

**Call 811 before digging to keep the utilities working this spring**

It's that time of year again when, in many parts of the country, you can finally put away the snow shovel and bring out the one designed for digging. Before you begin digging, or allow the professionals to break ground in your yard, remember to call 811 to ensure digging doesn't disrupt underground utility lines, says the Common Ground Alliance (CGA), the association dedicated to protecting underground utilities and the people who dig near them.

Utility services that your family depends on, such as cable TV, high-speed Internet, landline telephone, electric, gas, water and sewer, are buried underground in many communities. Unintentionally striking one of these lines can result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, harm to yourself or someone else, and repair costs.

When you dial 811 several days before you plan to start your digging project, a local one call center representative will collect your information and notify local utility companies of your intent to dig. A professional locator will then visit the dig site to mark the approximate location of all underground utility lines with spray paint or flags. Once your site has been marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas.

CGA member 3M and NASCAR driver Greg Biffle, driver of the #16 3M car, have teamed up with CGA to promote 811 by placing the safety message on Biffle's car during the April 25 race at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala., during National Safe Digging Month.

'As a do-it-yourselfer, and someone who is known for being hands-on when it comes to my activities off the track, I strongly encourage everyone to call 811 before breaking ground to have all underground utility lines marked,' said Biffle. 'This simple call will help you avoid cutting a cable or electric line, or any other utility for that matter, keeping you and your neighbors safe and connected, and ensuring you don't miss a minute of action on race day or any other day.'

No matter the type of project - putting in a mailbox, installing a fence, planting trees or shrubbery, building a patio or deck, or excavating a new garden area - make sure to call 811 several days prior to digging to have your site properly marked. Visit Call811.com for more safe digging tips and state-specific information.

In Illinois it's called Julie, but you can also call 811. Check out this website for more information about Illinois <http://www.illinois1call.com/>  
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# Happenings in Somerfield

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### Vegetable Florets with Cheddar Sauce

Add some zip to your vegetables with cheddar sauce.

Preparation Time - 5 minutes  
 Cooking Time - 20 minutes

- \* 2 cups (6 oz.) cauliflower florets
- \* 2 cups (6 oz.) broccoli florets
- \* 1/3 cup water
- \* 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- \* 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- \* 1/2 cup CARNATION Evaporated Milk
- \* 1/2 cup (2 oz.) cheddar cheese, shredded
- \* 1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained

PLACE cauliflower, broccoli and water in large saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover. Cook for 12 to 15 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Drain; remove vegetables from saucepan.

MELT margarine in same saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour. Add evaporated milk; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil and is thickened. Add cheese; stir until melted. Stir in mushrooms; remove from heat. Stir in cauliflower and broccoli.

Yields 4 side-dish servings

## Neighborhood Real Estate:

Homes currently active on the market in your Neighborhood with the MLS are:

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Bath	Price
♥ 1470 Somerfield	4	McKinley	2.1	\$309,900
♥ 1575 Somerfield Dr	3	Brentwood	2.1	PC - \$249,907
792 Glenside Cr.	4	Durham	2.1	\$289,000
779 Glenside Cr.	4 +	Durham	2.2	NEW - \$315,000
1484 Schoenherr Ave.	3	Brentwood	2.1	NEW - \$249,999
1473 Schafer Ave.	3	Newberry	2.1	PC - \$274,900
♥ 787 Sapphire Dr	4 +	Durham	2.1	NEW - \$299,918
1513 Schoenherr Ave.	3	Brentwood	2.1	NEW—\$259,900
1468 Schoenherr Ave.	4	Savannah	2.1	NEW - \$265,000
1513 Schafer Ave.	4	Durham	2.1	NEW - \$279,950
756 Dalton Lane	4	Morgan	2.1	NEW - \$324,900
1538 Somerfield Dr.	3	Brentwood	2.1	NEW - \$259,900
1598 Glenside Dr.	4	Hanover	2.1	F - NEW - \$265,000
1589 Glenside	4	Durham	2.1	\$289,900
♥ 1482 Glenside Dr.	4	Durham	2.1	PC - SS - \$244,900
♥ 748 Dalton Lane	4	Monticello w/ Morning Room	3.1	\$374,904
♥ 1401 Glenside Dr.	4	Ravinia	2.1	\$339,900
♥ 1412 Waterside Dr.	4	Monticello	3.1	\$399,000

Homes that are currently under contract in your Neighborhood with the MLS are:

