

TAMARACK *Turf*

From the President

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Spring is upon us, and the TFHOA's required spring General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 21, 2026, and will be held at the golf course's Club House. The doors for the meeting will open at 6:30PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00PM. The general agenda for the meeting will include a report on the HOA financials, review of planned social events and Annual Garage Sale plus an update on hiring an accounting and support services company.

Our annual assessment process to fund the TFHOA ended in March. As of April 3, 2026, 160 homeowners paid their assessment, and thirty-five homeowners were each assessed late fees and still have outstanding balances due. Recently, we sent five homeowner accounts to collections, they all owed multiple year assessments.

Our Tamarack Fairways HOA has always been a Self-Managed HOA. Over time the Board of Directors have begun using accounting software, a website, and marketing services to improve the HOA operations. In 2024 we began looking for ways to improve our HOA operations. Today, there are accounting firms that focus on associations and have services designed to support Self-Managed HOAs. After researching accounting firms, we solicited proposals from four firms. The proposals gave us an education in the services provided. Currently, we are meeting with each of the firms and have them demonstrate how we can use their services. Our plan is to complete reviews of each firm and select which firm we will hire by the April 21 General Meeting.

So far, it is obvious that hiring one of these firms will have a positive impact on our HOA. Homeowners can access their own account and have additional payment options. Board members will have tools to perform their responsibility. More details on April 21st.

If you have a background and/or interest in this transitioning process and would like to be involved, please let me know.

If you have been contacted by EZEE Fiber and are wondering what is going on, Wheatland Township has approved EZEE Fiber to install their fiber in the subdivision utility easements. Wheatland Township never contacted our HOA. Typical government action.

If your contact information is incorrect, please complete an online form located on our website at: <https://tamarackfairways.org/communications/>. The online form is named: Update Contact Info & Preferences.

This newsletter and our website contain contact information for the members of your Board. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members with your ideas, issues, and concerns. Copies of recent newsletters, official general meeting minutes and notices of future events are all on our website: <https://tamarackfairways.org>.

Tamarack Fairways next General Meeting is April 21 @ 7pm



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LOCAL EVENTS

APRIL 14

BEN & JERRY'S FREE CONE DAY

Visit their Downtown Naperville location for a free cup or cone of your favorite Ben & Jerry's flavor!

APRIL 16 5:30PM

NAPERVILLE WALKING TOURS

Learn about the important and interesting architecture from the 1800s to today that makes Downtown Naperville a beautiful place to live, work, and play. Tours last approximately 60 minutes and cover about two miles. Ticket sales end at 4 PM on each tour date. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door. Guests are encouraged to dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Open to all ages. Tickets Available Here:

www.napersettlement.org

APRIL 24 6:30-8:30pm @ 14 South Washington St

ILLUMINATION CONCERT

Set in the warm glow of more than 200 candles, the evening promises an intimate and memorable musical experience. Candlelight will dance across the building's stained-glass windows and rich wooden accents, enhancing the beauty and serenity of the space. Quartet 61 is an eclectic ensemble of harp, guitar, violin, and cello, celebrated for their richly textured sound and world-music influences. For more information, visit their website:

napervillewomansclub.org.

APRIL 25 9am-2pm @ 301 N Washington St

WILD WONDERS

Spring has sprung, and adventure is in the air! Enjoy nature-inspired activities, art, and more. Whether you flutter like a butterfly, creep like a critter, or soar like a bird, there's something wild waiting for you. Come explore, create, and let your imagination take flight at Wild Wonders! More info here:

www.dupagechildrens.org

APRIL 10-26 @ Brightside Theater

PRIVATE LIVES

Wit, charm, and scandal collide in Noël Coward's sparkling comedy Private Lives. When a divorced couple unexpectedly reunites while honeymooning with their new spouses, chaos — and hilarity — ensues. With razor-sharp dialogue and timeless sophistication, this classic play is a deliciously clever look at love, passion, and the fine line between romance and rivalry. Tickets available here: www.brightsidetheatre.com

MAY 2 10am-4pm

AURORA GREENFEST 2026

Aurora GreenFest is the region's largest family-friendly celebration of sustainability, green living, and community action. Since 2010, our annual festival has brought together neighbors, businesses, environmental groups, and city partners to inspire a more sustainable future in Aurora and the Fox Valley. More information here: www.auroragreenfest.com/

MAY 8 6pm

FAMILY STEM NIGHT - OVER THE RAINBOW

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MAY 15 5-9pm @ Benton St, River to Broadway

FOOD TRUCK FEST

Come hungry and leave happy! Admission is free, and all are welcome. Follow them (@cityofaurorail) on Facebook for updates on participating food trucks and event details.

