



# Ancient Oaks Seedlings

Summer 2017



## Upcoming Events & Activities

**Fabulous Fireflies – Friday, July 21**

7:30 pm to 9 pm

**Location: Old Mill Grove Park/Shelter, 285 Old Mill Grove Rd, LZ**

Sometimes called Lightning Bugs, these native beetles come in many varieties, colors and habitats and are extremely interesting. Join us for an evening of games, stories and hands on activities that will help us appreciate these flickering friends. \$3/person. Register through the LZ Parks and Rec Dept. 847 438 5146



**‘Dandy Dragonflies’- Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>-6:30p to 8 pm**  
**Manor Park wetland 5 Miller Road, LZ**

Come learn about these brilliantly colored masters of the water and air through games, activities and by exploring their habitat. \$3/person. Register through the LZ Parks and Rec. Dept. 847 439 5146

**Monday September 11th- “Monarch Butterflies” with Vince Mosca.**

Learn about the Monarch’s perilous migration across the North American continent. From the Monarch’s wintering grounds in the mountains of Mexico, across the USA to Canada, hear how governments, businesses and scientists are working together and how **you can help** this amazing butterfly in your own backyard! Monday Sept. 11, 7pm to 8:30 at Ela Area Public Library. Call 847 438 3433 to register.

**Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, ‘Tree Care’ with Shannon Westphal, Certified Arborist with The Care of Trees, a Davey Company**

Ela Area Public Library

We love our trees and they love us back with shade, oxygen and habitat for wildlife. Shannon will give us tips for preparing our trees for the coming winter months. Learn which jobs you can do yourself and which require the services of an arborist. Free. Call 847 438 3433 to register.

**Watch for more upcoming events in the Fall Seedling!**

## Recent Events & Activities

**Revive & Restore Fashion Show Fundraiser**

Thanks to Revival Boutique for hosting "Revive and Restore" a fashion show benefiting the Ancient Oaks Foundation. It was a wonderful event! Those who attended viewed the lovely women's fashions of Revival Boutique, enjoyed the guitar mastery of Kent Lewis and supported the Lake Zurich area's premier conservation organization. Thanks to all who attended!



**Ancient Oaks Board of Directors attend Strategic Planning Meeting hosted by Executive Service Corps (ESC)**

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> the Board of Directors from the Ancient Oaks Foundation joined strategic partners from the Lake Zurich Area and Executive Service Corps to discuss the long term strategic plan for the Ancient Oaks Foundation. Items of discussion included the Mission of Ancient Oaks, expanding the Board of Directors, fundraising and engaging volunteers. Thank you to all that participated! A special thank you to the Holiday Inn Express, Lake Zurich for donating the meeting space.

## Ongoing Projects

### Kuechmann Park

626 N. Old Rand Road

Restoration continues at the oak woodland in Kuechmann Park. Volunteers continue to clear buckthorn and spread woodchips along the walking path. Recently volunteers connected two trails to make a full loop through the woodland for residents to enjoy.



### Oak Ridge Marsh Nature Park

500 Lions Drive

Clearing continues at the Nature Park as well. McGinty has completed the ash tree removals and we are back to eradicating invasive species such as buckthorn and honeysuckle. Recently Village Trustee, Mary Beth Euker stopped in to lend a hand and learn more about this important project, as well as others that the Ancient Oaks Foundation has been working on.



Ancient Oaks Director Mike Kleeman with Village Trustee Mary Beth Euker at a recent work day at The Nature Park.

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## Membership

Do you know somebody like you who cares about Lake Zurich's woodlands and natural areas? Please tell them about Ancient Oaks Foundation! Different levels and types of membership are available or you can give a one-time donation. We accept checks made out to Ancient Oaks Foundation or you can use the secure PayPal account found on our website. Visit [ancientoaksfoundation.org](http://ancientoaksfoundation.org) for information about our 501(c) 3 tax deductible sponsorship levels.

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## Volunteer & Sponsorship Opportunities

**Volunteers** are always needed for the fun and rewarding work of habitat restoration. You'll get great exercise, fresh air, make some new friends and enjoy the camaraderie that working for a good cause can bring..

**When:** Workdays are year round, even in winter. Most are on Saturday mornings. Sign up for our email list at [info@ancientoaksfoundation.org](mailto:info@ancientoaksfoundation.org) to be notified of dates, times and locations for workdays.

### Who:

- Adults and teens age 13 and up. Children ages 12 and under with an adult;
- Girl and Boy Scouts- Earn badges, Try-its, Eagle Scout and Gold Badge Award work.
- School service organizations such as Interact and National Honor Society.
- Church/Synagogue youth groups can be good stewards of God's creation.

