

THE SPRINGWELLS PARKER



Fall 2011



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Fall Cleanup



SPA Harvest
Bonfire and Pot
Luck Dinner

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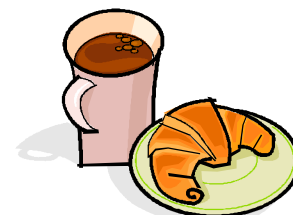
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Annual Meeting Notice

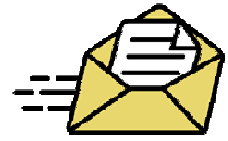
Please join us for the next Association
General Meeting at St. Joseph's Hall

September 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee and snacks will be served
Childcare will be provided!



Hello Neighbor!



What a crazy summer! Springwells Park seemed to be in the path of every major thunderstorm in July and as a result we lost power for awhile and many homes were damaged by wind and falling trees.

I received notes and emails of thanks from residents who were amazed by the selfless nature of their neighbors: Neighbors clearing trees, helping with power generators, providing food and bringing ice, writing notes of encouragement and sharing stories. Thanks to all who put their neighbors' needs first, especially those who helped neighbors they didn't even know prior to the storm. Some material things were lost but our community was surely strengthened.

In the aftermath of the storms the SPA Board was informed that some falling limbs from trees located in the common areas caused damage to nearby homes.

After evaluating insurance policies we learned that tree damage is similar to no-fault accident insurance in that the insurance company of the party who experiences damage pays for the damage regardless of where the tree was located.

SPA has made a good faith effort to keep trees in the common areas trimmed to eliminate dead wood, but no tree is safe from the high winds we experienced.

Thanks to the residents who paid their SPA dues prior to receiving a dues notice! We have been late getting dues notices out this year. To save on postage, once again we've started with an email notice. If you have not yet paid your dues, there is a dues form in this news letter. We will be sending SPA dues notices by mail in late September...but you too can save us the expense and effort of a mailing by paying your dues before the end of September. And as always, thanks for supporting your community.

The Springwells Park Garden Tour and 5k Fun Run was held on June 25th. The weather was perfect, the run was well managed and very fun and the gardens were beautiful. Thanks to all the volunteers - especially Matt Nowak and the 20 fun run volunteers. Thanks to Garden Tour coordinators Nadia Dakroub, Judy Buck and all the homeowners who spent countless hours on their knees making their gardens beautiful! Springwells Park never looked better and we received lots of great exposure. We also raised over \$1,000 for breast cancer research. Start training now for next year's run!

SPA VP Cindy Polakowski (Keelan) is looking for volunteers to help with various social events. Please contact Cindy if you have ideas for events or if you'd like to volunteer to help.

Darby O'Reilly
4 Adams Lane



SPRINGWELLS PARK ASSOCIATION

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, October 30, 2011

Watch the Sign Board for Info



Members of SPA are invited to St. Joseph's Church Hall to celebrate Halloween. Please join us for games, crafts, pizza, a candy contest, lots of goodies and entertainment. Funny, weird, or spooky costumes are encouraged!

WHO: Residents of Springwells Park - Young and Old!

WHEN: Sunday, October 30, 2011

WHERE: St. Joseph's Church Hall

Rotunda Road just across from Eastham.

2:00 - 3:00 PM	Games and Crafts
3:00 - 3:45 PM	Pizza and Refreshments
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Costume Parade
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Entertainment

For planning purposes, please fill out the form below and **return by Friday, October 21st** to Nancy and Darby O'Reilly at 4 Adams Lane. Please call us at 336-3316 if you have any questions or if you would be interested in volunteering.

Special Note: All children must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP FOR THE SPA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Please count the following people in on the festivities!

RESIDENT'S NAME (FIRST AND LAST)	CHILD'S NAME	CHILD'S AGE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY OF PEOPLE ATTENDING _____

Springwells Park Garden Tour and Fun Run

How fun was that?! The Springwells Park 5K Fun Run and Garden Tour held on June 25th was a great success! About \$1500 was raised for Breast Cancer Research and everyone had a great time running and touring the beautiful gardens of Springwells Park.

Thanks to our 16 course marshals, 2 water table volunteers, 4 registration volunteers and the Dearborn Police.

