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*Neighbors*  
SPRING/SUMMER 2020

The new pavilion at Lake Grace begins to take shape.



## LAKE GRACE PAVILION

What a beautiful building! Phase 1 of the pavilion is nearing completion. Phase 2 will include the landscaping to start in late spring / early summer. In addition the interior finishes will be installed and the canoe storage rental location will be updated. If you would like to reserve a space for your own canoe please contact The Jonathan Association. Once completed, the Lake Grace Pavilion will be a destination for our community to enjoy for years to come.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Members:

As many of you may be aware, the board of directors, acting on the advice of the professional management company, opted to close tot lots in an effort to reduce the spread of Covid-19. The Association's management office, the Karen House, remains closed to in-person visits. However, the on-site property manager and maintenance and grounds supervisor have been deemed essential employees by the professional management company. This designation will limit the impact to The Jonathan Association operations. The board of directors is closely monitoring local, state and federal guidance on Covid-19. Please watch for changes to the annual calendar.

There are several high member-impact projects scheduled for 2020. As spring gets into full gear, so will spring clean-up. The board of directors approved transitioning monument and common area spring clean-up from direct-hire to a professional services model. I anticipate the transition will result in work being completed faster, a reduction in training time and ensure landscaping and maintenance are completed by an expert. Other 2020 projects include improvements to the Acorn Park at Autumn Woods, Neighborhood 9 monument enhancement, completion of the Lake Grace Pavilion and landscaping enhancements near Lake Grace.

All the best,

Chase Lundstrom

*President, Jonathan Association Board of Directors*



# PROJECTS IN 2020

## NEIGHBORHOOD 8 CLUSTER MAIL STATIONS

The Association will be installing new lockable cluster mailboxes in N8. Once these new mailboxes are installed, letters will be sent to all N8 homeowners with instructions how to obtain keys for the new mailbox.

## NEIGHBORHOOD 9 MONUMENT SIGN

Upon completion of the N9 monument, planning will start for the other eleven monument signs to be completed.

## REFRESH NEIGHBORHOOD MONUMENT LANDSCAPING

The Association has contracted Prescription Landscaping to maintain the neighborhood monument signs gardens. Once we have replaced a monument sign, we will be replacing the flowers at each new sign.

## REFRESH CENTER ISLANDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

The grounds crew will be working with Prescription Landscaping to design a new plan to improve the look of our center islands and neighborhood entrance islands. We plan to keep the design simple, yet beautiful. This project will be started this year and will continue until 2021.

## COMMUNITY GARDENS TO OPEN AT KAREN HOUSE

The Association is working with vendors to get the gardens completed in a timely manner so that our members will be able to start growing in May. If you are interested in a garden plot, please contact The Jonathan Association.

## SILLO SIGNAGE

The logo design needs to be replaced with different material. We are working with vendors on updating the silo logo. We will be keeping the same logo, just updating the material. Currently, the logo is a vinyl graphic, which is wearing out and needs to be replaced.

## TRAIL UPGRADES

Quotes have been requested for upgrading the Henry Park trail to pavement.

The trail along the lake, that leads to the pavilion, will be repaved.

Vendors are working with the association to pave the City of Chaska's class 5 trail from the Warner Circle stairs, connecting with the city trail. (Seeking City of Chaska approval.)

## WARNER CIRCLE STAIRS REBUILD

In order to rebuild these stairs on Warner Circle, The Association is working on an agreement over the land with the City of Chaska.

## ACORN PARK REDESIGN

The Association is working with Midwest Playscapes to redesign the two tot lots at Acorn Park in Autumn Woods. Input was received from a town hall meeting, last fall, as to what kind of equipment to put in place.

## TREE REPLACEMENT

The Association will be replacing twenty trees within the community, mostly around the Clover Field neighborhood.

## TREE AND BRANCH REMOVAL

The grounds crew has been working with a vendor to identify dead trees and tree branches that are hanging over the trails. This is a very long and expensive project as we have many large cottonwood trees that line the trails.

## MAIL HOUSE REPAIRS

The grounds crew will be fixing-up mail stations, this summer. Over the next couple of years, the goal is to update all neighborhoods with locking cluster mailboxes and phase out the mail station houses.

# A NEIGHBOR'S STORY

by Tom Keenan

Greetings to ALL our Jonathan neighbors. It may seem a bit ambitious to think of All of Jonathan as our neighbors, but I really feel like every one of us shares many things in common now. We all have common stress, common loss, and common uncertainty but also a common sense of care and concern for one another.

