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JONATHAN
Neighbors

A new playground was installed in Juliet Park this summer.
Photo by: Clint Prescott

FALL/WINTER 2018



NEW BOARD MEMBER

CHASE LUNDSTROM

What makes Jonathan special to you?

Jonathan provides homeowners an ideal blend of neighborhood amenities and location, all set within picturesque natural surroundings. The trail system, Lake Grace, neighborhood parks, and green spaces offer opportunities to enjoy everything Jonathan, year-round.



NEW BOARD MEMBER

JEREMY T. ELY

What makes Jonathan special to you?

From enhancing our quality of life to the value of our homes, I truly believe each of us has a vested interest in the success of the Jonathan Association. I take pride in the sense of community we continue to build with respect to the foundational values in which Jonathan was created. I look forward to advancing a common vision for our future and being an active representative of our community on the board.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

Thank you to the National Night Out hosts throughout the Jonathan Association:

Lake Grace Apts

Windstone Townhomes

Lisa DeLaHunt

Carolyn Wetzel

Connie Jeurissen

Amie Engels & Kate Werner

Dave & Cynthia Geiger

Mary Booth

Barbara Mein

Naomi Kruger

Corrine Haugen

June Linnertz

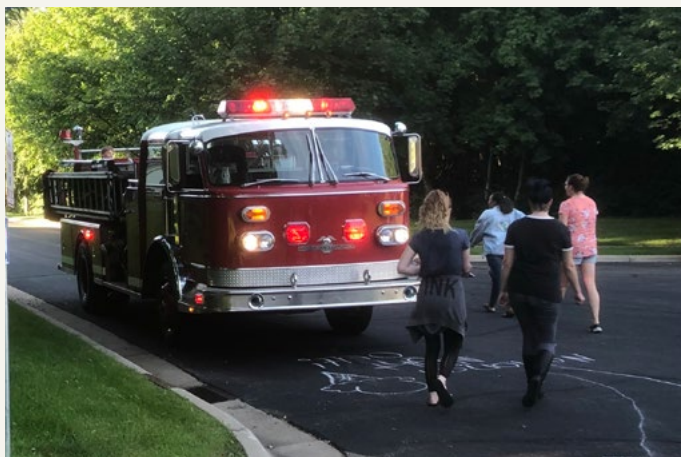
Mandy Randall

Nancy Dilks

Carol Schmidt

Chris Nelson

Waybury Apartments





RECENT IMPROVEMENTS



The Jonathan Association



It has been another busy summer throughout the Jonathan Association. There have been several updates to the parks and trail systems, including a brand new tot lot in Juliet Park. The recent accomplishments include:

JULIET PARK

A new playground was installed in the Clover neighborhood, an area with several families with children. The total cost for the playground, new picnic tables, and garbage can was \$33,863.65.



N3 PLAYGROUND

The playground in Neighborhood 3 was updated by adding a teeter-totter, two learning panels, and a doggy pot for pet waste. A new maintenance-free bench replaced the aging wooden bench. The total cost for improvements was \$3,178.35

TRAIL OVERLAY

This year 74,665 square feet of trails were overlaid in Neighborhoods 1, 4, 7, 11 and 12 for a total cost of \$148,770. Next year will mark the completion of the Jonathan trail

overlaying. Preventative maintenance to preserve the quality of our trails will begin in 2020.

LOCKING MAILBOXES

New locking mailboxes continue to be installed for all residents, throughout Jonathan. In 2018, mailboxes were installed in the Clover neighborhood, near Grimm and Molnau. In 2019, locking mailboxes will be installed throughout Autumn Woods.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the improvements taking place throughout the Jonathan Association, please feel free to contact the Karen House at (952) 448-4700.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Jonathan Association is eager to hear what is important to you. Please take a few minutes to complete the annual survey where you can share your thoughts and experiences. Your feedback will help to plan for next year and evaluate strengths and weaknesses.

Visit the Jonathan website to take the survey at

www.jonathaninchaska.com/survey

A NEIGHBOR'S STORY

by Judy Grosch

SADIE

This is a true story of a sweet purebred English springer spaniel. She was born August 15, 2006. A family of 4 (mom, dad, boy, girl) bought her for \$500 when she was 8 weeks old, naming her Sadie. They had no idea the joy and sorrows that lie ahead.

The family had planted a row of trees along their property line. Sadie proceeded to chew the bark off all the tree trunks. The family thought this was so cute, until the trees died.

When Sadie was 2 years old, she stepped on a frozen object on their deck and sliced her right paw through the tendons. To the vet she went, for surgery.

There was a large, deep pond by their home. Sadie got out (she was a house dog) and ran straight for the water. She went in the dirty, skunky, muddy water. It took some time to get her out of the pond and to the faucet.

Now it was time for obedience school.

When she was 4 years old, the time came to take her pheasant hunting with dad, son, and grandpa, in South Dakota. When they arrived, they had only 4 hours to hunt. They let Sadie out and she was gone! It took the 3 of them over an hour to find her.



The next day, they tried their luck again. Sadie ran and jumped through a barbed wire fence. The wire cut her chest. She was off to the ER and the vet, again. After receiving 20 stitches, it was time to go home. Poor Sadie.

