knolls** email address penncrossknollhoa@ gmail.com or to **Facebook's Neighbors** of Penncross Knoll. We would love to hear from you.

#### **SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS!**

In the next newsletter we will highlight small businesses for this one special issue. If you'd like to find out more, please email the board or see us at the annual meeting.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WORK FORCE**

We are looking to find some neighbors to help with a few groups within our subdivision.

If you are interested, please send a note to us at penncrossknollhoa@ gmail.com.

We will communicate on the website for those who need these services.

> Dog walking Dog sitting **Babysitting** Lawn mowing

(Not to be confused with actual vendors. This is neighbors helping neighbors.)

## Canine & Conner Feline



## SAY 'WOOF' TO KALI & ELLA



#### **Everts Family on Lapp Lane**

Bill and Lisa Everts are long time residents and have three grown sons — Keenan, Quinn and Preston.

Meet Kali, a Maltese/Lhasa Apso mix who is 2 years old and Ella, a Maltese breed 6 years old.

Their favorite food is chicken, any kind of treats, but they really love the Stella and Chewy chicken patty/meal mixers.

A fun fact is that they share the same dad. Another fun fact is Kali's brother from another liter lives across the street and they like playing with each other.



I fresco dining, novels spread across hammocks, lounging poolside, long sun-filled days, and gardens bursting with color...Summer is in full swing—hot, hazy, and a bit lazy. And with it are the stunning clusters of elegant hydrangeas, one of the few shrubs flowering this time of year.

Available in a variety of shapes, sizes, and hues – from shimmering white, mint green, and baby pink cone-shaped bunches to bold purple and blue mopheads—hydrangeas (also known as hortensia) complement any garden. While also available as vines and growing trees, the most common type of the hydrangea—native to North America and parts of Asia – is the shrub that thrives in partial shade to full sun. Most buds form in late spring and blossom in June and July.

The Growing Place offers an assortment of this ever-popular plant to suit your unique gardening arrangements, including Panicle Hydrangea (Hydrangea paniculata), Bigleaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea macrophylla), Smooth Hydrangea (Hydrangea aborescens), Oakleaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea quercifolia), and Mountain Hydrangea (Hydrangea Serrata). Each has its own needs for planting, sun, watering, pruning, and overall care.

#### PANICLE HYDRANGEA OR HYDRANGEA PANICULATA

One of the hardiest of the hydrangea family, the Panicle Hydrangea, which begins blooming in summer, is known for its interesting color palette of pale pink to chartreuse to white. Available 3'-10' tall as well as in tree form, while this coneshaped variety thrives best in moist, well-drained soil with a good balance of sand, silt, and clay, it does especially well with our more alkaline Illinois zone 5 soil. As summer ebbs and fall sets in, the Panicle Hydrangea's color gradually changes to lovely tints of yellow, orange, and rose.

#### **BIGLEAF HYDRANGEA OR HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA**

The Bigleaf Hydrangea may just be one of the most photographed of the hydrangea family, boasting big, beautiful bunches of round flowers in bright pink, lavender, purple, and blue that bloom early to mid-summer.

Bigleaf Hydrangeas are healthiest in the morning sun with

afternoon shade and moist soil. The bluish versions flourish in acidic soil. Due to the more alkaline soil here in northern Illinois, achieving that blue/lavender plume may prove

difficult yet many still try. If that's you—we recommend that a mixture of Espoma® Soil Acidifier and an organic mixture (perhaps pine needles and decomposed oak leaves).

#### SMOOTH HYDRANGEA OR HYDRANGEA ABORESCENS

Known for their dainty lace-like flowers and long bloom time, these flat or large mophead-style hydrangeas are a unique addition to any garden. They begin flowering in early summer with green bouquets that turn pink or white and convert back to green by the end of July. The Smooth Hydrangea eventually turns brown and is ideal for dried indoor arrangements throughout the winter. An adaptable variety, Smooth Hydrangeas thrive best in shade yet tolerate sun with sufficient watering.

#### OAKLEAF HYDRANGEA OR HYDRANGEA QUERCIFOLIA

Native to the woodlands of the southeastern US, the coarse-textured Oakleaf Hydrangea is cone-shaped

with flowers that bloom winter white and change to rich shades of pink/mauve then red, burgundy and brown. Flowering from early to mid-summer, this 2'-6' shrub provides stunning foliage and warm fall tones.

Requiring a moist, well-drained soil, the Oakleaf Hydrangea blossoms best in shade and partial sun. For maximum growth, color, and vibrancy, we recommend pruning after flowering.