MAY 15-17

AURORA GREEK FEST

Taste the Greek hospitality, culture and most importantly delicious Greek food! St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church hosts this semi-annual festival which runs for a long weekend every May and September, attracting thousands of guests from Aurora and the surrounding suburbs. The Aurora Greek Fest is much more than a cultural event for the families of St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church. It is an opportunity to share a part of ourselves with the community. Who we are. Where we come from. What we believe. As you enjoy our excellent cooking, we invite you all inside our beautiful parish to receive a "taste" of our religious heritage which was founded in Christ and passed down to us without interruption for nearly 2,000 years. Admission is free and plenty of parking!

MAY 25 10:30AM

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

For more information or to participate in the parade, visit www.napervillememorialdayparade.org/



SOCIAL TAMARACK EVENTS

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER IS BACK

Saturday May 2, 6-9PM
Tamarack Fairways Clubhouse

The Murder Mystery Company will entertain us while we dine. This event is free for adult homeowners. This is an adult-only event. The costume theme is "I Love the 80's". To RSVP, please email Kathryn Peters at tfhoaholidayvote@gmail.com with your name & phone number, address and the number of adult homeowners in your group. Please RSVP by end of day Friday April 17, 2026 so we can order food appropriately!



GOLF CART CINEMA NIGHT AT TAMARACK FAIRWAYS GOLF COURSE

Thursday May 28 , 8pm (Rain-out make-up date is Friday May 29)

Back by popular demand, this is a free event for families in the Tamarack Fairways neighborhood. We will show a short Disney movie and light refreshments will be available. There is room in a golf cart for 2 adults and a small child, so adults with bigger kids will need 2 carts comfortably. Please arrive around 8 PM to claim your cart and meet some neighbors. The movie will begin at 8:30.

Please email Kathryn Peters at tfhoaholidayvote@gmail.com by May 8, 2026 to RSVP with your name & phone number, address and the number of family members in your group.



THE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

May 28, 29, 30, 2026

In conjunction with Tamarack West. Please email Kathryn Peters at tfhoaholidayvote@gmail.com with your address so we can place signs on your corner & in front of your house!

Save the Date! 9-HOLE GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 12, 2026 from late afternoon-early evening

This is a free event for adult homeowners and older children who golf. We will provide family friendly dinner & fun after our round is over behind the clubhouse.



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12 Spring Home Projects You Can Tackle In No Time

Submitted by Marcia McKee

Many people spend the long, cold winter dreaming of all the fun things they'll get to do in spring. From picking fresh flowers, to hosting a backyard barbecue, to taking advantage of one of the area's incredible parks or forest preserves, there is no shortage of ways to go out and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine as spring comes back to Chicagoland. At the same time, it's important to make sure your home is ready for the changing spring weather. Your property's most important systems may need a tuneup to recover after a tough winter season. Meanwhile, it's important to get your property ready for the heavy rains and unpredictable temperatures that come with springtime in Chicagoland. You'll also want to think ahead about how you can best prepare your indoor and outdoor spaces for the dry, hot summer weather that lies ahead. One way to balance your spring fun with your seasonal checklist? Look for easy, accessible projects that take only a few hours and a little bit of equipment to complete. You may be surprised by how much the little details can add up, helping transform your space for the season — while still giving you plenty of time to kick back, relax, and enjoy yourself. Looking to make a list of spring projects to tackle this season? Here are a dozen quick fixes and weekend chores that can get your Chicagoland home ready for spring in no time:

1.) Clean Out Gutters and Downspouts Take advantage of the bright, clear days of spring to take a look at your gutters and downspouts. Get rid of blockages by clearing away debris, such as fallen leaves and branches, and run water through with a hose to make sure that downspouts are draining properly, away from the foundation. Getting this important task out of the way can help ensure that your drainage system will be ready for the spring storms to come.

2.) Look for Standing Water and Drainage Issues In addition to checking your gutters, look for water that is draining toward your home's foundation, as this can lead to flooding, mold, and damage to your basement or crawlspace. Similarly, look around for pools of standing water on your lawn or around your deck; these can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes and other insects during the warmer days of spring and summer.