"This was a great race!" Was the most common review. Be sure to sign up for next year's run!

Special thanks to Nadia Dakroub, Brenda Geiger, Matt Nowak, all the fun run volunteers, home owners who participated in this fun and successful day.





SPA Tree Plantings

Springwells Park Association planted trees along Middlebury Drive West (behind the Senate). These trees will beautify the street for generations to come. Thanks to Rick Sims and Adam and Nathan Keelan.

SPA Harvest Bonfire and Pot Luck Dinner Saturday, October 8th

On Saturday Oct. 8th at 5 pm SPA will hold a bonfire and hot dog roast pot luck in common area 5. This is a great opportunity to get to know the many families and great neighbors we have here in Springwells Park. I want to extend a special invitation to any new people. Please come, it will be the last time you are a stranger.

Volunteers are needed for planning, set-up and break down. This is casual fun work. Remember many hands make light work, and the more we work and socialize together the stronger the community we will create.

Bring a dish to share and a good stick to roast your hot dog on.

If you have any questions or wish to help out, please call Cindy Polakowski at 982-1982.

See you on Saturday, October 8th.



Thank you Neighbors



My name is Gail Porada and my family has lived at 29 Danvers Lane for almost 9 years. (My husband owns Donutville USA.)

On Thursday, August 28th, my daughter Sydney and our neighbor and friend, Loyal Turfah (25 Danvers) set up a lemonade stand. The cost ranged from 25 cents for a small cup, 50 cents for medium, and 75 cents for a large. Thanks to our wonderful Springwells Park neighbors (and a few thirsty golfers), they raised over \$60 to benefit Sydney's "Zia" (or Aunt for non-Italians), Laura Scofano-Schiller, who is battling stage 4 breast cancer.



We wanted to say thank you to everyone who contributed. The girls did this all on their own, making flyers and delivering them to the neighbors on our street the day before. Blanche and Bob Maxwell were the first in line! (thank you, both xoxo). I am very proud of both of the girls.

Editor's Note: I was very sorry to hear that Sydney's "Zia" passed away on September 11. Our condolences goes out to all the family of Laura Scofano-Schiller.



Dakroubs have July Garden of Month

Published in the Dearborn Press & Guide on July 15, 2011. Written by Candyce Abbatt

DEARBORN — The former homeowner may have created the framework for a quiet English garden, but Nadia and Hassan Dakroub, along with nature, have truly made it their own.

The Dakroub's quiet gentility is reflected in their carefully tended yard. Theirs is a discreet teamwork, Nadia the artistic director and Hassan, the studied architect, providing structure.

Both educators in the Dearborn Public Schools, the couple approached gardening as eager pupils. Learned through trial and error, as well as research, their garden is a peaceful oasis in a neighborhood known for its sense of community. Thus, the Dakroub's attractive Springwells Park home and yard earns the distinction as the Dearborn Press & Guide's first "Yard of the Month."

Their yard was featured in the recent Springwells Park garden tour, helping to raise money for cancer research. Nearly 130 well-behaved gardeners filed through the yards. Nadia commented on her love for the inquisitive and appreciative nature of gardeners.

The garden is truly English, Nadia points out, featuring a pond, pergola and bridge. During the garden tour, their wrought iron patio table was appropriately set for high tea. The eye is drawn in a sweeping direction around the back yard. Entering through an unusual-curved trellis, sturdy white pines set off a pink-tinged, tri-color beech tree, which leads to the centerpiece of the garden; a crisp white pergola, underscored by a clipped boxwood hedge.

A tinkling waterfall provides serene sounds, completing the full sensory experience. Among its many unique features, the garden boasts birdhouses of all shapes and sizes, mostly from Canada, where Nadia has close relatives, many of whom also inherited the gardening gene. Hassan came by his love of the outdoors naturally in his youth, spending time on a family farm in south Lebanon. Thanks to Hassan, the lush lawn is impeccable, a perfect framework for the stone pathways and colorful curved garden beds.

Truly a team, each morning the couple sips coffee seated on their swing, glimpsing hummingbirds, blue jays, cardinals, chipmunks. In the evening, the occasional owl has been known to make an appearance. But their talents extend beyond their own yard, helping neighbors design and install landscaping, with Nadia, affectionately dubbed the "Garden Commander" at the helm.



