

SPRING CREEK REVIVAL



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News about the Spring Creek Forest Preserves from the Spring Creek Stewards

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Spring Creek Spring Kick-Off

We think you should know that spring is going to be **big** at Spring Creek this year!

We're throwing a **Spring Kick-Off Party** like you've never seen to launch the season. If you like to get outdoors, learn, play, get some exercise, do something different, meet great people, and have fun, all while helping the environment, then this event is for you.

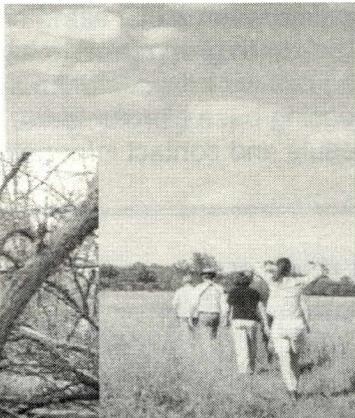
The party will be on **Saturday, April 9**, from 9 am - 1 pm, and will include **wildlife and plant spotting expeditions, a brush-cutting blitz, restoration plan overviews, a bonfire and cook-out, music, games and more!**

What are we launching with this kick-off? What's in store for us in our first spring as Spring Creek Stewards? In our first seven months we've made remarkable progress, clearing acres of

Some adventures from 2004. Try a few of these out at the Kick Off (clockwise from top):



Summer hike north of Dundee; chorus frog from frog walk at Penny Rd.; throwing brush into a work party bonfire at Penny Ridge.



invasive brush and planting millions of native prairie seeds. Now, we're going to be rocketing ahead to make new discoveries, learn new skills, and fight new invaders.

(Watch out, teasel and crown vetch!) We plan to tell a lot of people about

the amazing adventure we've started out here! As we progress, I begin to catch glimpses of the first sparks of new life blazing up in response to our work. If you want to be a part of something big, come join us on April 9 and beyond! See page 8 for directions.

Happy spring from the Spring Creek Stewards!

Spend Earth Day With Melissa Bean

In celebration of Earth Day, the Sierra Club and many other Spring Creek partners invite you to the first-ever **Spring Cleaning at Spring Creek** on Saturday, April 23, 2005, from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will take place near the Beverly Lake area, but look for signs at the corner of Hwys. 59 and 72 (Sutton and Higgins Rds.) for directions to a special parking area.

The featured speaker will be 8th District U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean. This is an excellent opportunity to meet our new Congresswoman, enjoy the fresh air, do some worthwhile work, and have a lot of fun beneath the magnificent oaks in a rare savanna landscape.

Schedule of Events

- 10:00 Clean up garbage dump, cut brush
- 12:00 Lunch (provided) and speakers:

Melissa Bean, U.S. Congresswoman
Gregg Goslin, Cook Co.

Commissioner

Steven Bylina, FPD Gen. Supt.
Doug Chien, Field Rep, Sierra Club

- 1:00 Clean up garbage dump, cut brush
- 2:30 Tours

Participants should wear long sleeves, long pants, sturdy shoes and bring work gloves. Tools along with water and lunch will be provided. For more info, contact Barbara Hill, 847/991-3204, bchill@att.net.

Exciting Developments in Northern Spring Creek!

By Debbie Antlitz, District Ecologist

The Spring Creek Partners' grand vision is to one day see all 3,900 acres of the Spring Creek preserves flourishing as rich natural communities. Among Spring Creek's great resources are the scattered remnant communities that still persist to the north, in the state-dedicated Spring Lake Nature Preserve. Over the past decades these priceless hidden jewels have suffered the onslaught of buckthorn and other invasive species. Recently, several exciting partnerships are helping to turn things around.

