

The Sawyer Social Block Club Newsletter - December 2024

Greetings, Sawyer Social Block Club Members (7900-8100),

We are thrilled to announce our exciting line-up of annual holiday events that will bring some much-needed joy and festivity to our community! From our Annual Holiday Scavenger Hunt to our festive Christmas Decorations Contest and the introduction of our NEW competition for the best-decorated window display or window Christmas Tree, we have something for everyone to participate in and enjoy this holiday season.

Annual Holiday Events:

1. **Holiday Scavenger Hunt:** Get ready for a thrilling adventure as we organize our annual Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Stay tuned for more details on how you can participate and win exciting prizes!
2. **Christmas Decorations Contest:** Showcase your creativity and holiday spirit by participating in our Christmas Decorations Contest. Let's spread joy and cheer by decorating our homes in the most festive way possible.
3. **New Contest: Best Decorated Window Display or Christmas Tree:** This year, we are introducing a new contest to recognize our community's best-decorated window display or Christmas tree. Start planning your decorations and get ready to dazzle us all!

Block Club Meeting Notes - November 3, 2024:

We had fruitful discussions during our last Block Club meeting on November 3, 2024, at 8036 South Western Ave. We made important decisions to strengthen our community. Here are some key points covered during the meeting:

- **Group Chat Decision:** All members present voted to use one standard group chat for better communication and coordination among neighbors. This will be a designated phone number and is being set up with OPT-IN and OPT-OUT options.
- **Block Club Party Success:** The Block Club party was a resounding success, bringing neighbors closer together and fostering a sense of community spirit. Thank you to all those who participated and donated to this annual event.
- **Security Concerns Addressed:** Measures to prevent package theft, such as installing motion lights and bulbs, were discussed to deter unwanted individuals. Menards has a motion-censor option in bulb form. Having lights in the back and front of your property helps everyone. We learned the location of possible troublemakers in the neighborhood and are monitoring the situation along with the Alderman. We have also formally requested additional patrol in the area.

- **Block Club Dues Collection:** We shared details on collecting Block Club dues. Starting in January 2025, the annual dues will be \$100 or \$25 quarterly. Dues requests will be sent quarterly to your mailbox with an envelope and options for digital payments.
- **Expansion of Holiday Scavenger Hunt:** The Holiday Scavenger Hunt now includes additions such as house decorations to enhance the festive spirit.
- **Halloween Celebrations:** Starting in 2025, we will organize a Sawyer Social-only Halloween block event, similar to the trunk-or-treat events.
- **Communication Options:** When passing out paper flyers, we often place those items inside your mailboxes. We find that this ensures receipt. If you DO or DO NOT want us to place information inside your mailbox, please let us know IN WRITING and place your request in the mailbox at 8047 Sawyer.

Let's continue to work together to make our community safer, more connected, and filled with holiday spirit. Stay tuned for more updates and details on our upcoming holiday events!

Sincerely,

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