When she was 6 years old, Sadie went in the street and was hit by a garbage truck. (The invisible fence was not on.) She had surgery which resulted in the amputation of her right hind leg. Of course, she got an infection, afterward. Sadie had daily vet visits for 3 weeks. She is now a 3-legged pet.

As Sadie approached 8 years old, she was off to the vet, again, to remove a growth from the side of her eye. At 10 years old, she had a tumor on her right leg. She had another growth removed, from the top of her head, at 11 years old.

As Sadie began showing some age, she was gray at her eyebrows and slowing down. She was put on pain medicine for her joints. She was still the happy, loving dog that the family cherished. As time went on, the family noticed that Sadie could not do the stairs anymore. She stopped waking them up in the morning. The vet said that it was time for hospice with comfort care. This family loved this dog as if she was one of their children. They exercised her and fed her well. She was such a good dog who loved people.



The girl could not accept this and had parents buy some holistic pills, hoping this would bring Sadie around. But they found them in her food bowl-untouched. Next came acupuncture. The vet commented on what an expensive animal Sadie had turned out to be.

Eventually, the dreaded appointment was made. The night before she was to go in, the kids stayed near her, by her doggie bed, crying all night.

The time arrived. All 4 and Sadie went to the vet. The children and mom were crying. The vet, showing all the compassion she could, told them that she knew they loved Sadie. They had come to know her well, considering all of Sadie's trips, there. She told them that God gives us these pets to love and they love us, too. She said that sometimes God wants to take them back. If there are dogs in heaven, she was sure that Sadie would be there.

The 3 (dad, boy, girl) said their goodbyes and left the room. Mom stayed and put Sadie on her doggie bed. She got down on the floor, put Sadie's head in her lap, and petted her gently. The vet inserted the IV in Sadie's leg. She closed her eyes. The stethoscope confirmed that yes, she was gone-----

Goodbye Sadie- we love you!



BOB & JOANNIE MORTON

Bob and Joannie Morton moved to Clover Ridge from St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, in 2011. They are semi-retired from pastoral ministry, having completed 38 years of full-time ministry. They have served five interim church ministries since retiring.

They like the nice neighbors, well-maintained areas, small-town feel, and close proximity to the amenities of the Twin Cities.

Bob follows sports, reading, and walking. Joannie's hobbies are reading, journaling, and music. They both enjoy participating in the life of their church, plus keeping up with their seven grandchildren.



EDIE DILLON & JUNE LINNERTZ

Edie Dillon and her husband, Mike, have lived in neighborhood 7 for the past 22 years. June and her husband, Wade, moved to Carver County in 1992. They have resided on Dresden Drive for the past 16 years. After several break-ins and robberies in their neighborhood and the surrounding area, June approached Edie about starting a neighborhood watch program. They contacted Julie Janke, from the Chaska Police Department, for some direction. Edie and June went door to door, introducing themselves and handing out fliers. They invited everyone to the neighborhood watch meeting that was held last September. Shortly thereafter, two neighborhood watch signs were erected; one at each entrance of Dresden Drive. They hosted a National Night Out gathering for Neighborhood 7 on August 7, 2018.



SURRENDER INSTEAD

Photo credit: USFWS



by Carver County Water Management



Recently, staff from Carver County Water Management Organization found goldfish in two lakes in Chaska: Big Woods Lake and Lake Hazeltine.

Pets such as fish, turtles or snakes, and even aquatic plants, that typically live in an aquarium cause destruction if released into the wild. Goldfish, for example, are related to carp, sharing many of their destructive habits such as uprooting plants and stirring up sediment and nutrients in the water.

Their introduction to a lake or river causes poorer water quality. Bullfrogs, another example, are only native to the southeastern corner of Minnesota. Sold as pets, and released, these frogs not only destroy the habitat but also eat anything they can fit in their mouth including native frogs and small mammals.

Many aquarium pets are not native to Minnesota. They often have no natural predators and can reproduce rapidly. Often, they compete for resources with our native Minnesota animals, taking food and shelter. They can also carry diseases, killing native fish and animals that are not used to the new germs.



Photo credit: USFWS

Releasing aquarium pets may feel like giving it a chance or a new home, but instead it causes harm to native plants and animals and is often illegal.

FINDING A NEW HOME

The appropriate thing to do when an aquarium pet is no longer wanted is to donate it or take it to a surrender event. Surrender events are usually free and open to the public. You can

bring aquatic animals and plants and the hosting organization will help to find them new homes. Visit the MN Aquarium Society webpage, MN Sea Grant, or MN Herpetological Society webpages to view surrender events and adoption information.

Another option is to check with local veterinarians and pet stores for surrender and new home opportunities. Visit Habitattitude site for more tips and information. Protect native plants and animals. Don't release pets.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Fall Clean-Up Day

The Jonathan Association will have crews making a **one time pass through each neighborhood** picking up yard waste. All waste should be in biodegradable bags and all brush should be no larger than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. To ensure your yard waste is collected, have your bags sitting curbside by 8:00 am.

NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 30TH

Jonathan Photo Contest

It is a wonderful time of year to explore all of the beautiful areas around Jonathan. Please take your camera or smartphone with you and share your favorite images through the Facebook page, in person, or by mail. Visit the website to learn about prizes and more contest details.

www.jonathaninchaska.com/photo-contest/



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