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Baths	Price
3 Scarlet Ct.	3	Brentwood	2.2	SS- \$219,000
1433 Sage	4	Williamsburg	2.1	\$274,920
1555 Somerfield Dr.	3	Brentwood	2.1	\$254,900
731 Sapphire	4	Savannah	2.1	F - \$219,000

Homes that have sold in the last month in your Neighborhood with the MLS are:

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Baths	Price
759 Dalton Lane	3	Brentwood	2.1	Call for Price

♥ Are My Listings

PC = Price Change, BOM = Back on Market, NEW = New Listing on market, SS = Short Sale, BO = Bank Owned, TEMP = OFF Market Temporarily, F = Foreclosure

Source Multiple Listing Service Of Northern Illinois - March 28th, 2010

### Do you have a Buyer for these Homes?

**NEW LISTING - Somerfield—787 Sapphire Dr. - Durham Model - Priced at only \$299,918** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://787saphiredr.ePropertySites.com>  
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**Somerfield - 1575 Somerfield - Brentwood Model - Priced at \$249,907** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://1575somerfield.ePropertySites.com>

**Somerfield - 1470 Somerfield Dr. - Unique McKinley Model - Priced at \$309,900 - 2400 Sq Ft.** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://1470somerfielddr.ePropertySites.com>

**Somerfield -1401 Glenside Dr. - \$339,900 - Ravinia Model** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://1401glensidedr.ePropertySites.com>

**Somerfield - 1412 Waterside - Monticello Model: priced reduced \$399,000** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://1412watersidedr.ePropertySites.com>

**Somerfield - 748 Dalton Lane - Monticello Model with Morning Room Priced at \$374,904** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://748daltonlane.ePropertySites.com>

**3810 Adesso, Joliet - Priced at only \$199,900** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://3810adessolane.ePropertySites.com>

**Also check out 1482 Glenside Dr. Somerfield - Short Sale** - for more details, virtual tour and photos go to: <http://1482glensidedr.ePropertySites.com>

Mark the date on your Calendar...**May 21 and 22**, for the Annual Garage Sale for Somerfield, Fields of Bradford and Southgate Park. Watch for Details to go online at [estatesofosomerfield.com](http://estatesofosomerfield.com), that is where you will be registering for it. Please make sure you register to get your address in the advertising.

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### Late Winter Lawn Care

There isn't much more satisfying to a homeowner than a well manicured, emerald green lawn. For the past few months, your lawn may have been blanketed in snow, or it may have just turned brown from the cold, gray winter weather. Early spring is an excellent time to get a head start on your lawn care. Whether you're a home seller trying to boost curb appeal, or a new homeowner eager to take control of your new lawn, now is the time to break out your green thumb and give some love to your turf.

Layers of dense, heavy snow can, over time, cause permanent damage to your lawn. Though turfgrass is extremely hardy, when ice or snow covers the crown of the plant (the crown is the short stem at the base of the grass plant out of which the grass blade grows) turfgrass can be killed.

There isn't much you can do to prevent ice or snow from covering your lawn, but once winter ends, you should be especially careful not to walk on your lawn until it has time to dry. Your lawn may have been compacted the winter, either by snow or by heavy foot traffic, in which case you should consider aeration.

Aeration shoes are a good option for healthy lawns that aren't overly compacted. These are spiked pieces of rubber that you strap to your shoes as you walk across your lawn. They create narrow holes in the soil to let in air and nutrients without removing any of your lawn. For densely compacted lawns, homeowners should use a rotary spike lawn aerator, which can penetrate soil that's too dense for aeration shoes.

Once your lawn is aerated, you can add a thin layer of compost to boost the nutrient levels of your soil. You don't want to overdo it, of course, because you need to ensure your grass has access to air and sunlight, but a blanket of compost can help make up for any nutrient deficiencies in your soil.

Once your lawn is dry and you're past the last freeze, you should mow your lawn to get rid of the dead grass blades. Lower the mower blade to its lowest setting and give your turf a trim. This will prime your lawn for new growth—just be sure to throw out that dead grass!

Finally, fertilizer. When to fertilize your lawn will vary depending on the type of grass you're growing and where you live in the country. Lawns in the northern part of the country should be fertilized in the early spring and again in the early fall. Southern lawns should be fertilized as soon as the grass begins growing vigorously. Of course, each lawn will vary in its nutrient needs, so it's a good idea to test your soil to measure its nutrient needs. Test kits can be found at your local hardware or home improvement store.

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