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The Jonathan Association silo was repainted last year.  
Photo by Kathy Hamilton.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As the last of the snow piles melt away, it's safe to officially proclaim an end to winter at The Jonathan Association! Special thanks to the onsite management team and the Benz crews for ensuring a seamless winter season. We had a few learnings, but, overall, the season went very well.

The trees are budding, the tulips are blossoming, spring clean-up is here, and the Festival of Garage Sales is just around the corner. It feels like change is abundant, everywhere we look! This sentiment threads through exciting happenings that you'll learn about in this edition of *Jonathan Neighbors*. I am excited to see the talents of all involved come together to make Jonathan an even better community to call home.

As always, I encourage you to contribute your passion, talents, and time in any capacity that you can, to make a difference. From weeding an elderly neighbor's landscaping to volunteering at the 4th of July event, we do better, together. Take pride in making your investment in Jonathan; one of the best parts of Chaska.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy".

Jeremy Landkammer Ely  
*President, Jonathan Association Board of Directors*

### NEW BOARD MEMBER

#### **SKIP ROTHE**

*Skip was elected Vice President*

I want to see Jonathan thrive as a close-knit community that we can all be proud to say we are a part of. I believe that I have shown to have the skills and talents to accomplish my goals. Skip's goals in this role are:

- Build pride in our community
- Show value in being a part of The Jonathan Association to the members
- Build trust with homeowners
- Continue to build a relationship with management
- Maintain fiduciary responsibility
- Continue to build on the legacy left by my wife

### NEW BOARD MEMBER

#### **STEVE DUMMER**

I was on the board, in the past, for 6 years. I want to serve because I want to have a say in my local neighborhood government. I think that I can work well with the current board members. My goals include, and are not limited to, making our HOA some of the nicest neighborhoods in Chaska, with fiscal responsibility. I was Santa at Cocoa and Coasting, in 2021, as one of my volunteer activities. I have been on the ARC and finance committees and would like to continue.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER

#### **RICK ANASTASI**

We are 30-year residents in our Autumn Woods neighborhood and would like to provide input and insights for our neighborhood, to the association. I recently retired from a 40-year sales career, with General Mills; retiring as National Sales Manager for their Convenience Special Markets segment. Responsibilities included a large, diverse sales force and a \$25 million trade budget.



# NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN JONATHAN

by Jeremy Landkammer Ely



## RESERVE AT AUTUMN WOODS

Lennar presents Reserve at Autumn Woods

The Reserve community completes the Autumn Woods development, just west of Audubon Road.

The developer is offering single-family homes from their Discovery and Landmark collections. The collections include eight unique plans that range from 1,920 to 3,436 square feet and start in the high \$500s. The Reserve will link connectivity from Autumn Woods East to Autumn Woods North. Lennar has dedicated park space to the City of Chaska, between Autumn Woods Drive and Sugar Maple Drive. Model homes are open, now. Visit [www.lennar.com](http://www.lennar.com) for more information about Reserve.



## OAK CREEK AT CLOVER RIDGE

DR Horton presents Oak Creek at Clover Ridge

This community extends west of Clover Field Drive, featuring a new development on Oak Drive, while completing cul-de-sac lots on Sophia Drive and Clover Preserve. Single-family homes will range from 2,522 to 3,400 square feet, with connected smart home devices, throughout. The community will feature a new tot-lot and expanded trail connectivity in Clover Ridge. DR Horton is completing their model, early this spring, and anticipates entry-level units in the low \$500s. Visit [www.drhorton.com](http://www.drhorton.com) for more information about Oak Creek.





# NEW FACES

Meet the new faces at The Jonathan Association



SENIOR GROUNDSKEEPER

## **JOSH KLING**

I have over 25 years of experience in building and grounds maintenance. I currently live in Jonathan, along with my girlfriend and our two small dogs. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, doing various activities. I look forward to the opportunity, here at The Jonathan Association; helping to improve the future of our community.



OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

## **KATHY HAMILTON**

I am a resident of Victoria, MN, where I have lived, for over 20 years, with my husband, Joe. We have 2 adult children (Taylor and Lexi).

Born and raised in Michigan, I obtained a degree from Central Michigan University. In my free time, I enjoy exploring the world, through travel, and have even recently embarked on a European bike trip with my husband, Joe. Along with biking and traveling, we also love riding our Harley and are members of a curling league at the Chaska Curling Center.

With a passion for experiencing new things and staying active, I am always eager to take on new challenges and make the most out of life. I am excited about my new position as operations coordinator with The Jonathan Association.





Dear Jonathan Association members,

It's been an exciting year at The Jonathan Association, as we continue to strive to improve the member experience. In addition to daily operations, the management team has been focused on implementing the right talent and systems to ensure that members have the best possible experience.

We have deepened the relationships with vendors, strengthened the contracts, and ensured clear alignment with expectations. We understand that your time is valuable. We want to make sure that your experience with management is seamless.

Lastly, there has been a significant change to the on-site staff, with the creation of the senior groundskeeper and operations coordinator roles. Please join us in welcoming Josh, as the senior groundskeeper and Kathy, as the operations coordinator. Together, the three of us look forward to continuing to deliver extraordinary experiences for the members.

Please remember to activate your FirstService Residential Connect account. This account provides direct access to everything that members may need, including paying annual assessments and accessing documents/information for each neighborhood. FirstService Residential Connect portal sign-in is available from The Jonathan Association homepage, by clicking the "connect" button in the resident portal section.

We are thrilled to continue to work with all of the members to provide the best possible experiences. Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a happy spring!

Sincerely,

Kami Skomsyovog  
Community Association Manager,  
Jonathan Association



## COMMUNITY GARDENS

Improve your access to healthy, nutritious food while promoting a sense of community.

The 2023 community gardens are located at The Karen House, beside the maintenance garage. The cost is minimal and the benefits are great. Gardens provide numerous health benefits, including physical, mental, and social well-being.

Please contact The Karen House for more information on cost and availability.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

*New event:* Meet the Arborist on May 19<sup>th</sup>

FRIDAY, MAY 19

## Meet the Arborist

This new event will take place on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at The Karen House, from 10am to 1pm, featuring Steve Burslie, from Birch Tree Care. He will be available for anyone with questions regarding tree care.

Topics that may be discussed are:

- Apple Scab on Crabapples
- Emerald Ash Borer
- Japanese Beetles
- Rhizospheara on Spruce trees

CONSULTING SALES ARBORIST

**STEVE BURLIE**

STEVE@BIRCHTREECARE.COM

I have been in the green industry for over 20 years and have a B.S. in natural resource management, from the University of MN- Crookston. I am an I.S.A. Certified Arborist, along with being a licensed pesticide applicator. One of my biggest joys is meeting property owners and walking their landscape, explaining the different insect and disease issues, along with formulating a management plan that works best, within their budget.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending the majority of my time with my family. The weekends are spent with sporting activities, while finding time to enjoy the area's lakes, for fishing.

NEW DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 13

## Festival of Garage Sales

The Jonathan Association is organizing a community-wide garage sale for all Jonathan residents. It is free to participate. Garage sale maps will be available at The Karen House and Jonathan Montessori School, on Saturday morning.