Contract mowing at Spring Lake Nature Preserve

The Forest Preserve District, in collaboration with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, obtained a grant to contract mow 30 acres of large, dense buckthorn. Neighbors who knew the site from the 'old days' are amazed and delighted to see the preserve's new look, with long-obscured vistas once more reopened. Thousands of wetland plants owe their liberation to the Illinois Conservation Fund's Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account. At long last freed from buckthorn's shady captivity, the ancient prairies and sedge meadows may once again burst forth and bloom with renewed vigor.

Enthusiastic neighbors organize workdays

In January I moved into the Watchman Residence next to the Nature Preserve – an ideal 'staging area'

for restoration volunteers. After contacting several neighbors I'd met at Audubon's nature walks, we got together, set some goals, scheduled some workdays and started spreading the word. Our current focus is in two areas: the high quality Nature Preserve, and 'Bluebird Field' at the east end of Donlea Rd. We hope to clear Bluebird Field so that the bluebirds and bobolinks can once again grace us with their songs.

Riding Club to the Rescue

Word soon reached the Riding Club of Barrington Hills. Their show of support was phenomenal! On a cold and damp February workday, 21 of them arrived armed with saws and loppers, and eagerly set to work liberating Bluebird Field from the buckthorn invasion.

Three hours later, this eager band of volunteers had restored several acres of buckthorn-infested field to a cheery open vista that will give the birds and native plants the space and sunlight they need to survive. The volunteers celebrated their victory around a warm buckthorn bonfire, feasting on cookies and toasted marshmallows, while one musical volunteer set the mood with improvised buckthorn drumsticks and rhythmic chanting. Needless to say a good time was had by all!

The North group is off to a great start. We have scheduled workdays into June and anticipate an ever-increasing base of volunteers. Please see our schedule and contact information on page 8!



Come join the walkers and riders at the Riding Club of Barrington Hills Annual Ride-A-Thon

**Sunday morning, May 22
(call for exact time)
Barrington Hills Riding Center
Bateman Road, just north of Route 62**

Everyone is welcome!

Minimum donation: \$15 to Citizens for Conservation. Proceeds will be earmarked for restoration work at Spring Creek Forest Preserve.

If riding, you must bring your own horse. Groups of walkers and riders will enjoy guided tours to explore the nature and beauty of the preserve and learn about restoration efforts.

For more details and to RSVP, call Jessica Underwood at 224/627-3730 (cell).

Transforming Penny Road Hill

Photos courtesy of Katherine Grover



Before...

At one time sweeping views of prairie grasses and wildflowers could be seen from this ridge just north of the Penny Rd. parking area. But now buckthorn and other brush have invaded the prairie, destroying the view and crowding out prairie inhabitants.

Our goal is to restore the prairie here. Last fall we broadcast native prairie grass and wildflower seed along the ridge. Now we are engaged in the process of removing the brush so that the prairie seeds can take hold and reclaim the landscape.



Seppi Power!

The FPD brings in its heavy machinery, the Seppi, to clear large areas of dense brush. The Seppi is a tractor-mounted machine that shreds brush and small trees. Depending on terrain, it will clear two to three acres a day or more.



Volunteer Power!

Here you can see the results of one of our workdays...brush cut to stumps and the remains of our bonfire. The Forest Preserve District (FPD) staff will bring in heavy equipment later to cut these stumps flush to the ground and remove the remaining thickets. However, here, where we broadcast seed, we wanted to get a head start on getting sunlight down into the soil so the seeds could germinate this spring.



The results...

Brush shredded to mulch and a clearing suitable for the prairie seed to grow in. The prairie seeds will sprout and grow this spring and blooms will begin in the second and third years. Soon grassland birds will rediscover this revived area of Spring Creek.

Monitors...Taking the Pulse of the Preserve

By Christopher Mulvaney

Since October, an enthusiastic team of dedicated volunteers has been working hard to restore Spring Creek's natural communities. As a result of their efforts, we will witness the gradual return of the diverse assemblage of plants and animals that once inhabited this area. Working alongside these stewards will also be a group of individuals monitoring the distribution and abundance of the recovering flora and fauna at Spring Creek. This too will be a crucial component, allowing us to track the ecological changes occurring with restoration and refine our management plans in response to those changes. In a sense, these monitors will be documenting the ecological vital signs of Spring Creek.