3.) Focus on Your Windows and Doors: Repair, Wash, and Reseal After a winter full of whipping winds and freezing rain, your windows and doors may need some care. Look for damaged screens, and take some time to patch up any gaps or replace badly broken screens. At the same time, look for gaps or cracks around your windows and doors, and add caulk to re-seal, as necessary. Finally, give your windows and glass doors a good washing, to help get them bright and clear for the season.

4.) Update Your Outdoor Decor Feeling tired of your outdoor decor? You can make a big impact with some minor upgrades. For instance, think about replacing your outdoor light fixtures with modern new finishes, or switching out your current house numbers for a sleek, chic new look. Hang baskets of flowers or plants, and look for fun flourishes like outdoor rugs or colorful weatherproof pillows.

5.) Replace Filters and Clean Vents Springtime is allergy season! Help everyone in your home breathe easier — and keep your HVAC systems performing at their best — by regularly replacing your furnace and air conditioner filters. Clean the vents around your home to get rid of dust, dirt, and allergens which can get kicked up into your space throughout the spring.

6.) Test Your Home's Alarm Systems This simple project should only take a few minutes, but can have an enormous impact on your household's safety: When you set your clocks to "spring forward," take some time to check the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors, and replace defunct batteries as necessary. Try to check these devices to make sure they're fully functional at least once every six months.

7.) Polish Up Your Deck, Patio, or Balcony During the early days of spring, take some time to clean up your outdoor living spaces, to get them ready for the fun times to come. Sweep your hard surfaces with a dry broom to get rid of debris, then follow up with a wet mop or hose. Polish your exterior lighting fixtures, wipe down railings, and clean your glass windows and doors. Remember to be safe! Bring a buddy when you work outside, and avoid overextending your reach or relying on step stools or ladders.

8.) Clean Your Outdoor Furniture and Appliances Once you've cleaned your patio, rooftop, or balcony, you'll want to break out your favorite chairs, tables, and outdoor decor. As you set up your outdoor spaces, take time to clean your outdoor furniture. Wipe down wicker, plastic, or metal surfaces to get rid of that winter dust, and wash your outdoor fabrics to get them picture-perfect for spring entertaining season. If you have an outdoor grill, be sure to clean and service it before you start cooking up your first spring feast.

9.) Check Your Sprinkler and Irrigation Systems If you have a sprinkler or irrigation system set up to keep your lawn looking pristine, don't forget to give your set-up a look in the early days of spring. Check to see if any sprinkler heads were damaged over the winter, and be sure to adjust your system to make sure you're not wasting water by splashing the driveway, house, or sidewalk.

10.) Look for Easy Places to Paint Ready to bring in some fresh new colors? Spring is a great time to experiment with stunning new shades. Look for areas where you can add a pop of color in just a few hours, such as the front door, wooden furniture pieces, or small architectural flourishes like built-ins or door frames.

11.) Clean The Indoor Spots You Usually Put Off Many of us like to take on some major spring cleaning at this time of year. Before turning your attention to all the dust bunnies calling your name, be sure to invest some time in cleaning those hard-to-reach or out-of-the-way areas you may tend to overlook, such as your door knobs, baseboards, light switches, outlet covers, and electronics equipment.

12.) Make Fun Seasonal Swaps Feeling tired of your winter decor? Embrace the spring season by finding quick and easy switches, from replacing your centerpieces and table decor, to swapping out your heavy winter rugs for fresh spring textures and patterns.

REAL ESTATE WISDOM

DON'T LET HOME PRICES HEADLINES FOOL YOU

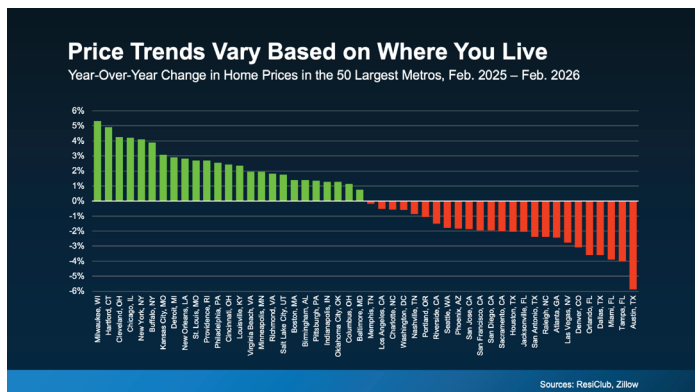
Submitted by Jan Mackey

Spend about 5 minutes online searching for news about the housing market, and odds are you'll see something pop up about home prices. You may even stumble onto social media influencers saying we're headed for a crash. Let's get you the context you need. The truth is prices are going to vary depending on where you live. But they're not crashing. Here's what you need to know.