Hassan and Nadia Dakroub accept a gift certificate from English Gardens General Manager Matt Borden in their award winning yard Thursday. (Photo by Millard Berry/ P&G)

Busy parents to Hussein, a high school student, and Fatima, a middle schooler, both manage to work full-time yet maintain this attractive and tidy yard.

Active in the neighborhood association, the Dakroubs were attracted to the community feel of the Springwells Park neighborhood, particularly the rolling undivided yards and interconnecting pathways, which encourage interaction among neighbors.

Theirs is a healthy yard, free of chemicals —Nadia insisting on only natural chicken-based commercial lawn spray. Hopping frogs and plump red earthworms signal that her purist approach is working.

Trees are truly the backdrop at this residence. Yet as some learned through the recent severe storms, nature often has her own agenda. Flowering trees and a Japanese maple remain, but strong winds tore away a chunk of the canopy of a towering tree from a nearby yard.

Suddenly shade gave way to sun. Not to worry, say Nadia and Hassan. Now they look at the bright patch of blue sky newly above their garden and welcome the "little piece of heaven."

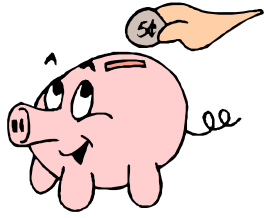
Adaptation to the vicissitudes of nature's the trademark of a proper gardener. The Dakroub yard displays pride of ownership, creativity and a bit of whimsy in the various sculptures and birdcages tucked away throughout. For that and for the enthusiasm expressed by this family toward gardening and their community in general, theirs is the perfect inaugural "Yard of the Month."

Candyce Abbatt is a Dearborn resident who supports her gardening habit through her legal practice. Check out Candyce's gardening blog, Five Point Five, at www.pressandguide.com.

The Press & Guide is now accepting entries for our August Yard of the Month contest. Winners receive a \$100 gift certificate from contest sponsor English Gardens and a yard sign to display for the month their garden is tops in town.

Submissions must include at least one digital photo and a description in 100 words or less of why the yard deserves to win. Entrants to previous yard of the month contests are allowed to resubmit. All entries must be sent to editor@pressandguide.com.





It's SPA Dues Time!

If you have not yet paid, please take a moment to correct your personal information when paying your dues. Thanks!

Name	
Phone Number *	
Email	
Second Name	
Second Phone	
Second Email	
Number of Children living at home?	
Would you like to volunteer to help SPA?	
Can we put your phone number in the Blue Book? *	
What year did you move into Springwells Park?	

* Number to be used for the Springwells Park Directory (Blue Book) with your permission.

Due Date: August 1, 2011		Please make checks payable to SPA. Mail to: SPA Treasurer 7 Byfield Lane Dearborn, MI 48120
Annual Dues (\$35 or \$100)		
Tree Fund (\$35 Recommended)		
Total Enclosed		



Welcome to Springwells Park

Springwells Park Association welcomes the following new residents to our neighborhood.

Wasem and Mais Soufanaty at 8 Ashby Lane

Lynn Haliburton at 3837 Brewster

Jamal and Eman Ahmed at 17 Adams Lane

Alex, Leonard and Gabriela Dziubinschi at 6 Abbot Lane

Julie Sweeney and Nadia Dakroub would like to welcome all new SPA residents with a welcome package that includes the latest newsletter and Blue Book, coupons and more. Contact Julie at 336-7482 or Nadia at 584-1259 for more info.

KIDSPEAK!

By Darby O'Reilly

Months after the fact we finally got around to putting the light on Cooper's bike that he got for Christmas. Nancy was struggling to open the thick plastic packaging when Cooper asked: "Why is this light packaged with so much plastic?" Nancy answered: "I guess it's to protect the light during shipping." Cooper was perplexed by that answer: "Shipping? There was no shipping. I got this light from Santa Clause! So why did he put so much plastic on it?"

Congratulations

Cindy Polakowski



Cindy was voted SPA's new vice-president at the May meeting.

Please give Cindy your full support in her new role.

Dingell announces release of funds for new Dearborn train station

From the Dearborn Website

Today U.S. Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15) commended the Federal Railroad Administration for obligating \$28,204,450 in investment funding to the Michigan Department of Transportation for the building of a new Dearborn train station.