Would you like to be a part of this important team of "citizen scientists?" There are several monitoring initiatives underway at Spring Creek that would eagerly welcome more people. Here is a snap shot of what's currently going on.

Frogs Last year, Craig Stettner, a biology professor from Harper College, began collecting presence/absence data on frogs at eight sites within Spring Creek as part of Audubon's Calling Frog Survey. In this program, volunteers conduct three nighttime visits during the breeding season and record the frog species they hear calling. During his visits last year, Craig noted American toads, bullfrogs, Copes grey tree frogs, green frogs, and Western chorus frogs.

Butterflies In addition to frogs, the butterflies of Spring Creek have also received attention. As part of the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network, Dale Harper has been recording butterflies at her site here for the last two years (see Dale's article for a glimpse into her experiences).

Birds Four expert bird monitors, Alan Anderson, Margo Milde, Wendy Paulson and Robert Sliwinski, have been monitoring birds at Spring Creek off and on for a number of years. Last year they conducted a basic survey of the whole site. This year they are setting up specific monitoring routes to collect more detailed information, for which they would need more monitors. (See page 6 if you're interested.)

Bird monitoring results have already played a significant role in the restoration project. In the early stages of the project's development, Wendy Paulson documented a significant rise in grassland bird populations only one year after a brush cutting effort opened one large grassland area. This gave us persuasive evidence for starting the project right away and a vivid example of its potential for huge

Grassland Bird Hikes

April 9, Spring Kick Off

Come learn a few new birds from an expert and explore where to find them at Spring Creek.

June 5 and June 19, 3:00 pm

Rare birds like grasshopper sparrows and bobolinks will be the melodious highlights of two hikes led by Wendy Paulson through the west section of Spring Creek. The terrain is rough and the hike is fairly long, so wear sturdy shoes and long pants. See page 8 for directions.

Frog Tours

April 9, Spring Kick Off

Craig Stettner will lead an expedition to look and listen for early-spring breeders such as chorus frogs and leopard frogs.

We're also arranging a special evening frog walk sometime in May or June. If you'd like to hear about it when the date is set, contact Chris Mulvaney at mcmulvaney@sbcglobal.net.

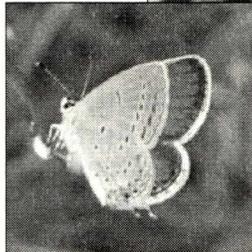
successes. And more recently, the monitors' records of bird populations helped us decide where to begin our work. Some of the highest priority sites are those where the restoration will have a significant impact on bird habitat and we hope, populations.

Want to Learn More? As you can see, monitors are already gathering valuable data at Spring Creek. However, there is much more to do, and we can use your help! Exciting things lie ahead for monitoring at Spring Creek, so there will be many opportunities to get involved. In addition to needing more monitors for the programs already in place, a group of volunteers will explore the range of monitoring needs at Spring Creek and coordinate efforts. Want to help us strategize? Or just learn a little bit about how the monitoring fits into the Spring Creek plan? We will be getting together in May, likely after a workday, for a planning meeting and a walk to map out priority areas. If you would like to participate in the upcoming monitoring opportunities at Spring Creek, contact Chris Mulvaney at mcmulvaney@sbcglobal.net.

Chasing Butterflies

By Dale Harper

Two years ago I was surfing the net and came upon a website looking for volunteers to monitor butterflies. I had already planted a butterfly garden and thought monitoring sounded like a fun way to learn more about butterflies and get better at attracting them to my yard. I contacted Mel Manner, the administrator for the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network (IBMN). The IBMN monitors the health of butterfly populations throughout northeastern and central Illinois. After attending a training session Mel set me up here at Spring Creek. I monitor an area of Spring Creek just north of Dundee Rd. and east of Bateman Rd. The route includes a large degraded grassland area, a tree-line/wooded area and a high quality prairie remnant. Since butterflies are good indicators of habitat quality, we hope to see increasing numbers of the rare butterflies that are associated with high prairies, wetlands and woodlands, as we proceed with the restoration.



