

DODD MARSH HIGHLANDER NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018

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Newsletter:

Becky Brown

Annual Homeowners' Meeting

The Heritage Library will be closed starting in November for renovations so the annual homeowners' meeting will be held on November 15 at 6:30 at the **Heritage Senior Center** across from City Hall in Lakeville.

Two Board positions will be voted on. Proxies should be turned in to the Secretary before the meeting starts.

The Board will consider recommendations from the Architectural Committee of 3 colors other than white for front inside doors and present this information at the annual meeting. The homeowner would be responsible for paying for the color change and maintaining the color

Annual Dues

The Board reviewed the budget and reserves for 2019 and decided that since we are fiscally on track, we do not need to raise the monthly dues for next year.



Board Change

Jim Pfister resigned from the Board. We want to thank him for his time and efforts.

Pete Nelson was appointed to fill Jim's position for the remaining two years.

Snowplowing and Lawn Service

Marchrom's maintenance service ended August 31. The Board and Landscape Committee interviewed four companies. Even though they were all strong candidates, it was unanimously decided to go with Green and Black (Nate is the owner).

A few of their strong points were that:

- our association would first to be plowed because of our location to their maintenance buildings.
- they were more technologically advanced in operating our sprinkler system. For a \$200 controller, Nate can operate the sprinkler system remotely which will be a savings to everyone.
- their monthly cost is the lower than what we were paying!

Please remember to talk to Ed about any maintenance issues and not to any of the workers.

New Insurance

Our insurance with Stein terminated 7/23/18. Ed checked with several companies and only one of them allowed grills on decks—the annual cost would have been about \$68,000 more.

We went with West Bend through Kohlnhofer Agency that allows grills to be used 10-12' away from a structure.

Landscaping

Green and Black will be removing 19 bushes that are dead and replacing two trees this fall.

They will fertilize one more time and trim the bushes.



Garage Door Wraps

A maintenance issue that has been on the back burner for some time now is the aluminum strip that wraps around the frame of the garage. Some are torn, missing, dented, etc

We will be making repairs on some this year and the rest next year

Driveways

We completed repairs on two driveways. We are planning on brushing on a seal coat next year

Gutter Cleaning

If you have gutters, the association will pay for cleaning by request. You need to contact Ed to get on the list **before October 12.**

If you don't have gutters, you can have them installed (homeowner's expense). You would need to fill out an Architectural Change Request Form which you can get from Tom Dorn.

Water Bill

Diane Kellogg informed the Board that seniors can get a discount on their water bill. Seniors are considered 62+ years old.

You would need to go to City Hall and fill out an application.

Volunteer Opportunity

Buddy stated at the last Board meeting he was made aware of a group that furnishes an evening meal to underprivileged youth every Tuesday at Cross of Christ Community church in Lakeville. Volunteers can also stay to serve the meal if desired. The Board discussed the possibility of us doing it as a group. We will have more information at the annual meeting.

Decks

We will be looking at replacing decks with maintenance-free decking as early as spring of 2020. That will give us time to research quality and features of deck products on the market. Deck railings will be examined at that time and repainted as needed.

Any homeowner that wants to stain their own deck in the meantime has the approval to do so. Information on maintenance-free decking will be presented at the annual meeting.