### Not able to join us for workdays?

You can donate to this worthy local conservation effort by clicking on Donate to access our secure Paypal account. Do you work for a company that has matching gifts? Let them know when you give your donation to The Ancient Oaks Foundation and you can double your gift!

# What's All The Buzz?...Know Who The Pollinators Are

Most of us know that bees are pollinators. But did you know that the Lake Zurich Area is home to many other valuable pollinators? Although 99% of pollinators are insects, most of which are bees, there are others that are often overlooked. Below is a list of the other valuable pollinators in our yards, parks and natural areas.



**Butterflies**- most active during the day; good vision; weak sense of smell, but strong sense of taste; prefer brightly colored flowers in clusters that provide ample landing space

**Moths**-most active after dark; prefer clusters of flowers in white or dull colors; ample nectar producers such as gardenia and morning glory



**Bats**-most active after dark; responsible for pollinating over 300 kinds of fruits; most common in Southeast Asia, Africa and Pacific Islands; prefer flowers white or dull in color, fermenting or fruit odor and large in size

**Hummingbirds**-very important pollinator of wildflowers throughout the United States; must eat several times their weight per day; prefer brightly colored, tubular flowers with strong perches



**Beetles**-among the first insects to visit flowers; prefer plants such as magnolias and spicebush; eat their way through foliage; known as 'mess & soil' pollinators

**Flies**-very large group within the pollinators; often mimic the bee pollinators; over time plants have evolved to have putrid odor to encourage fly pollination such as Pawpaw and skunk cabbage

Interested in planting a pollinator garden? Visit one of the following websites for more information:

Chicago Botanic Garden

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org>

The Morton Arboretum

[www.mortonarb.org](http://www.mortonarb.org)

The University of Illinois

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/pollinators/>

## Advice From A Tree

By: Ilan Shamir

Dear Friend,  
Stand Tall and Proud  
Sink your roots deeply into the Earth  
Reflect the light of a greater source  
Think long term  
Go out on a limb  
Remember your place among all living beings  
Embrace with joy the changing seasons  
For each yields its own abundance  
The Energy and Birth of Spring  
The Growth and Contentment of Summer  
The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall  
The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter  
Feel the wind and the sun  
And delight in their presence  
Look up at the moon that shines down upon you  
And the mystery of the stars at night.  
Seek nourishment from the good things in life  
Simple pleasures  
Earth, fresh air, light  
Be content with your natural beauty  
Drink plenty of water  
Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes  
Be flexible  
Remember your roots  
Enjoy the view!

## Meet the Bur Oak

The bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) is one of Northern Illinois' native oaks. Found in every county in the state this tree is a grand tree. At maturity this tree has been known to reach heights of 80-120' with a trunk circumference of nearly 5'. This tree serves as valuable habitat for many mammals, birds and insects.

### How to identify a bur oak:

**Leaves:** obovate or broadly elliptic; deeply lobed with the deepest lobes occurring in the lower 1/3 of the leaf; dark green in color



**Bark:** deeply furrowed with thick ridges; gray in color



**Twigs:** stout, corky or winged



**Fruit:** acorn; one of the largest of the oaks in Illinois; hairy or fringed nut cap



## Saying Good-Bye is Never Easy...

The Board of Directors of the Ancient Oaks Foundation would like to say good-bye to Jim & Mary Mihelic. Jim & Mary both recently resigned from their positions as directors on the board of Ancient Oaks in anticipation of their move back to Nebraska. Their contributions over the years to the natural areas of Lake Zurich were selfless. Thank you both for all you have done for Ancient Oaks! We will miss you!

## Welcome New Board Members...

The Ancient Oaks Foundation Board of Directors would like to welcome their two newest board members- Shannon Westphal, Certified Arborist with The Care of Trees, a Davey Company and Erin Poliakon Professor of Geography, Environmental Science and Geology.

## Seeking New Board Members

We have openings for additional Ancient Oaks Foundation Board of Director Members. Experience in natural resources is not necessary, just an interest in impacting your community while contributing to this dynamic conservation organization. More information can be found at

[www.ancientoaksfoundation.org/board-members/](http://www.ancientoaksfoundation.org/board-members/).

Contact Judi Thode at [info@ancientoaksfoundation.org](mailto:info@ancientoaksfoundation.org) for more information. 224 286 1312

**Below: Cardinal Flower, a favorite of hummingbirds at an AOF member's native home rain garden.**