[www.jonathaninchaska.com/garage-sales](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com/garage-sales)

SATURDAY, MAY 6

## Spring Clean-Up Day

The Jonathan Association will have crews making a **one-time pass through each neighborhood**, picking up yard waste. All waste must be in biodegradable bags. All brush must be smaller than 3" in diameter and 4' in length. To ensure that your yard waste is collected, have your bags sitting curbside, by 6:00 am





# PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Kim Thompson, Rena Mornson, Midori & Josiah Plopper



Photo by Rena Mornson

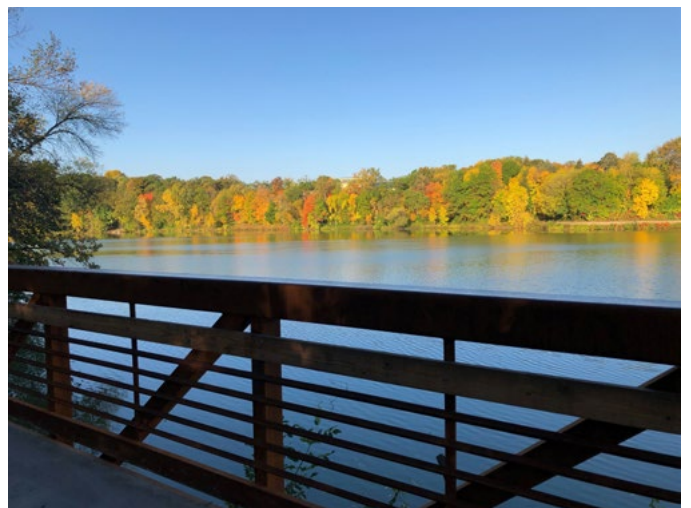


Photo by Josiah Plopper

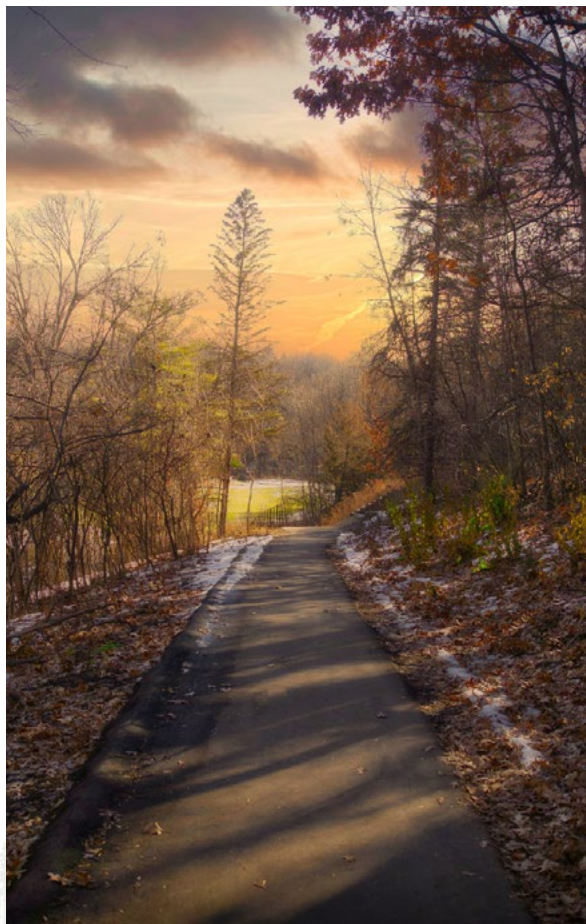


Photo by Rena Mornson



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Photo by Midori





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## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY VOLUNTEERS



As the summer approaches, we are excited to announce the upcoming Jonathan's Annual 4th of July Festival. We are looking for volunteers to make the event a success! This is a great opportunity to get involved in the community and have fun while doing so.

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for one or more of the following events:

- 5K Fun Run
- Kiddie Parade
- Clean-up at the end of the event
- Managing traffic
- Handing out food

Volunteers will be given a special t-shirt, as a thank you for helping, and to commemorate the day. We appreciate your support and commitment to making the festival a fun and memorable experience, for everyone.

To sign up, please email [info@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:info@jonathaninchaska.com) or visit the website at [www.jonathaninchaska.com](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com). There is a registration/sign-up sheet available. Let us know for which event(s) you would like to volunteer and any other relevant details.

Thank you for considering volunteering for Jonathan's Annual 4th of July Festival. We look forward to working with you!