The Local Perspective: Home Price Trends by Area

The biggest thing feeding into the confusion online is how different home price trends are by area right now. Take a look at this data from ResiClub and Zillow (graph below).

About half of the largest metros are seeing prices go up. The other half are seeing some declines.



Unfortunately, the online chatter only focuses on the markets where prices are down – and that makes it sound like something bigger is happening.

But, as you can see in this graph, that's only one side of the story. The full picture is different.

The National Perspective: Moderate Price Growth

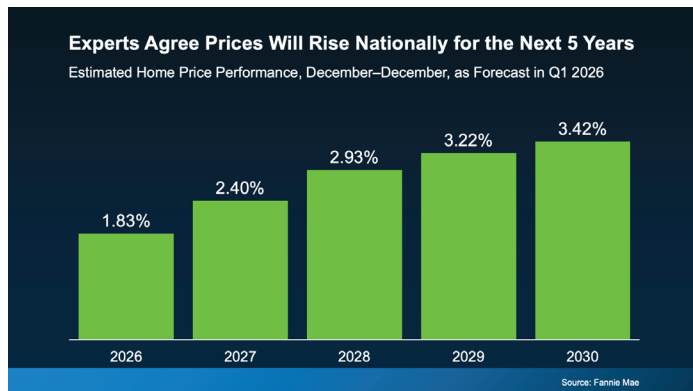
As a country, when you average it all together to get a true baseline, one thing becomes clear, home prices are still net positive at the national level.

According to the Redfin, national home prices were up about 1% year-over-year in February. So, what we're seeing right now isn't a collapse. It's a market that's normalizing after a period of unusually fast growth. And that impacts some local markets more than others – particularly those where prices rose too far, too fast during the pandemic.

A true crash, like what happened in 2008, would mean prices dropping sharply across the entire country. That's just not what the data shows today. And it's not where things are going either.

Experts Agree This Isn't 2008

In fact, Fannie Mae surveyed over 100 housing market experts to ask their opinions on where prices are headed from here. And the experts agree, nationally, prices are expected to keep rising over the next five years:



That rise will be moderate, particularly this year, but the trend is clear. Nationally, prices are forecast to grow every year now through at least 2030 – and that's normal. Daryl Fairweather, Chief Economist, at Redfin explains:

"House prices aren't going to fall on a national scale any time soon—and that's actually a good thing. It's normal for house prices to rise gradually over time . . ."

That's why even in the select areas where prices have dropped slightly this year, the decline is expected to be temporary. According to that same quarterly Fannie Mae survey mentioned above, 85% of the experts say the markets that are seeing mild declines right now will return to positive price growth before the end of 2027.

The main takeaway? This isn't a crash. And prices aren't expected to fall nationally. If anything, the few areas experiencing declines are expected to rebound in the next year or so.

Bottom Line It's easy to get caught up in headlines that make it sound like something big is about to happen. But don't be fooled. The housing market isn't crashing. It's just shifting.

The key is understanding what's actually happening in your market, so you can make the right move for you. Let's connect if you want the local perspective. Contact me with any questions.

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THE MONEY MINUTE

Global Conflicts, Markets, and Financial Planning

Submitted by Matthew L. Gill



With multiple wars and global conflicts unfolding at once, many investors are wondering how the most recent conflict involving Iran might affect their financial plan and investments. While similar events have led to humanitarian crises, increased global political uncertainty, and periods of short-term market volatility, they have not historically had a lasting impact on well-diversified investment portfolios.

A key part of confidently staying on track is viewing these events through the lens of your long-term financial plan and goals.

Short-Term Volatility vs. Long-Term Investing

Conflicts like the ones with Iran, Venezuela, and Ukraine can lead to temporary spikes in oil prices, inflation concerns, and interest rate uncertainty. If energy prices remain elevated, they can slow consumer spending and create headwinds for the global economy.