This funding will allow the City of Dearborn to consolidate passenger rail stations into an intermodal station in the west section of downtown Dearborn. "This is such an exciting day for the City of Dearborn and The Henry Ford, said Dingell. "Improving passenger rail service is something I have long supported, and I look forward to helping this project succeed. Modernizing rail travel will help attract small business development, increase job growth, and enhance the livability of communities and business, by helping to expedite the time and efficiency of people and goods getting from point A to point B. The City of Dearborn and its economy will reap the benefits of this investment for many years." "This project is part of a larger strategy to increase the number of potential customers coming to Dearborn every day. Increasing the customer base sustains existing businesses and attracts new activity and investment," said Dearborn Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr. "I have to personally thank our Congressional representatives, particularly Congressman John Dingell and Senator Debbie Stabenow, for their support and intervention to keep this project on track and create new employment opportunities in our area. This project would not have been possible without active participation from The Henry Ford, led by Patricia Mooradian, the State of Michigan Department of Transportation and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. With their ongoing help, Dearborn will be a vital stop on a growing and prospering transportation corridor." "The Henry Ford has been working in close collaboration on this project with the City of Dearborn, MDOT and SEMCOG for over a decade. That perseverance is a reflection of the optimistic 'can do' attitude that we represent and promote every day in our exhibits, programs and operations," said Patricia E. Mooradian, president of The Henry Ford. "The new Dearborn Intermodal Train Station will spur additional travel to the city and to our National Historic Landmark site. It will afford a new entryway onto our campus while serving as a catalyst for new transit oriented development within our community. But perhaps as importantly, this project demonstrates that through close and committed collaboration between public and private sector entities, enhanced transportation options can be developed and realized within our region, making it a more attractive place for people to live, work and visit." The Federal Railroad Administration selected the Dearborn rail station to be funded under the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail program. The intermodal facility will be designed for the planned Ann Arbor–Detroit commuter rail as well as future high-speed intercity passenger rail service. The station will accommodate city, regional and intercity bus systems; local and tourist shuttles; bicycle and greenway linkages; and, auto, taxi, and limousine connections to Detroit International Airport. The Dearborn station will continue to serve Amtrak's Wolverine line, which provides round trips daily between Pontiac, MI, and Chicago, IL



Springwells Park Book Club

The SPA Book Club meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. All SP residents are welcome.



For information on where and when the club will be meeting next and what book are being read, contact Judy Carty at 313-271-6889.



SPA Happy Hour

SPA Happy Hour is on the second Friday of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It is a Bring Your Own Beverage (BYOB).

If you would like to host a future Happy Hour, contact Darby O'Reilly.

Thanks to our past hosts:

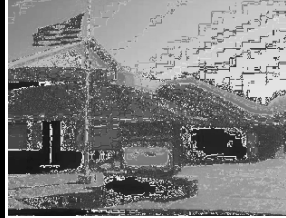
Karen and Justin Lawrence - 7/16

Rachel and Peter Nikolajevs - 6/3

Rob and Tracy King - 5/13

Springwells Park

Neighborhood Public Schools



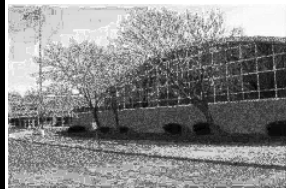
Geer Park Elementary (K-5)
14767 Prospect
Dearborn, MI 48126
313-827-2300
Principal Andrea Awada

<http://www.dearbornschools.com/schools/geerpark.htm>



Stout Middle School 6-8
18500 Oakwood
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-827-4600
Principal Julie Maconochie

<http://www.dearbornschools.com/schools/stout.htm>



Edsel Ford High School (9 - 12)
20601 Rotunda
Dearborn, 48124
313-827-1500
Principal Hassane Jaafar

<http://www.dearbornschools.com/schools/edsel.htm>

If you would like any information about your child's school published in upcoming newsletters, contact Nadia Dakroub at 584-1259 or dakrouh@aol.com

Dearborn Leaf Collection

Residents are reminded that the City of Dearborn is collecting leaves in neighborhoods in two ways this fall.