Thank you for supporting our homeless friends!

## **K9 Classes**

#### **K9 Manners Class**

(Ages 11-14)

K9 Manners allows campers to work one-onone with a humane society dog. Campers will learn positive reinforcement training techniques, and then get a chance each class to work with our shelter dogs. There are two 5-week sessions (spring and fall) for K9 Manners that are held on Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm for \$70 per student

Sessions for the 2022-2023 School Year: 2022 Fall Session: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 / Oct. 6 2023 Spring Session: TBD

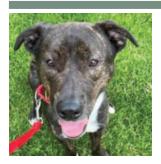
## K9 Masters Class (Ages 13-15)

This is the sister class of K9 Manners that is held on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 pm.
Please see the website for details.
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## Adoptable Pets of the Month...



Major · | Male · | 2 Years Old | Adoption Fee: Sponsored

Weight: 62 pounds

- Likes toys
- Playful, energetic, strong puller
- Treat-motivated
- Anxious
- Best in a home with large breed experience; children in the home should be at least 16 years old
- Must be only pet



## Sammi | Female | 7 Years Old | Adoption Fee: Waived courtesy of the Lucky 7 Fund

So I'm guessing you'd like to know a little bit about me, right? Well, I can tell you that I am super sweet. But I am also very shy. I enjoy having my head and ears scratched and I will purr loudly. I also drool when I'm happy, but we can keep that between us. I'm looking for a quiet home without too much activity or noise. And I really need a family who will be patient with me and let me get comfortable at my own pace. I am truly a very sweet girl and I'm sure we will be very good friends if you can look past my shyness. One other thing you should know about me is that I am on a limited ingredient diet because I am allergic to chicken.



oes anything taste better than a crisp, ripe apple, fresh from the tree? Not really, and unless you have trees in your backyard, the only way to get a just-picked apple is to visit your local orchard and do it yourself.

Decide when you should plan your visit. Earlier is better -- many orchards are picked clean before the official end of the season because it's such a popular activity. You should also consider when different varieties will be available. Call your preferred orchard or visit their website to see if they have that information available. Most orchards are only open to the public on weekends, so don't count on stopping by on a weekday.

Before you bring home more apples than you can possibly eat, consider how much you really want and what you might do with them. Are they all destined for lunchboxes? Is there an apple pie recipe or three you can try? Do you plan to cook a bushel down to make homemade applesauce?

When you head to the orchard, visit only the designated rows of trees that have been opened for picking. Look at apples closest to the outside of the three -- those ripen first. The right color depends on the variety, and the orchard may provide pictures for reference. If not, just look them up on your phone.

When you start picking, lift the apple away from the branch and give it a little twist to release it. Don't pull -- you want the stem to remain on the fruit to help it last longer. Inspect the apple for any nicks or bruises, then place it gently (don't drop it) into your basket or bag. If you pick an apple and then accidentally drop it on the ground, it's still fine to pick up, but don't collect any apples that were already on the ground.

#### EARLY, MID AND LATE SEPTEMBER APPLE PICKING

#### McIntosh Apple

McIntosh apples are small to medium in size with a bright red skin. Sweet and Tart in flavor. They are great for baking and eating.

#### Gala Apple

Gala apples are small to medium in size with a yellow-pinkish skin. Sweet and juicy. A good dessert apple. Great for eating and salads.

#### Honeycrisp Apple

Honeycrisp apples are larger in size with a red and green skin. Juicy, sweet and crisp. A good dessert apple. Great for eating! The Honeycrisp has proven to be a huge success in the apple world and is one of the top three apple varieties in the country in terms of volume. The Honeycrisp is a near

perfect raw apple. It is incredibly crisp and boasts a delicate sweet-tart balance with a light berry flavor. It has an amazing color, bright crimson and rich chartreuse. In addition to being an outstanding apple, it has an amazing storage life. If stored properly, this apple will remain fresh for months.

#### Autumn Crisp Apple

Autumn Crisp apples are small to medium in size with a yellow-red skin. Sweet-tart, crispy and juicy. Great for eating, cooking and salads.

#### Blondee Apple

Blondee apples are small to medium in size with a yellow skinned Gala type. Sweet and crunchy. Great for eating and salads.

#### Fuji Apple

Fuji apples are large in size with a reddish-pink skin. Sweet. Great for eating and salads.

#### Ambrosia Apple

Ambrosia apples are pink to red blush over a yellow background color. The flavor is sweet and very pleasant and texture is crisp.

