

DODD MARSH HIGHLANDER NEWSLETTER

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Dodd Marsh Homeowners' Coffee

The Dodd Marsh monthly homeowners' coffee socials meet the first Monday of each month at Perkins in Lakeville at 9:00 a.m.

Ladies' Coffee

The ladies meet on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. at Caribou by Culver's in Lakeville in the cold weather and at Diane Kellogg's home in warm weather. If you have any questions, email Kathy Wilson at: kathywilson1007@gmail.com to be added to the email list so you can be informed where they will meet if you have a question.

Men's Coffee

The men meet on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. at Caribou by Culver's in Lakeville.

Ladies' Book Club

The book club meets the second Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Library in Lakeville.

To get a list of the chosen book titles, email Kathy Wilson at kathywilson1007@gmail.com.

Annual Homeowners' Meeting Highlights

The annual homeowners' meeting was held on December 11 at the Heritage Library in Lakeville.

Margaret Stein-Corradi from the Stein Agency was present to answer questions and give industry updates. Below, are a few highlights. See December Minutes for more details.

- It was reiterated that each homeowner needs to have at least \$10,000, but \$25,000 is recommended for loss assessment coverage in their HO6 policy.
- Margaret stated that insurance companies are not allowing grills or open flames on decks in multiple dwellings anymore and that grills must be at least 15' from a structure when in use.
- Homeowners should have proof (pictures, receipts, etc.) of any major upgrades in case of a fire and do an inventory of personal property for their own coverage of personal property.
- Our current policy states that anything that is attached (cupboards, countertops, etc.) is covered by our Master Policy.

Monthly dues increased to \$325 starting in January. All utility expenses have increased this past year. Our reserve fund for future expenses needs to be increased.

We renewed our contract with Creekside. The snow removal portion ends March 31. We pay for snow removal by the month, not per time they come. Snow removal costs extra after March 31. Creekside will swipe both sides of the T-driveways. Open-up will include a swipe on the side of the drive by the sidewalk.

Driveways will be seal-coated to protect them from wear.

Tree maintenance will continue to protect trees from disease.

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The front outside lights project was discussed and placed on hold pending the financial situation in 2024. This project is currently estimated to be around \$15,000.

Expenses for this past year included:

- purchasing and installing security mailboxes plus removal of old mailboxes/posts and pouring concrete pads.
- adding a step to homes where the step to the stoop had sunk to make it higher than code.
- repairing sunken landscaping on the back of two homes.
- tree and bush removal.
- root grinding on the east side.
- extra costs for snow removal.

There was one Board position up for election. Marshall Wilson was re-elected. A Board meeting immediately followed the annual meeting and it was decided that Marshall would retain the treasurer's position.

Emergency Number

As a caring community, we want to watch out for each other and ensure that everyone is safe and cared for.

To this end, some homeowners asked if we could have a list of emergency contacts that would be available to the Board. This list would not be made public and would only be used by Board members. If a reason for concern is seen, a Board member could be contacted and they would call the emergency contact number. If you would like your emergency contact information on file, please call Ed.

To access our website, go to:
www.doddmarshhighlands.com

User name: **doddmarsh**

Password: highland01

The Board minutes and newsletters are posted to the website along with the Architectural Change Request form.

HO6 Change

At the January Board meeting, the Board discussed and agreed to the recommendation by our insurance agent, to raise the HO6 loss assessment coverage to a minimum of \$25,000. Please check with your agent to make sure you have that amount.

Homeowner Maintenance

It is important to keep your dryer vent and fresh air exchange free from dust and debris in order to keep them operating efficiently. Check with Ed if you have questions.

Homeowner List

Some homeowners have asked for a list of all homeowners, their address and phone numbers. A list is available on the website.

If anyone does not want their contact information on the website, email the Web Master, Gary Heinen (gjheinen@mac.com), and he will remove it.

Bushes

In order to cut back on expenses, it was decided at a summer Board meeting that bush removal, purchase and installation will from now on be a homeowner responsibility. Contact Ed for approval of type of bush to purchase. Bushes will be trimmed in the spring and fall by Creekside.

Ladies' Christmas Gathering

The ladies had a Christmas gathering with treats and a gift exchange on December 20. It was a fun time visiting and meeting new neighbors.

The Board meets at 3:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month, except for February, October and either November or December, depending on when we can schedule a room at the library. The Board decided to add April as a regular meeting month because there are projects to be scheduled for May.

If you want to attend for Homeowners' Input, call Ed and he will verify the location.

Dodd Marsh HOA celebrated the holiday season with a Christmas party at Caspar's in Eagan on December 8th. A delicious lunch menu was available to those wanting to order. There were about 40 homeowners that attended. Thanks to RoxAnne Busch for planning this gathering and for providing snacks and cupcakes.



