

9th Annual Somerfield, Fields of Bradford & now Southgate Park Subdivision Garage Sales

Friday, June 26th, and
Saturday, June 27th
Time: 8:00am until 3:00pm

To register for this event by going to the SomerfieldHOA.com website. Click on the link on the home page under upcoming events and fill out the form, you can either fax (630) 778-4139 or email me the form. We will place an ad in the newspaper, put up directional signs, pick up your permit required by the Village, and provide you with a Garage Sale Kit which includes one Sign and other great information to help you with the sale, the rest of it will be up to you.

Last year we had 27 homes that participated

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Electrolux recalls 320,000 cordless vacuums with faulty batteries

Electrolux has recalled 320,000 of its cordless 2-in-1 combination hand/stick vacuums because the vacuums' batteries can expand and burst, posing a risk of injury to the user and bystanders. The company has received 34 reports of incidents that involved damage to the vacuum and surrounding property. There have been two reports of minor injuries, including swollen hands and irritation to the eyes from contact with battery powder, according to the recall notice issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The recall involves cordless stick vacuums with a detachable hand vacuum and free-standing charger with the model names Pronto, Precision and Ergorapido. Units involved in the recall have 9.6-volts printed on a serial plate on the underside of the handheld unit, and the following serial numbers: 074000001 through 085100001 and 74000001 through 85100001. The model numbers are Pronto: EL1000A, EL1000B, EL1000BX, EL1000BZ; Precision: PE1000B; and Ergorapido: EL1005A, EL1006A. The vacuums were sold at major and independent retailers nationwide from November 2007 through March 2009 for about \$100.

Some of the recalled models were covered in our most recent report on vacuums. (Ratings for subscribers.) We didn't observe this problem with any of the samples we tested.

The CPSC is asking consumers to unplug and stop using the recalled vacuums and to contact Electrolux for a free replacement of the handheld portion that contains the batteries. For additional information, contact Electrolux Home Care Products at (800) 932-1778 between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. CT Saturday and Sunday or also visit the firm's Web site at www.stickvacrecall.com.

Source: <http://blogs.consumerreports.org>

Happenings in Somerfield

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Save Money and Keep Teens Home by Creating a Teen Haven

Most parents would agree that raising teenagers is never easy. But in a down economy, when many American families are trimming extras from their budgets, it can be even more difficult to keep teens happy, entertained and engaged in family life.

With the prospect of unemployment and falling home values on many parents' minds, sending teens on a ski trip with friends, or funding mall excursions and meals out, are just not in the budget anymore. Parents may find it's a better investment -- both for their homes and for their teens' development -- to create a haven at home where teenagers can socialize for free.

"Like most teenagers, my son really enjoys hanging out with his friends," says Ann Mackinnon, mother of a 15-year-old boy living in Minneapolis. "But a lot of the things that kids like to do outside the house cost money that just isn't in the budget right now. Instead, we decided to turn our basement into a place where my son Ian and his friends could spend time together. It's cheaper than sending him out somewhere, plus it gives me the peace of mind of knowing where he is, what he's doing and who he's with."

Turning your basement, game room or family room into a teen haven doesn't have to cost a bundle. Here are some helpful hints:

* Make it Game Time -- Video games are a big part of social life for many teens, but don't overlook the value of board games and table games as well. Besides the Wii and PlayStation, stock your teen haven with teen-friendly board games. Consider adding a table hockey or foosball game if space and budget allow.

Neighborhood Real Estate:

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

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Bath	Price
♥ 6 Scarlet Ct.	5	Savannah	2.1	PC - \$290,000
1486 Glenside Dr.	4	Savannah	3.1	SS - \$209,000
1521 Glenside Dr.	4		2.1	\$289,900
1512 Schoenherr Ave.	4	Durham	2.1	PC--SS - \$252,500
807 Sapphire Dr.	4	Sutton	2.1	PC- \$269,900
775 Glenside Dr.	4	Augusta	2.1	\$309,900
♥ 1533 Glenside Dr.	4	Hanover	2.1	\$305,000
♥ 1433 Sage Dr.	4	Williamsburg	2.1	\$304,920
1425 Schoenherr Ave.	4	Ravinia	2.1	PC - \$357,900
♥ 1401 Glenside Dr.	4	Ravinia	2.1	NEW - \$359,900

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

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Baths	Price
750 Sapphire Dr	4	Durham	2.1	SS - \$239,900
1444 Waterside Dr.	4	Durham	2.1	PC- SS- \$259,000

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

Address	Bedrooms	Model	Baths	Price
♥ 1469 Waterside Dr	4		2.1	Was Rented
1433 Schoenherr Ave.	4	Hawthorne	2.1	BO - Call for Price

♥ Are My Listings

PC = Price Change, BOM = Back on Market, NEW = New Listing on Market, SS = Short Sale, BO = Bank Owned
Source Multiple Listing Service Of Northern Illinois - April 30th, 2009

* Master the Munchies -- Teen boys are notoriously big eaters, so be sure to have plenty of teen-friendly (and hopefully healthy) snacks on hand if you're hosting your son's friends. You could even add a small refrigerator in your teen haven to keep beverages and snacks cold and within easy reach for both genders.