Above: Tiger Swallowtail
Left: Eastern Tailed Blue

The IBMN requests that a monitor run their route at least 6 times in each 10 week season.

This is easy to do. From the very first time I went out on my route to monitor, I loved it. I feel it's a wonderful gift to be given the solitude of nature on a summer afternoon. It's a gift to have a Tiger Swallowtail flutter up and say hello, to see a skipper actually skip through the air, to be led down a deer path by a Wood Nymph, to be dazzled by the maroon iridescence of a newly emerged Mourning Cloak, to see the worn, ragged and

faded wings of a very aged Great Spangled Fritillary, to contrast the smallness of an Eastern Tailed Blue with the spectacular size of a truly amazing blue butterfly (unidentified) feeding on wild bergamot. And not only are there butterflies, but hummingbird moths, a colorful array of dragonflies and so much more.

If you're interested in monitoring, then check out one of the workshops listed below.

Photos: Jerry A. Payne, USDA ARS, www.forestryimages.org

Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network Beginner's Training Workshop

This one workshop is being offered on three different dates at different locations. It will cover all the details on how to monitor. It will also cover how to look at butterflies for identification and go over the markings of 25 common species. It will run 2 to 2 ½ hours.

Saturday, April 9, 10 am - presented by Tom Peterson. Located at Fermilab, near West Chicago, 1 North, Wilson Hall. Take the Pine St. entrance from Kirk Rd. to the four-way stop, turn right to Wilson Hall, the main, tall building. Go in the front entrance. 1 North is on the right-hand side on the first floor.

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 pm - presented by Mel Manner. Located at McHenry Community College, 8900 U.S. Highway 14 in Crystal Lake. Building B, Faculty/Staff Dining Room, next to the cafeteria, and near the information/switchboard desk.

Saturday, April 23, 1 pm - presented by Mel Manner. Located at Ryerson Woods, near Deerfield, on Riverwoods Rd., one and one-half miles south of Half Day Rd. (Rt. 22) and two miles north of Deerfield Rd., just west of the I-94 Tollway.

Contact Mel Manner at 847/464-4426 or ibmn@sbcglobal.net to register.

Bird Monitors Wanted

Bobolinks, chats, rails, cranes ...

We want to make more habitat for all of them. Do you have the skills to help us track their progress? The bird monitoring crew would like to add a few new routes this year. If you have a good familiarity with birds, and can learn the calls of our region's breeding birds by June, you can have a bird monitoring route to call your own. Watching the changes on your route over the years is a great way to learn about birds and habitat, and to make a critically important contribution to our work. If you would like to monitor but don't know all the birds yet, you can apprentice with one of our existing monitors for a training year. Interested? Call Judy Pollock at 847/965-1150. For more information about the BCN Census, visit www.bcnbirds.org.



Bird Conservation Network Bird Monitoring Workshop

There are two remaining date for this workshop. New monitors and existing monitors are both invited.

Cook County

Saturday, April 2, 1 - 4 pm

Camp Sagawa

12545 W. 111th St., Lemont

If you like, come at 10 am for a bird banding demonstration, and bring a lunch. Please register. Call 847/965-9239 ext. 21 and leave a message with your name, phone number and email address.

Lake County

Sunday, April 10, 2 - 4 pm

Ryerson Conservation Area

21950 North Riverwoods Rd., Deerfield

For more information: 847/968-3329

2005 Plants of Concern Spring Training Workshop

2005 is the fifth season of Plants of Concern rare plant monitoring! Coordinated by the Chicago Botanical Garden Research Botanist, Susanne Masi, POC has worked with landowners and a dedicated corps of 200 volunteers. Trained volunteers have used standardized protocols to gather invaluable data on 364 locations of rare plants over the past four years. This workshop (held in four locations) will give you an opportunity to learn monitoring skills and to select a monitoring assignment.