However, history has shown time and time again that markets have historically recovered over time, though not guaranteed. While geopolitical events can cause concern, short-term volatility, they have not historically had a lasting impact on broadly diversified investment portfolios.

Markets are forward-looking. By the time news reaches the public, much of the information is already priced into the stock prices. This is why reacting to headlines can lead to decisions that may not align with long-term plans.

During periods of conflict or uncertainty, it's tempting to make changes based on global events. However, attempting to time the market, especially based on geopolitical developments is extremely difficult.

The famous investor Peter Lynch emphasizes this point with his quote: "Far more money has been lost by investors preparing for corrections, or trying to anticipate corrections, than has been lost in corrections themselves", according to historical market studies.

Investors who stay disciplined and stick to their long-term strategy may be better positioned to stay aligned with long-term goals than those who react emotionally to short-term news.

When your financial plan calls to do nothing, it is usually best to follow it and do nothing.

Diversified portfolios can still experience losses and periods of volatility depending on market conditions and asset allocation.

What Can You Do? - Focus on What You Can Control

Rather than trying to predict or prepare for global events, investors should focus on what they can control, such as:

- Allocating investments to your risk tolerance
- Diversifying broadly
- Talking to your financial advisor
- Following your financial plan

One of the most valuable roles an advisor can play is behavioral coaching, helping you remain disciplined when markets become unpredictable. If your portfolio is invested properly, aligned to your risk tolerance, and you have confidence in your financial plan/financial advisor, then short-term volatility from global conflicts becomes much less meaningful to your long-term success.

Final Thoughts

The conflict in Iran is a reminder that global events can and will impact financial markets in the short term. No one knows how this will play out or when it will end. However, these facts do not change the core principles of successful investing, diversification, or following a well-thought-out long-term financial plan. In the long run, discipline drives investment success, not emotional decision-making.

We believe long-term planning can help investors navigate uncertainty, though outcomes are not guaranteed.

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TAMARACK TURF

Submitted by Brad Culen

Naperville's restaurant scene stands out not just for its variety, but for the quality and experience each dining spot delivers. Whether you're planning a romantic date night, celebrating a milestone, enjoying a family meal, or simply looking for a reliable local favorite, the city offers something exceptional for every occasion. From the charm of historic fine dining to casual neighborhood gems and scenic Riverwalk patios, these top-rated restaurants showcase why Naperville continues to be one of the premier dining destinations in the western suburbs. No matter where you choose to eat, you're sure to find great food, welcoming atmospheres, and memorable experiences that keep diners coming back. Below are some of the top-rated restaurants for any occasion.

BEST DATE NIGHT / ROMANTIC RESTAURANTS / GROUP CELEBRATIONS

Mesón Sabika

Best for: Anniversaries, romantic nights, special celebrations

- Spanish tapas served in a historic mansion
- Consistently ranked among Naperville's most memorable dining experiences

Ramsay's Kitchen - Naperville

Best for: Stylish date nights, upscale-but-not-formal vibes

- Gordon Ramsay restaurant with creative American cuisine
- Strong ambiance, cocktails, and plates meant for sharing

Hugo's Frog Bar & Fish House

Best For: Seafood tower or oysters to start

- Prime steak or fish entrée
- Classic cocktail or wine

BEST FAMILY FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

Best for: Families, casual gatherings, visitors

- Chicago deepdish staple everyone agrees on
- Reliable quality and kidfriendly atmosphere

Egg Harbor Café

Best for: Family brunch, relaxed mornings

- Pancakes, omelets, lighter fare
- One of Naperville's most popular breakfast spots

BEST STEAKHOUSE EXPERIENCES

Sullivan's Steakhouse

Best for: Birthdays, client dinners, classic steakhouse vibes

- Prime steaks, seafood, superb cocktails
- One of the most booked finedining spots downtown
- Best Italian Restaurants

Fiamme Pizzeria Napoletana

Best for: Italian dinner, wine lovers, upscale pizza

- Neapolitan & Detroitstyle pizza, handmade pasta
- Among the highestrated Italian restaurants in Naperville

La Sorella di Francesca

Best for: Traditional Italian, quieter romantic meals

- Housemade pastas, authentic recipes
- Consistently praised for food quality and service

BEST CASUAL / LOCAL FAVORITES

Jackson Avenue Pub

Best for: Burgers, casual dinner, neighborhood vibes

- Excellent value with consistently high ratings
- Often ranked as one of the best casual restaurants locally

BEST PATIO & RIVERWALK DINING

Vasili's

Best for: Mediterranean cuisine, patio season

- Elevated Greek dishes with refined plating
- Prime location near the Riverwalk



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Rejuvenate and Restore a Neglected Garden to Its Former Glory

Submitted by Marcia McKee

A neglected garden usually results from a combination of poor maintenance, soil deficiencies, pest problems, and environmental stressors.