#### Macoun Apple

Macoun apples are red with a thin skin. Juicy and aromatic. They are great for eating and baking.

#### Golden Supreme Apple

Golden Supreme apples are medium in size. Sweet. Great for eating, salads and sauce.

## Dear Editor

Articles, classified ads and written submissions for the Penncross Knolls Views newsletter are to be submitted to Kristi Bloedorn by the <a href="15th day">15th day</a> of February, April, June, August, October and December.

The Penncross Knoll Views newsletter is a bi-monthly publication for the homeowners. Newsletters are mailed to residents in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Classified ads are free to all Penncross Knoll residents.

A classified ad is something to sell, looking for something to buy, lost items, found items, or in need of childcare, etc.

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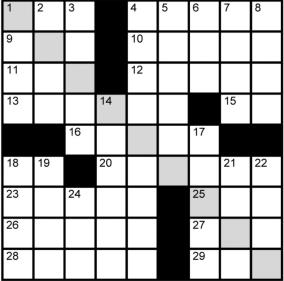
#### Across

- 1. Syndicate
- 4. Agenda entries
- Lord's Prayer starter
- 10. Like old Norse alphabets
- 11. Last Greek consonant
- 12. Met offering
- 13. Forever, poetically
- 15. Hosp. facility
- 16. Game birds
- 18. @
- 20. Less hot
- 23. Work hard
- 25. "\_\_\_ to Joy"
- 26. Neaten eyebrows
- 27. Uneven
- 28. Utah lilies
- 29. Faux \_\_\_

#### Down

- 1. Have the blues
- 2. Remove from office
- 3. Succinct
- 4. Smelting site
- 5. Mississippi city where
- Elvis was born

### Redwood Home



- 6. Compass heading
- 7. Catalan painter Joan
- 8. Mark for life
- 14. Like Chippendale furniture
- 17. Regatta entry
- 18. Skiing mecca
- 19. Story
- 21. Icelandic epic
- 22. McCarthy's quarry
- 24. Insect

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The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.

#### **GYRATIONS Wordoku**

## How to solve wordoku puzzles

You only need logic and patience to solve a wordoku.

Simply make sure that each 3x3 square region has only one letter from the word GYRATIONS. Similarly, each letter can only appear once in a column or row in

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the larger grid. The difficulty on this puzzle is medium.

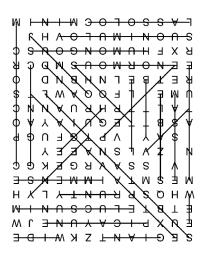
#### Large & Small

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### Allegra Naperville Lisle A One-Stop Shop for All Your Marketing Needs



Matt Minnerick

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For owner Matt Minnerick, Allegra Naperville Lisle is the result of a life-long dream to be his own boss. After years working as an option trader in Chicago, the father of two began to look for an investment.

"When I investigated, the numbers for Allegra made the most sense," he said. "Buying an existing business was easier. I kept the team, a couple of whom have worked here for over 25 years. They're lifers, my work family."

Although Matt admits buying a franchise was more challenging than he first thought, he says it's the best decision he ever made.

"Working on stuff that matters is a lot more rewarding," he said. "I don't have to answer to anyone and I can manage it in my own style."

Although Allegra Naperville Lisle is happy to work with some national brands, Matt, who lives in Ashbury, loves to keep it local.

"When people advertise in our newsletters it's all about local businesses reaching local residents. Advertisers know they are guaranteed to get in mailboxes. Readers don't have to subscribe to read us. In a digital world it's nice to get physical things sometimes," he said.

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Allegra Naperville Lisle offers a comprehensive range of solutions to all your marketing needs, including business cards, posters, letterhead, brochures, flyers, feather flags, and contracts. For a full list check out our website.

Matt says his most popular services are signage and direct mail. Signage is super important because often it's the first time clients see your brand. A high-quality sign that's easily seen from across the street is a no-brainer, but have you thought that your windows and vehicles are a blank canvas too? Allegra offers everything from magnetic car door signs to full vehicle wraps that can promote your business whenever your vehicles are on the road.

Everyone knows direct mailing works, but it can be a chore to do well. The good news is that Allegra can take the strain! We can merge multiple address lists, eliminate duplicate names, update

any changes and even select a subset of names for specific mailing. All that tedious collating, stuffing, labeling and sorting? We can do that too. If you want to start driving new and returning business, call for a quote today.

"We've recently added new equipment to our business that will really make your signage pop," said Matt. "We're able to offer more upgrades from mesh banners to PVC banners and yard signs."

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