



November 2012 Update

A meeting of the Sauganash Community Association was held on November 20, 2012 at the North Shore Community Bank..

This season's snowplowing was discussed, and the retainer has been paid.

The 5K Committee announced that we had a record 200 participants. Two good causes will benefit.

The Finance and Donation Committee Chair stated that a discussion of the donation philosophy has been underway. An amount will be paid toward the creation of the new website. There was a brief discussion of our current finances. The President asked for more volunteers to participate in SCA's projects.

The Membership Committee has met and brainstormed on ways to recruit new membership. It was suggest that the neighborhood be broken into small areas and having block captains solicit their neighbors. We were reminded that the SCA includes recruitment letters in Welcome Bags, and we need to find out why people don't join. We currently have about a 50% participation and the dues are a bargain at \$40 per famly.

The Communications and Web Site Committee reported that the website is being buttoned up.

The Real Estate Committee stated that the North Branch Bike Trail Extension is a done deal. The 15th precinct voted approval for the referendum to serve alcohol in their area.

It was announced by the O'Hare Noise committee that the FAA recently announced it was speeding up its previously announced plan for 2020 to reorient O'Hare flight patterns into a primary east-west flow, in conjunction with the opening of a new east-west runway flying over Wilson Avenue - by October, 2013. If implemented, this plan will have major negative effects on the Sauganash area and the NW side of the City, including major increases in aircraft noise, day and night, and air pollution, while costing the airlines over \$100 million annually in extra fuel costs. Planes previously able to land on the west side of the airport would be forced to land on the east side. This plan will result in having 150-250 new flights over our area.

The Traffic and Safety Committee reported that a neighbor has requested new stop signs. It should be noted that the Association is not in favor of speed bumps. The lack of crossing guards at intersections is still a problem for the school children.

The Forest Preserve Committee reported that a planned burn took place in November at LaBaugh Woods without the required notification to the Community. They burned from the railroad tracks to Kenton and planned to burn to Cicero Avenue. They were stopped by a group of neighbors from burning up to the edge of Bryn Mawr. Neighbors moving into a house adjacent to the woods complained about the smoke and vehicles blocking their way. The smell of smoke permeated the neighborhood.

The Holiday Party will take place at Monastero's Ristorante on December 7 from 6-11 P.M. There will be a cash bar and a raffle. Admittance is free to all paid members. Dues payments will be accepted at the door.

It was reported that the Sauganash Mural Project hosted a "Light Up The Mural Event" in a effort to trace an outline of the upcoming mural on the North viaduct wall. Photo tiles will be offered to donors at various levels of donations. The group plans to start the fundraising for the needed funds to complete the project. The board agreed that the SMP can Eblast additional information to the SCA community members,

The Sauganash Community Sign on Peterson has been reinstalled.

It was announced that there has been an increase in break-ins in the community.