* Set the Mood -- Atmosphere has a big impact on mood, especially if you're an already-moody teenager. Be sure to provide plenty of comfortable seating where teens can lounge with their friends while they chat, watch TV or surf the Internet. Consider setting the mood for the room by adding punch with teen-friendly decor like a wallpaper mural of your child's favorite sport. You'll find plenty of well-priced, easy-to-install wallpaper murals at www.MuralsYourWay.com. Or, to make a really big splash, have the company make a full-sized mural out of one of your teen's favorite personal photos, such as a snapshot from her dance recital or his football team's group picture.

* Make Yourself Scarce -- Just because your teen is hanging around at home with his friends, don't think it means you're automatically invited. Teen havens only work if parents respect the child's space and make their presences barely felt.

"Of course I keep an ear and eye out for what Ian and his friends are doing in our basement," says Mackinnon. "But I really do try to respect their privacy and I don't hang out with them. Just as I wouldn't want his friends to infringe on our family time, I try not to horn in on Ian's time with his buddies."

With a few simple steps, parents can turn their home into a place where teens will be happy to hang out -- and save themselves some money in the process.
source: estatesofsomerfield.com

Do you have a Buyer for these Homes?



Priced Reduced - 1352 Farmstead Ln, Fields of Bradford - Priced at only \$269,900, 2200 Sq ft. of Beauty. Hardwood Flring in Family Room & Ceramic Fireplace, New Kitchen Boasts Quartz Countertops w/ oversized Sink, Stone Backsplash, Center Island, New DW. Step down Living Room w/ plant shelf, Spacious Master Bath, Custom Window Treatments, Oak Trim throughout. New Carpet & Pad in entire upstairs. Large Foyer w/ Ceramic Tile. 20 x 24 Patio & Retaining Wall. Professional Landscaping



167 Boxelder St. - Augusta Village, - Priced \$314,413, Hardwood Flooring in Kitchen, FR, Foyer, 1st Floor Den, 42" Cabinets with Center Island w/Brkfst Bar, Vaulted Ceiling in MB with Sitting Room, Full Basement w/9ft ceilings & roughed in plumbing, 700 sq ft. Concrete Patio, Professional Landscaping, Fenced Yard, Gas Logs in FP, Security System.



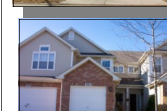
1433 Sage Dr. - Somerfield - Price at only 304,920 - This Elegant and Extremely Well Cared For Williamsburg Model offers 3 BR, plus a loft, Front Porch, Hardwood Flooring, Center Island, 42" White Cabinets, Large Brick Paver patio and so much more!!!



417 Butterfly Rd - Bloomfield West - Priced at only \$300,000 4 Bedroom, 2.1 Baths, Finished Basement, w/ Bar and rough in plumbing for a bath, New Ceramic Tile, in Kitchen and Baths, Large Family Room w/ Fireplace, Jacuzzi Tub in MBB, Concrete patio,



149 Tecumseh - Winding Meadows - Priced Reduced - 375,000 - Brittney Model w/ a unique \$150,000 addition which is now a recording studio but could be a In law arrangement, Home Day Care, the ideas are endless. Updated Kitchen & Bths w/granite & SS Appl. 1st Floor Den, 5 Bedrooms. Full Finished Basement. An amazing design & unbelievable possibilities in this 4000 sq. ft. home.



3013 Kentshire Cr. Crosswinds - Naperville, Priced at only \$169,900 an amazing price for all it has to offer, 2 Bedrooms 1.1 Baths, 1 car Garage, with so many news, hardwood flooring, freshly painted, hardware, fixtures, carpet. Great location close to Naperville Train Station.

NEW LISTING COMING SOON: 1401 Glenside Dr., Ravina Model, watch for more details next month. Call for Details

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Speaking the Language of Windows

If windows are the 'eyes' of the home, then some of us are in need of vision correction! Updated windows can make a 'Plain Jane' home in to a neighborhood treasure. But you need to know what is available (and what it's called!) when talking to your window professional. If you don't know your paladian from your jalousie, use this guide to understand the language of windows!

1. Fixed - This type of window cannot be opened. It is usually inexpensive and suitable for higher windows that won't be opened anyway.
2. Double hung - One of the most common windows and a great window for a period home. The window consists of two sashes that move up and down. Only half of the window can be open at one time.
3. Casement - Another common window, casement windows are hinged vertically to swing in and out like a door and operated with a crank.
4. Awning - Awning windows are similar to casement windows but are hinged horizontally.
5. Jalousie - Jalousie windows are horizontally placed narrow strips of glass, lowered by crank. Out of favor today, they were very popular in the mid-century.
6. Sliding - Sliding windows move on top and bottom tracks. They are very common and can be inexpensive.
7. Paladian - A paladian window consists of group of three windows with an arch over the center. These windows have become very popular in the last decade. They provide visual interest and drama to a home.
8. Picture - Picture windows are especially popular in ranch-style homes. They are large fixed windows flanked by 2 casements or double-hung windows.
9. Clerestory - Clerestory windows were especially popular in Craftsman homes. They consist of a strip of small horizontal panes set high on a wall.
10. Elliptical or Arched - Elliptical or arched windows often placed above double hung or fixed windows in today's new homes.

The right window can make the world of difference to the look of your home. While I can't help you choose a window, I have given you the terminology to talk about windows knowledgeably at your local home center. So go impress 'em with your window savvy!

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