As always, the preferred method of collection is to rake your leaves and put them in paper yard waste bags or in properly marked 20-32 gallon containers and set them on your curb-side on your trash pickup day.

An alternative method for disposal is the City's loose leaf collection system, which is scheduled to run through Saturday, Dec. 4.

For a loose leaf collection schedule, call the Leaf Collection Hotline at 943-2444. It is updated daily after 4 p.m.

Loose leaves raked in to the street will be picked up in your neighborhood on your trash day during the weeks that your neighborhood does not recycle.

An easy way to remember this is that leaves are scheduled to be picked up in your neighborhood on your trash day when you do **not** put out your recycling cart.

Every neighborhood is on an "A" or "B" week recycling schedule. For instance, if your neighborhood recycles on a "B" week, crews will be in your area on your trash day during an "A" recycling week. This is your non-recycling week.

Residents are asked to rake their leaves into the street as close to their trash day as possible during their neighborhood's non-recycling week.

For the week of Nov. 1, crews will be picking up leaves in Recycling Week "B" neighborhoods, because it is a non-recycling week for those sections.

City crews will return to Recycling Week "A" neighborhoods the week of Nov. 8. That week is a non-recycling week for those neighborhoods.

City crews will start in your section where they left off during the last trash day in the non-recycling week in your neighborhood.



NOTE:

The recycling schedule that was delivered with your carts expired on June 30th. Recycling is every other week. Monday, September 26th is a recycle day. A new schedule is available on the Dearborn web site.



Neighborhood Classifieds

Classified Ads from SPA members are welcome! Please inquire regarding prices and placing ads by contacting newsletter editor at (313) 336-4226 or by emailing judysheward@wowway.com

Honest, reliable and experienced home cleaning available. I work in the Springwells Park area and charge by the job, not the hour. You won't find anyone who does it better, guaranteed! For more information, call Nadia at 313-310-6590.



Storm Drains

The leaves are just starting to fall and we will soon have large piles of them waiting to be picked up by the city. Please try to keep the leaves away from the storm drains on your street. If you see that the storm drain on your street is clogged, please take a couple of minutes to clear it of the debris. This will help keep our streets clear during a rainstorm.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.





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Dearborn, Michigan 48120



Real Estate News from Springwells Park

7 Bennington Lane

\$ 44,900

Nice duplex on a Cul de Sac. Two bedrooms and two full baths. Also includes a breakfast room. Immediate occupancy for this great buy. 928 square feet.

3756 Brewster

\$ 46,900

Pottery Barn style duplex with a large family room! Kitchen and bath have been updated. Hardwood floors, two bedrooms and a partially finished basement. 1081 square feet.

15730 Middlebury

\$ 70,000

Spacious 3 bedroom ranch loaded with hardwood floors, two full baths and a 13 X 10 kitchen. Nice sized lot measuring 55 X 132. 1259 square feet.

3532 Eastham

\$129,400

Colonial style home with 2 fireplaces—one in the living room and the other in the finished basement. Great Retro kitchen, custom closet organizers in the 3 bedrooms. Many updates. 1800 square feet.

1 Berwick

\$134,900

Delightful Cape Cod style home in move-in condition. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 3 season room (not included in square footage). Freshly painted and a refinished kitchen. 1308 square feet.

16 Brookline Lane

\$155,000

Lovely Colonial home with a spacious family room, banked by windows overlooking the courtyard gardens. 2 fireplaces, update kitchen and baths, hardwood floors—a real beauty. 1602 square feet.

26 Danvers Lane

\$159,900

Custom built Cape Cod with gorgeous curb appeal. Spacious living room, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, finished basement and a sprinkling system. Family room leads to 2.5 car garage. Immediate occupancy. 1585 square feet.

8 Amherst Lane

\$185,000

Very roomy Colonial with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths! Formal dining room, fireplaces in the living room and family room. 1.5 baths and occupancy at closing. 1839 square feet.

11 Branford Lane

\$200,000

Immaculate 3 bedroom home. Spacious living room with natural fireplace and equally large family with gas fireplace. Formal dining room, partially finished basement and attached garage. Park-like yard. Many updates. 1930 square feet.