I am Tom Keenan and I've been a mail carrier in Chaska for 24 years. My wife Martha has worked in children's ministry and childcare for 25 years. Although I don't consider myself as "essential" compared to our brave health care workers on the front lines, I am happy as your postal worker to keep this community connected and as functional as possible. You don't know how much of a blessing it is to me when I come across chalk notes by the mail boxes that encourage and lift me up. (I shared this picture with the whole Chaska post office) I know in these times of crisis it is very easy to just be focused

on our own needs and cares and not others around us, but when I see our community pulling together and looking out for the interests of others it is very encouraging.

My Christian faith tells me to "Love God and Love your neighbor as yourself" and even though these are very depressing times, I love helping others and I feel great when I can serve. Looking up to God and looking out toward others may be the only real way I find joy in this time of unprecedented stress and anguish.



I know many of you have felt as overwhelmed as my wife and I. Like you, some of our children and friends have been laid off their jobs. We have all gasped as our financial nest eggs have cracked and yes we also had to cancel our big anniversary trip in April. (33 wonderful years and four happily married children later, we are still madly in love) You see the studies show that the longer this

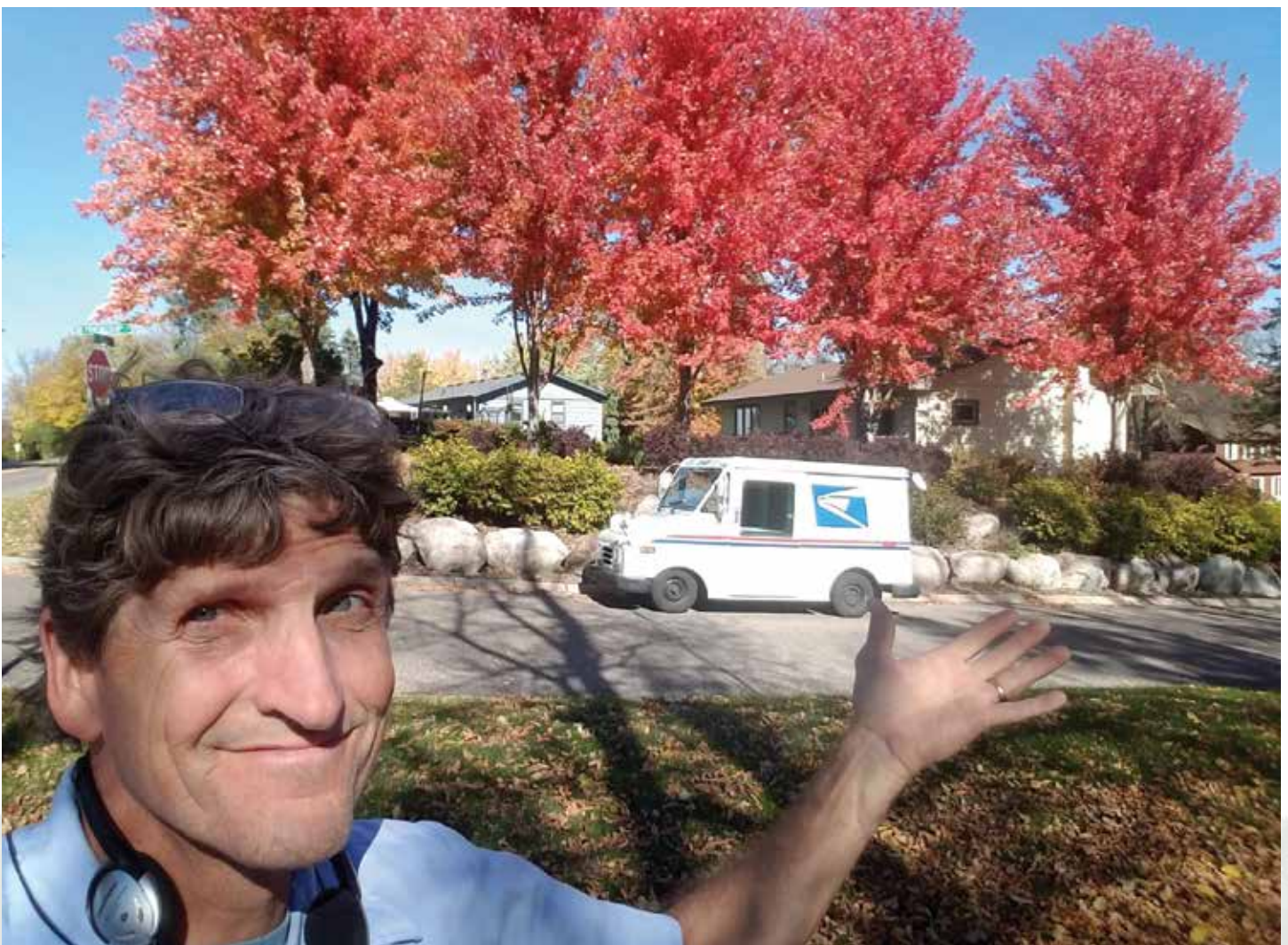
isolation effect and loss continues the more we will feel an increasing amount of discouragement, and emptiness. That's why our connection and love and service to our neighbors and friends needs to ramp up all the more while keeping our social distancing barrier intact. I intend to reach out and show love and compassion to others with the strength that God gives me during these difficult days. So, while I am out and about delivering your mail in the neighborhoods I would love to know if you are ok or if you need anything. Leave a note for "Tom, C8" in your mailbox if you would like to connect.