Saturday, April 2

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Ryerson Woods, Riverwoods
Lake County

Sunday, April 17

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Sand Ridge Nature Center
South Holland, Ill.

Sunday, April 10

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville
DuPage County

Sunday, May 1

9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Glacial Park, Ringwood
McHenry County

Bring a lunch. Morning refreshments will be served.

Registration is required. A confirmation and directions will be sent after registration. Please contact Emily Hudson, POC program assistant, at 847/835-6873, ehudson@chicagobotanic.org. For more information, see www.plantsofconcern.org.

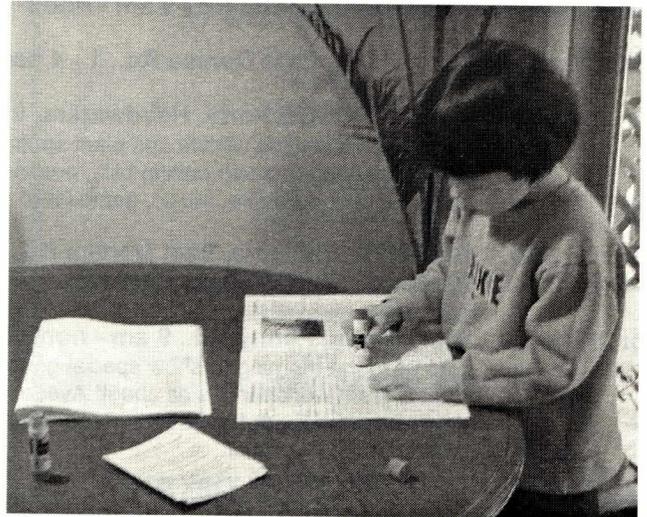
Help Wanted

Artistic individual with some knowledge of Photoshop or equivalent software to help create our website. We have found someone to do the technical aspect of setting up our website (i.e. register a domain name, set up a web host, etc.) but we need someone to design (color scheme, layout) the web pages and add content. Help can be provided with gathering and writing content. After the website is set up, a person is also needed to keep the site up-to-date. This should be a fun project, allowing you to use your creative energy. If you're interested, contact *Rebecca Blazer* at rblazer@audubon.org, 847/965-1150.

Monitors...Bird, Butterfly, Frog, Dragonfly, Plants. See articles on pages 5 and 6. Contact *Chris Mulvaney* at mcmulvaney@sbcglobal.net for info.

We are looking for more **Photographers, Writers, Artists** (to provide sketches of native wildlife) and **people good with graphics** (maps, charts, photos and artwork) to contribute to the Spring Creek Revival newsletter. Contact *Dale Harper* at tomanddale@comcast.net, 847/352-4085 for more info.

If you're interested in **helping out in other areas**, such as brush cutting, seed collecting, scouting for



WeiPing Lam, 4, helps ready the newsletter for mailing. No matter what your age, Spring Creek can use your help. Think about volunteering today.

and mapping invasive plants, keeping restoration records, outreach to officials to help keep them educated and in touch, organizing training sessions, greeting and orientating new volunteers, writing press releases, making media contacts, planning outreach events, etc., then contact *Rebecca Blazer* at rblazer@audubon.org, 847/965-1150.

Come Be a Part of the Spring Bird Count

Saturday, May 7

Groups will start at 6:00 am, 7:30 am, and 9:00 am

Meet at Headwaters Prairie. From Higgins Rd., turn north onto Wichman Rd., north of I-90 and one mile west of Sutton Rd./Rt. 59.