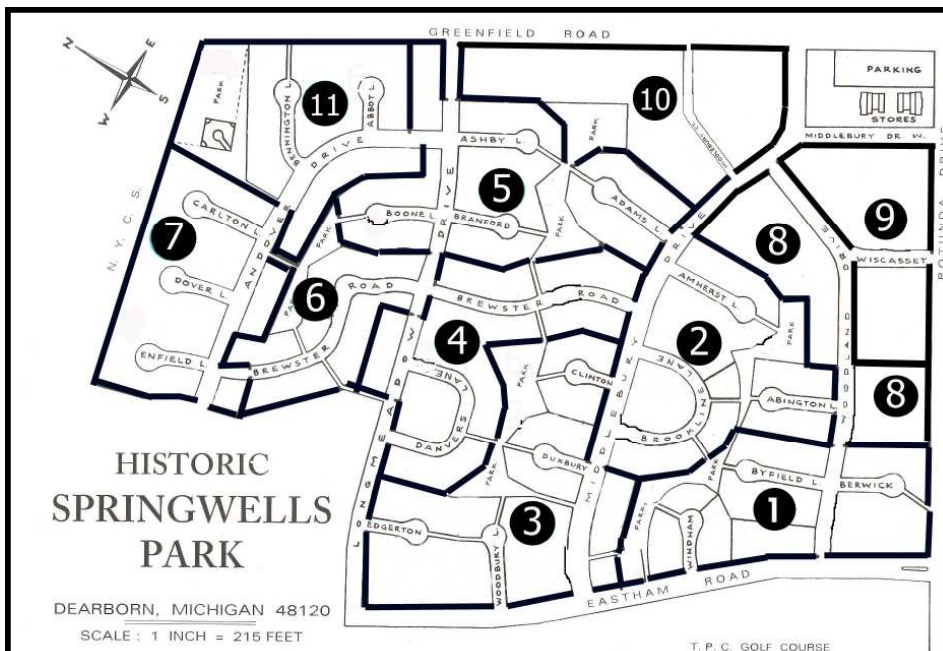
2 Branford Lane

\$249,900

Unique and charming Cotswald Cottage in fabulous condition. Living room features a Cathedral ceiling, fireplace and French doors to enclosed porch. DeGuilio kitchen, formal dining room, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, family room and so very much more. 2825 square feet.

3780 Brewster	SOLD	\$ 35,000
25 Bennington	SOLD	\$ 36,900
27 Bennington	SOLD	\$ 40,000
6 Abbott Lane	SOLD	\$ 46,500
6 Edgerton Lane	SOLD	\$ 72,000
15542 Longmeadow	SOLD	\$ 75,200
9 Woodbury	SOLD	\$ 82,000
15825 Andover	SOLD	\$ 95,000
3 Amherst	SOLD	\$ 97,000
15900 Middlebury	SOLD	\$100,000

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 CENTURY 21 Curran & Christie
 274-1700 (office)
 319-9994 (cell phone)
orcuttc@aol.com



The map shows each Springwells Park area. See page 18 for the area representative that corresponds to the area number.



Springwells Park Property Improvement Application

Property owners must receive approval from the Restrictions and Improvements Committee before beginning work on external property improvements, renovations or additions to assure compliance with Springwells Park Subdivision Deed Restrictions. The permit approval process assures compliance with deed restrictions and is required regardless of whether a building permit is required by the city of Dearborn. When a city permit is required, the Springwells Park permit must be granted prior to application for the City of Dearborn building permit. **Springwells Park property owners are legally bound to comply with Springwells Park Subdivision Deed Restrictions.**

Please complete the following application and submit to Rick Sims, Chairperson of the Restrictions and Improvement Committee at 8 Adams Lane, along with the builder's or contractor's contract, pictures, sketches or blueprints and sample colors. If you have questions please call Rick Sims at 313-240-6632 (if not available, contact Robert Villa at 313-717-2826).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Type of work to be done

_____ Roof	_____ Fence	_____ Addition to garage
_____ Windows	_____ Pavers_	_____ Deck / Hot Tub
_____ Siding / Trim	_____ Exterior Paint	_____ Permanent play equipment
_____ Concrete	_____ Addition to home	_____ Other

Details of work to be done:

Company or person completing work: _____

Start and end dates work will be done: _____
