

# Neighborhood News

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[Nov. 8, 2009](#): If you're lucky like me to have all these nice big trees in your back yard, your house is probably being molested by these roach-looking creatures:



After doing a search, it seems the best way to rid your house of these pests is to fill a spray bottle with water and about 2 or 3 tablespoons of liquid dish detergent, then spray under and around your doors and any crevice that they can fit into. They don't like soap and it will keep them away. Use a shop vac to remove them from the walls and floors. Yes, you can use an exterminator but the chemicals they use are a bit more toxic than soap. Either way, the bugs don't harm anything and are only looking for a warm place to hang out for the season. Good thing they don't have teeth. -John

[Nov. 6, 2009](#): The following is a note from our new neighbors in 5606:

## *Dear Edgewood Pond neighbors*

*Thanks for your kind welcoming messages. We are glad to have found such a wonderful area. Our house is still full of boxes, but we are truly enjoying the spaces and views.*

*We relocated from New Jersey. Miguel has adapted well to Stevenson High as a freshman. Cristina just started at the University of Chicago and visits occasionally. We are both still adjusting to our new jobs, but are excited about the transition. We are looking forward to meeting you in person. Please stop by the house anytime.*

## *Carmen Morales and Jose Carrazza*

The winter is upon us before you know it. I'll make it a point to stop by and visit. And I usually bring my camera... -John

[Nov. 5, 2009](#): I am going to contact Rico Landscaping to quote on maintenance of the front entrance landscaping. I believe this will simplify things and maybe we can get a better price for the service performed. It will all start again in the Spring. In the meantime, I'll work on getting the entrance fence replaced - it can wait until Spring as well.

[Oct. 28, 2009](#): The recycling efforts of Long Grove amassed over 10 tons of electronic recyclable items. I volunteered to help in the effort on Sept. 26, and it was really an eye opener. Take a look at this [slideshow](#) of what amounted to a half a semi-trailer of old electronic stuff. Amazing what you accumulate in a very short time. It was actually fun, and I'll do it again next year (and bring all of my old computers and TV's along with me).

[October 22, 2009](#): I just received the [contract for snow plowing](#) on the roadway from Vallecillos. Same deal as last year, so I signed it and mailed it in. On this matter, you should all be getting your winter snow plowing contracts lined up. I use Vallecillos, and they are very reliable, get it done early in the AM, and cost-wise, it's probably what others are paying (\$65) per visit. Anyway, I would recommend them based on past experience. Just my .02...

[October 14, 2009](#): Welcome Jose and Carmen Carrazza to the neighborhood, at 5606 Black Walnut Tr.

*Note from Loren: We have settled into our apartment in highland park and are now getting ready to leave for Florida. the move went well but is better suited for younger people... we are exhausted and achy. we will miss our beautiful home and neighborhood views. black walnut was a wonderful place to live and we will miss it but not the work of maintaining our home. we hope the Carrazzas are good neighbors. we wanted to wish you all the best of luck and thank you for being good neighbors.*

We wish them the best in their new home and ultimately, in the warm weather.

## New Additions:



Jackson Omer Boundy, born Sept. 4, 2009



Annalise Lee, born June 10, 2009

**July 10, 2009:** Check this [MEMO](#) that I received from the village regarding burglary. Always a good thing to be safe and keep lights on...and keep your doors locked as well.

**June 21, 2009:** We have a new neighbor on our street - **Congratulations to Kyu and Helen Lee on their new daughter, born on June 11!**

Our HOA meeting on June 11 went well, no real news to report, as everything is status-quo for the time being. Click [HERE](#) for a recap of the meeting. Hope everyone is finding some sort of "summer" within this season...bring it on! Loren has provided some information regarding [wasp control and landscaping](#) as it applies to his house at 5606. This may be useful for others.

**May 9, 2009:** Just a reminder, our Homeowners Meeting will be in exactly one month - **June 11, 6:30PM** - at 5610 on the deck, weather permitting. Hope to see everyone there, and meet the neighbors.

**Mar. 27, 2009:** Rico Landscaping has sent me a quote for weekly maintenance on the entire street. Here is the [quote](#) outlining the services they provide. It amounts to everyone on our street paying around \$50 per week (\$200 per month) for maintenance and services as shown in the quote. Having one contractor do all of our homes at one time will definitely alleviate the congestion that we experience now. I can tell you I have had Rico for several years and they have always done a great job.

**Mar. 17, 2009:** Please welcome Ali and Eda to the neighborhood, in 5602. This is their first house and,



well, they're going to find out how nice it is to own...

5606 has just entered the market. Here is a [link to the property](#) on the Coldwell Banker website. With landscapers, I have contacted Perricone and Rico and will have quotes for each individual home site soon.

Feb. 9, 2009: I just received [this item](#) regarding WILDLIFE from the village. Please read it and if you're interested, you might want to attend the forum. I think they might be addressing the excessive deer foraging that most of us are experiencing.

Feb. 8, 2009: No more snow...PLEASE. I just paid the January [SNOW REMOVAL](#) bill, and hopefully we're seeing the end of the white stuff. And,very soon **we will have new neighbors** - stay tuned.

Jan. 29, 2009: For your information, I received [this bulletin](#) from the village. Check it out, seems the cold weather has forced some people to do crazy things.

Jan, 1, 2009: Here is the December [SNOW REMOVAL](#) invoice - we must have set a record for that white stuff. Now that I'm thinking about it, I'd like to suggest a tentative date for our homeowners meeting: **Homeowners meeting will be Thursday, June 11 at 6:30PM. Please mark your calendar now and hopefully we'll all be able to attend.** I am also making a few changes that you will see on the balance sheet: I am adding hyperlinks so you can see the detailed invoices on specific line items. This takes a bit more time on my part, but it makes things better in the long run as all relative paperwork is easily accessed. I'm a real sucker for this kind of website-based information sharing.