Common Causes of Garden Neglect

- 1. Lack of Regular Maintenance** Gardens require consistent care, including weeding, pruning, watering, and fertilization. Without regular attention, weeds can overtake flowerbeds, compete with plants for sunlight, water, and nutrients, and create a haven for pests like mosquitoes and rodents, which further harm plant health.
- 2. Soil Quality Issues** Poor soil structure or nutrient deficiencies can prevent plants from thriving. Essential macronutrients like nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, along with micronutrients, are critical for growth. Soil pH also affects nutrient absorption; most plants prefer slightly acidic to neutral soil (pH 5.5–7.5). Compacted soil reduces air and water flow to roots, stunting growth.
- 3. Pest and Disease Infestations** Neglected gardens often harbor pests such as aphids, hornworms, or rodents, and can become susceptible to diseases. These biological stressors can damage leaves, roots, and stems, leading to poor plant performance.
- 4. Environmental Stressors** Insufficient sunlight, poor drainage, or extreme weather conditions can stress plants. Overgrown areas may block sunlight or create microclimates that are unfavorable for certain species.
- 5. Overgrowth and Structural Issues** Unmanaged growth can make a garden difficult to navigate and maintain. Overgrown plants may interfere with soil health and even damage garden structures. Neglected areas can also harbor poisonous plants like poison ivy, which pose safety risks.

Steps to Revive a Neglected Garden

- 1. Assess and Plan:** Examine the garden's current state, identify surviving plants, and prioritize tasks. Sketch a layout considering sunlight, water, and soil conditions.
- 2. Soil Restoration:** Test soil pH and nutrient levels, amend with compost or fertilizers, and improve drainage if needed.
- 3. Weeding and Pruning:** Remove weeds, dead growth, and overgrown plants to reduce competition and improve airflow.
- 4. Pest Management:** Identify pests and use organic deterrents like neem oil or beneficial insects.
- 5. Regular Maintenance:** Establish a routine for watering, fertilizing, and monitoring plant health to prevent future neglect.

By addressing these factors systematically, you can restore your garden to a healthy, thriving state while preventing future neglect.

Swimming Safe from the Start!

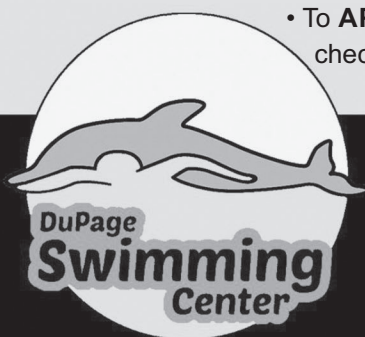
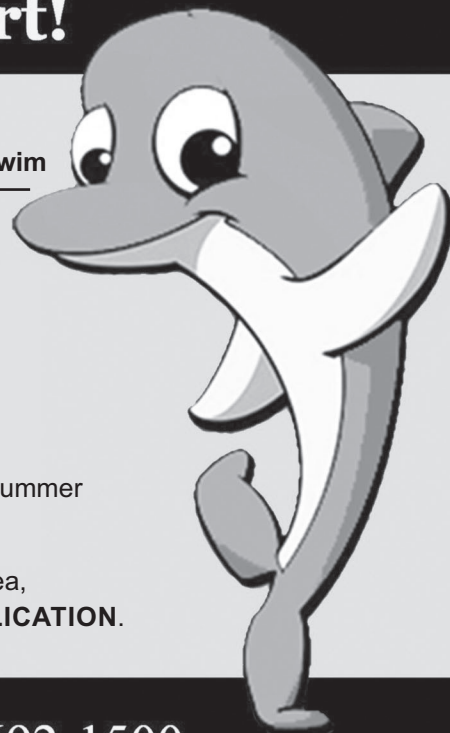
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