The Spring Bird Count is a big, fun statewide event. It's a great excuse for a spring walk this beautiful time of year. The weather's usually great. Flowers are blooming. The trees are filled with brightly colored warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, orioles, etc. The grassland birds, too, will be enjoying their new habitats, courtesy of all our work this winter.

No experience is necessary. Experienced birders will lead groups off on various paths (long or short, difficult or easy - you chose) to identify and count birds. Leaders will teach bird identifications while still participating in the count. Bring sturdy shoes, a pair of binoculars, and a curious mind.

If you're interested in joining us, contact *Judy Pollock* at 847/965-1150, jpollock@audubon.org.

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 2, Sat. Work Party, Penny Rd., 9 am - noon**
- Apr. 3, Sun. Work Party, East Donlea Rd., 1 - 4 pm**
- Apr. 9, Sat. Spring Kick-Off Party, Headwaters, 9 am - 1 pm**
Activities will include wildlife and plant spotting expeditions (frogs, birds, prairie seedlings), brush cutting blitz, overview of the restoration plan, cook-out over a bonfire, music, games and more!
- Apr. 10, Sun. Brush Pile Burning, East Donlea Rd., 1 - 4 pm**
Burn brush cut on previous workdays.
- Apr. 17, Sun. Work Party, Penny Rd., 9 am - noon and 1 - 4 pm**
Join us in the morning to show special guests from Aveda salons what a great work party is all about! Aveda is partnering with Chicago Wilderness for Earth Month and chose Spring Creek as a site where their staff will volunteer.
- Apr. 23, Sat. Spend Earth Day with U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, 10 am - 3 pm**
See page 1 for details.
- Apr. 24, Sun. Brush Pile Burning, East Donlea Rd., 1 - 4 pm**
Burn brush cut on previous workdays.
- Apr. 30, Sat. Work Party, Penny Rd., 9 am - noon**
- May, 7, Sat. Spring Bird Count See page 7 for more info.
Field Hike*, East Donlea Rd. 10 am**
- May 15, Sun. Work Party, Nature Preserve Prairie, 1 - 4 pm**
- May 21, Sat. Work Party, Beverly Lake, 9 am - noon**
- May 22, Sun. Riding Club of Barrington Hills Ride-A-Thon**
See page 2 for info.
- May 28, Sat. Field Hike*, East Donlea Rd., 10 am**
- Jun. 4, Sat. Work Party, Penny Rd., 1 - 4 pm**
- Jun. 5, Sun. Grassland Bird Hike, 3 pm**
See page 4 for more details. Park off of Bateman Rd. along the new road to a small subdivision that's a half-mile north of Dundee Rd. and directly across from the open fields of forest preserve.
- Jun. 12, Sun. Work Party, Nature Preserve Prairie, 1 - 4 pm**
- Jun. 18, Sat. Work Party, Headwaters, 1 - 4 pm**
- Jun. 19, Sun. Grassland Bird Hike, 3 pm**
See page 4 for more details. Park off of Bateman Rd. along the new road to a small subdivision that's a half-mile north of Dundee Rd. and directly across from the open fields of forest preserve.
- Jun. 26, Sun. Work Party, Nature Preserve Prairie, 1 - 4 pm**
- July 23, Sat. Nature Preserve Prairie Tour, 9 am**
Steward Daria Sapp will lead a tour to view Spring Lake and see rare plants. Meet on Bateman Rd. at the pull-in on the east side, just south of Lake-Cook and north of Bateman Circle.

* The field hikes are a time for volunteers to learn a bit about the plants and animals in the area, brush up on identification skills, and think about future management plans.

Work Parties: Depending on the season, we will cut invasive brush and burn it in a bonfire, pull weeds, or plant native seeds. Feel free to bring a sandwich (or something to roast on the coals) for lunch afterwards.

What to Wear: Sturdy shoes and long pants are essential. Old clothes with long sleeves, gloves and a hat are great. In cooler weather, wear layers. In warmer weather, bring sunscreen and insect repellent.

