



2026 Association Meeting Dates

Our quarterly meeting dates for 2026 are below.
We encourage your attendance.

Thursday, March 12 – General Meeting (ZOOM)
Thursday, June 4 – General Meeting (In-Person)
Thursday, August 27 – General Meeting (In-Person)
Thursday, November 5 – ANNUAL AND
BUDGET MEETING (In-Person)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81018230261?pwd=jTtbLUHHmXchabXV5TuHAAaMLhvSUX.1>

Meeting ID: 810 1823 0261
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Join instructions

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/81018230261/instructions?signature=hXU5nN_7HuKZn6Z31YncDwl3MHDmtDvfViQPTRENYt4

We ask all owners who attend the meeting to hold all questions until the main order of business has been completed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this time.

*Please note that 2026 in-person meetings will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8404 S Cass Ave, Darien, IL 60561



IMPORTANT – Annual Fire Alarm Testing

Per guidelines, the Association must have the fire alarm system tested annually. Alarm Detection System (ADS) will need access to every unit to test all components that are part of the system. The Association covers alarm monitoring fees along with replacement and repairs of the main panel. All interior devices are the responsibility of the owner. If ADS identifies issues with your devices, they will submit a proposal to you for the repairs needed. These repairs will be required.

Finally, the attached schedule must be followed to get this project completed. Please check the schedule and make sure that someone is available at your unit to let ADS enter to inspect the devices. Failure to be present for your scheduled test will result in re-inspection fees. A typical workday will be from 8AM-4PM.

If there are any questions regarding your inspection, please email ilinspections@adsalarm.com. Thank you in advance. We need everyone's cooperation to make sure this goes smoothly.

Reminder: It has been noted during past inspections that many of the missed inspections are investor-owned units. Please advise your tenants of the inspection date and time. Owners are responsible for re-inspection fees and fines related to their unit. ADS can accommodate changes, if needed, by emailing them directly using the contact above.

Snow Removal

Please keep in mind that our snow clearing contract comes into effect only when snow accumulation is 2” or greater. Owners are advised to keep a shovel on hand and calcium chloride to maintain walks for those times when snow accumulation is less than 2”, and for treatment of moderate ice. Please use snow melts wisely! Avoid excessive use of ice and snow melts, which may cause damage to concrete and kills vegetation. Like previous seasons, due to the rising costs and potential damages caused by salt, the Association does not provide this service. The HOA does provide self-service salt containers by the mailbox stations.

Other notes:

- Owners with decks should clear snow so that it does not drain onto the patio below
- The Village plows and salts all Association roads



2026 Coupon Books

Coupon Booklets have been distributed to unit owners.

Remember to pass these on to new owners in the event of a sale. If you are signed up for automatic payment, you will not be receiving a coupon book for 2026.

New Illinois Laws for 2026

Healthcare Changes:

When your pharmacy tells you the generic version of your medication is out of stock, your insurance can't just shrug and leave you holding the bill for the expensive brand-name version. Senate Bill 2672 closes that loophole. Generic drugs make up about 90% of prescriptions filled in the U.S., so supply chain issues have left a lot of people in tough spots.

Ever gotten a hospital bill with mysterious “facility fees” that nobody mentioned beforehand? The Health Care Facility Fee Transparency Act is putting a stop to that. Hospitals must disclose these charges—which cover things like using the hospital’s space, equipment, and administrative services—before you get treated. At least you’ll know what you’re getting into.

If you’ve been watching your medication costs climb year after year, there’s finally some relief on the horizon. NBC Chicago reports that insurance policies renewed or issued in 2026 will include several new cost protections.

Workplace rights:

Here’s something that’s making Illinois stand out nationally: we’re becoming one of the first states to specifically regulate how employers can use artificial intelligence in hiring and employment decisions. House Bill 3773 amends the Illinois Human Rights Act to make it a civil rights violation when employers use AI tools that discriminate based on protected characteristics—race, gender, age, disability, you name it.

Building Maintenance

The Association has finalized the schedule for siding replacement. Siding replacement will begin in the spring so watch for notices to be posted by Adams Roofing. Please read the notices carefully as instructions and expectations are provided. Here is the remaining schedule:

Group 1 - 2026

Bld 15 - 8404-8416 Mystic Trace
Bld 16 - 8415-8427 Mystic Trace
Bld 34 - 8319-8329 Ripple Ridge
Bld 35 - 8287-8299 Ripple Ridge
Bld 36 - 8271-8283 Ripple Ridge
Bld 37 - 8257-8269 Ripple Ridge
Bld 38 - 8245-8255 Ripple Ridge
Bld 49 - 8150-8162 Ripple Ridge

Group 2 - 2027

Bld 39 - 8231-8243 Ripple Ridge
Bld 40 - 8219-8229 Ripple Ridge
Bld 41 - 8205-8217 Ripple Ridge
Bld 42 - 8191-8199 Ripple Ridge
Bld 46 - 8200-8212 Ripple Ridge
Bld 47 - 8238-8250 Ripple Ridge
Bld 48 - 8116-8128 Ripple Ridge

When siding is replaced, the Association is swapping out window trim for a low-maintenance Azek product. Other paintable areas not replaced such as columns, front doors, garage doors/trim and other areas non-adjacent to siding will be placed on a future painting schedule. The painting will typically trail the siding project by one year. Last year’s buildings will be painted in the summer and the contractor will post notices as he proceeds.

Facebook Page and Community Events

Association Board member Annie DeVries has created a Facebook Page for the community. For those interested in joining, please click or visit the link below:

Join the RHL Community Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/reflectionsathiddenlake>



Maximizing CINC

Reflections currently has 136 owners signed up for Web Axis. If you have not already signed up, we recommend you take advantage of this system. This system allows you to update your contact information, check your assessment account balance, add payment preferences, submit work orders, receive association updates, access the association calendar, and much more. Please click the link to set up your account: <https://elitemgt.cincwebaxis.com/>

Once you are registered in the portal, all owners will have access on their smart phones to our Mobile App which can be found by searching “Elite Mgt Assoc” on your Android or iOS device. The App is free to download and will be easily identifiable with our Elite logo.

New: Elite Management has incorporated AI. Cephai, CINC’s fully integrated AI component, can answer questions related to Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions as well as FAQs and information about owner accounts. When logged into the App or Web Axis, simply click the “Ask Cephai” button to give it a try.

Exterior Modification Forms

Please remember that the submission of an architectural change form with an attached drawing is **required** prior to any changes affecting the exterior of your unit and common elements. Common requests include: radon mitigation systems, satellite dishes, and landscaping additions. The only exceptions are flowers in the mulch beds; **EVERYTHING** else needs prior Board approval. If you are contemplating making changes to your

unit that impact the exterior, please contact the management office first with details of your plan. Thanks for your cooperation. Please save yourself the expense and hassle by clearing any major changes with management first.

Access to Documents

Remember to check out the Association’s website or Web Axis for governing documents, meeting information, updated financials, insurance certificates, and budget information.



News and Updates from the City of Darien

Be sure to continue to visit the City’s website for regular updates at www.darien.il.us. They provide press releases and regular updates on all city projects. Also, Darien Direct Connect is the city’s newsletter. You can sign up directly on the website.

Important Contact Information



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2026 Reflections at Hidden Lake Board of Directors

Open Source Site: www.reflectionsathiddenlake.com

Owner Portal: <https://elitemgt.cincwebaxis.com/>

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