May I suggest we can all take a walk and pray for our neighbors, wave and ask them if they are ok or send a homemade card (the USPS would welcome the revenue, haha) or perhaps a quick call, text or email. We can make a difference in the lives of others around us and help each other to get through this together. Let me encourage you to get creative and step out of your normal box this spring. Have your kids do chalk art on someone else's

driveway (in an encouraging way of course) or maybe hide a happy basket in the bushes with a homemade map to its hiding spot! Possibly arrange an online Zoom family time where everyone has to get dressed up... (Probably time to change those PJ's anyway) And of course use our 20 miles of trails! Wow are we blessed to be able to bike, jog or simply stroll through some of the best countryside in the west metro. Remember to take time and allow yourself to walk on a log with your kids or skip stones into the creek. Its amazing what a little fresh air will do for your peace of mind and kids love the freedom of the outdoors.

As for me, my strength and comfort stems from my personal faith in Jesus Christ. I am reminded how fragile life can be and how vulnerable we all are to an invisible enemy. So please allow me to leave you with this encouragement and blessing. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Tom Keenan, Neighborhood 7



# ANNUAL MEETING

## 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Chase Lundstrom

Vice President: Kay Rothe

Treasurer: Amy Gruber

Secretary: Judy Grosch

Co-secretary: Jeremy Landkammer Ely

Director: Justin Sharpen

Director: Steve Dummer

Director: John Siegfried

Director: Heather Chakirov

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The 2020 Annual Meeting was held February 18<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. Three open board positions were filled by nomination and approved by voting. Please welcome these new Jonathan Association Directors: Heather Chakirov and John Siegfried. Kay Rothe was approved for her second term and is now the vice president.

Judy Grosch presented the Apple and Seedling Awards during the annual meeting. The Apple Award winners were announced and presented with a clock shaped as an apple. Winners of the 2020 Apple Awards include:

**Chaska Fire Department** for their prompt response to the Lake Grace Pavilion fire in December 2018.

**Matt and Tracy Crumpton** for once again offering to design and rebuild the trail maps.

**Skip Rothe** for his hard work and dedication to the re-build of the Lake Grace Pavilion.

Seedling Awards were announced and presented with a certificate of appreciation for hosting National Night Out events. Winners of the 2020 Seedling Awards include:

Chaynea Claeys, Cindy Geiger, Andrea Hornecker, Sharon Lewison, Katie Rotz, Alicia Stone, Lisa DeLaHunt, Nancy Dilks, Carol Schmidt, Corrine Haugen, Naomi Kruger, Kent Mein Sr., Lisa Hansen, Ron & Connie Jeurissen, Michael & Sarah O'Reilly, Heidi Saffert, Andrea Ward, Kate Werner, Kellie Bickford – Aspen Oaks Apartments, Barbary Knoll Apartments and Woodcrest Townhomes, Karen Bloodworth – Windstone Townhomes, and Anne Marie– Waybury.



# VIOLATION LETTERS

During the fall neighborhood inspections, there were over 650 trash bin violations.

If you have received a garbage bin violation, there are many ways in which you can correct it. Storing the bins in your garage is the easiest solution. If you are unable to store your trash and yard waste bins in your garage, then privacy fencing (right) is an inexpensive way to enclose them from public view. Some homeowners have planted a climbing vine, such as clematis, alongside lattice fencing. All privacy fencing should match existing property elements, according to ARC guidelines.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

### Spring Clean-Up Day

The Jonathan Association will have crews making a **one-time pass through each neighborhood**, picking up yard waste. All waste must be in biodegradable bags. All brush must be smaller than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. To ensure your yard waste is collected, have your bags sitting curbside by 8:00 am.

**POSTPONED**

### Festival of Garage Sales

The Jonathan Association is postponing the community-wide garage sale for all Jonathan residents, due to Covid-19. A new date for the event has not been selected. Residents interested in the event can receive updates on The Jonathan Association Facebook page or by joining the email list.



Stay informed with email notifications from The Jonathan Association. You may choose reminders, newsletters, and/or upcoming event notifications at [www.jonathaninchaska.com/email-sign-up](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com/email-sign-up). You can also follow the association on Facebook.