Site Locations

Headwaters Prairie is north of I-90 and one mile west of Sutton Rd./Rt. 59. From Higgins Rd./Hwy 72, turn north onto Wichman Rd. For **Beverly Lake**, instead of turning onto Wichman, continue west on Hwy 72 to sign for Beverly Lake parking lot; turn right. For more info on workdays at these sites, contact Rebecca Blazer at rblazer@audubon.org, 847/965-1150.

Penny Rd. Take Rt. 59 to Penny Rd. (north of Higgins, south of Dundee). Go west on Penny Rd. through the forest preserves and look for the parking lot on the south side. For more info on workdays at this site, contact Rebecca Blazer at 847/965-1150, rblazer@audubon.org.

East Donlea Rd. From Old Sutton Rd., between Lake/Cook Rd. and Algonquin Rd., turn west on Donlea Rd. into the drive marked 'Private Drive.' Take the road until you reach the sign labeled "Resident Watchman" by the little bridge. For more info on workdays at this site, contact Debbie Antlitz, Antlitz@aol.com, 847/277-1779.

Nature Preserve Prairie Pull off south of Lake/Cook Rd., east side of Bateman Rd. Side of the road parking only. To carpool from East Donlea Rd., meet at 12:30 pm. For more info on workdays at this site, contact Debbie Antlitz, Antlitz@aol.com, 847/277-1779.

Sightings



Richard Baetson, U.S. Fish & Wildlife

Woodcock on Nest

"Could we possibly have had a more perfect day for the spring equinox? A great workday, **sandhill cranes** overhead, **coyotes** howling at sunset, and then the **woodcocks** start calling out from every direction and launch into their mating dances, racing each other up into the air, then plummeting down with crazy acrobatics and wild songs. Wow."

...Joe W.

"While at the Penny Road site I met Phil and Kevin from the FPD. They were using the '**Seppi**' and doing a tremendous amount of brush cutting! You'll really be impressed with how much they cleared in a short amount of time. I can hardly wait to see what wildflowers will break through in the spring! I also saw a **trio of Red-tailed Hawks** flying overhead, no doubt looking for a 'deal-meal' in the open area! The frigid temps of today obviously didn't keep them from enjoying their flight. Brrrrr! Hurrrrrry spring!"

...Katherine G.

"I went out this morning, Feb. 23, and heard the **Sand Hill Cranes** over in the field. They come every year but it seems earlier than usual and is always very exciting! I live Barrington Hills and the Sand Hills are daily in the hill-n-dale pastures that are to the west of me. Quite a treat!"

Ginger U.

"I recently received the IBMN's summary results for the 2004 season. Spring Creek had the highest number of **Tiger Swallowtails** seen during a monitoring run. Twenty Tiger Swallowtails were counted on the July 7, 2004, run. Also, Spring Creek was one of only a small number of sites (out of over 100) that reported seeing **Duskywings** (species unidentified). Duskywings are small, low-flying, blackish butterflies.

Dale H.

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We're very interested in your opinions.

What did you like about this issue?

What didn't you like?

What type of articles would you like to see in the future?

What questions do you need answered?

Please email your comments to Dale Harper at tomanddale@comcast.net.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Riding Club of Barrington Hills
Bobolink Foundation
Grand Victoria Foundation
Chicago Area Tracking Dog Clubs
Sierra Club -- Northwest Cook Chapter

The *Spring Creek Revival's* purpose is to keep friends and neighbors of the preserve up to date on the progress and happenings of the Spring Creek Restoration Project.

If you would like to receive a copy, or know someone who would, contact Mary Ricketts at 847/991-7608, maryricketts@sbcglobal.net.

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Please submit articles/
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by

**Friday
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Dates to Remember

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- Apr. 23 Earth Day with U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean
- May 7 Spring Bird Count
- May 22 Riding Club of Barrington Hills Ride-A-Thon
- June 5 Grassland Bird Hike
- June 19 Grassland Bird Hike

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