



# 104th Street Digest

Neighborhood News and Notes  
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The newsletter is back! As the saying goes, “If you love something set it free, if it returns it was meant to be”. Well, I let this thing fly over a year ago and it finally found its way home. A lot to report since the last edition, let’s get after it.

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## Goodbye old Friend

We had an unexpected loss a few weeks back. The cherry tree in Dave’s front yard finally gave into Father Time (and wind and bugs and decomposition and a giant chunk missing). It was a particularly windy day when it finally tipped over. Luckily the majority of the neighborhood was able and willing to take care of the cleanup. This “Cadillac of the fruit trees” was no match for a couple of chainsaws and a plethora of volunteers. We had it chopped up and hauled out in no time. If you see a fire pit going and the smoke smells a little sweeter than normal, just know that the tree is still giving back. (Note to self: tell all the neighbors to keep to the script. It was the wind, only the wind, that brought that hideous thing down)

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## 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Demyans hosted the 3rd annual egg hunt on the day before Easter, per tradition. It was a great time for the kids and parents alike. A lot of prep work goes into this, so big shout out to all the neighborhood moms who put it together.

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## LB 32

The people have spoken and LB 32 was voted in by an astonishing margin. The law stated that any citizen on 104th street should not be allowed to give themselves a nickname. Good common sense prevailed. The voters united and agreed that a nickname has to happen organically and be given by a 3rd party. The “Godfather” put a lot of time and resources to vote this bill down. Things were a little tense after the results were announced. Lawsuits, appeals and injunctions were filed. The dust has settled and the law is in full effect. The “Godfather” had to legally change his nickname to the “Crockfather”, mostly because it is funnier and because Dave is a wizard with a Crockpot.

## Curb Appeal

Jordan and Katie wasted no time in sprucing up their homestead since moving in. New landscaping and rocks were done last summer, and the house was painted this spring. Looks great! The Akers have kept up with pace and replaced all their mulch out front with some nice looking river rock. The rumors of a pond going did not come to fruition, but Andrew has a nice little floating garden on the walk up to the house. The Leaders have also done some nice work this spring with a retaining wall and mulch around their front porch. The Lapointes are always showstoppers with their immaculate lawn. Zach probably got some tips from the groundskeepers at Augusta while he was there to watch the Masters in person. The rest of us are giving it the good old college try, but this section is reserved for the best of the best. Do not send any complaints to the editor, just step your game up

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## New Drivers in the Hood

Congrats to Kyan for turning 16 over the winter. Skylar is only a couple weeks away. Anyone needing a ride to/from a local drinking establishment should hit them up. They are cheaper than an Uber and have excellent reviews.

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## Kindergarten Krew

In just a couple of months, there will be quite the contingent of littles attending Portal. Nolan, Kennedy (Mann), James,

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## 104th Street + 1 Fantasy Football

Zach Lapointe took down the championship this past fall. Some cunning management moves along with some luck and he is now the owner of the traveling trophy. Hopefully, you enjoyed that ride and cherish the short amount of time you have with that one of a kind trophy. Even though your team name made no sense, it will forever be etched in history and on that wooden football.

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## 4th of July festivities

This year, Independence day falls on a Tuesday. The Willey's will be having their annual blowout bash on the 3rd. Looking at you Katie, it is always on the 3rd! Feel free to stop by and have a drink and enjoy the show. Last year's was pretty epic, lets see if we can repeat it.

## Neighborhood Logo and Slogan

On the last edition of the digest, it was announced that a public vote was set up to pick a neighborhood logo and slogan. It seems like that was a long time ago, probably because it indeed was last summer. The results were announced last 4th of July. In case you didn't hear, "Grab a chair" won by a landslide. There are some coozys still in circulation, but the bumper stickers went quickly.

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## Men of 104th Street Calendar

Pre order is now open for the "Men of 104th Street" Calendar. It is hard to imagine this thing will not be a gigantic success. Don't get left out, pricing will be available soon. Even though it is hot outside now, the holidays will be here before you know it. It will be for 2024 and all proceeds will go to a charity. Not sure about that, but it seemed like the right thing to say. It will be family friendly, even if some of the participants are lobbying hard against that. Right now, we have Mike, Dave, Andrew, Zach, Jordan, and Mark on board. If you receive this newsletter and would like to be included, let me know. We want to get all photos taken by the end of October and get it off to the print shop.

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