

September 2, 2020

To: Park and Recreation Commission,

I respectfully request to be included on the agenda for September 10, 2020 to apprise the Commission of the Bluebird Recovery Program's progress. This Program and the proposed seminar was initially introduced last March. At that meeting, I offered to host a seminar on Bluebirds. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce the Bluebird Recovery Program's mission "to encourage, inspire, educate and assist individuals and organizations to become actively involved in the restoration and preservation efforts to sustain a healthy and expanding population of Bluebirds and native cavity nesters." This seminar was also intended to inspire like-minded citizens in Ramsey to join in learning about the Blue Bird, it's habitat and the need to refurbish and establish nesting sites here in Ramsey. During the coming Commission meeting at Pearson Park, I will report on what has been done over the past few months to pursue this mission. Topics covered will include:

Seminar results

Placement of nesting boxes along Alpine between Armstrong and Variolite

Citizen Volunteers David and Micky MeKosch

15 new nesting boxes

Identifying sites at Rivers' Bend Park

Installation of nesting boxes yet this fall

Donation and installation of 2 nesting boxes at Pearson Park

Respectfully Submitted,

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