The board members of Church Hill East hope you had a wonderful holiday season and finality to 2016. As we look back as an HOA we have a lot to be proud of in 2016. This year we added a back to school root beer float social that was highly attended and intend to host this event annually. This is of course in addition to the annual picnic the HOA has hosted for many years. Other areas of interest are, the repaving of the entire walking path and basketball court, snow removal on the walking path, new basketball nets, maintenance of the street lights, and advertising of the annual garage sale.

All of this couldn't be possible without the continued service and dedication to the board. These neighbors spend hours each year to make our neighborhood great. It is truly a team effort, so many thanks to Dana, Jesse, Lindsey, Levi and Mark.

Looking forward to 2017, the board nominations will be at the meeting on March 21st 8:00 PM, Molitors Quarry, 3571 5th Ave NE, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Please attend if you are interested in being involved with the Board. As the last President's letter stated, the annual dues have been moved to a due date of March 1st to move them further out from the holiday season.

As I came into office, the amount of delinquent HOA dues was in the thousands of dollars. I am now proud to report that everyone, except one household, has adhered to the payment plan and is making great progress to get these past dues cleared up. Unfortunately, the remaining household will be subject to wage garnishment. The reason it is so very critical for dues to be paid on time is simply we have bills to pay just like you!

One of the recent changes the board has taken action on is the post office cluster boxes. The HOA owns and is responsible for maintaining these mailboxes. In the past, there hasn't been a clear message on how to get issues with locks resolved. Now, if your personal lock is compromised, please reach out to me immediately. If the issue is with a parcel box, you do need to reach out to the Sauk Rapids Postal Office; we do not have access to open the entire box. The board has voted and implemented the following policy. If the lock becomes unusable, there is no fee to you for us to replace the lock. If you lose the keys or are a new homeowner there is a $20 fee for replacement.

There are several reminders that are the most talked about in regards to the covenants:

- Trailers, fish houses, four wheelers, snow mobiles, campers, recreation vehicles, work trailers, sporting equipment CANNOT be left in yards OR driveways OR streets for more

than <mark>72 hours</mark>. You will get ONE warning per calendar year and then WILL be fined. This is the MOST reported violation

- City ordinance is snow removal on sidewalks is required within 24 hours of last snow fall
- SLOW DOWN, out of the 74 homes 70 have minor children living at home
- Pick up after your pets, the park is not an open pet toilet
- Trash cans cannot be left out beyond Tuesday evening nor can they be stored out openly, put them away
- Vehicles or trailers cannot block the sidewalk

To report a concern, feel free to call, email or post on the HOA Facebook page @ Church Hill East Neighborhood Association. If you post or message on Facebook it will be private.

In looking forward, the board is reaching out to the City of Sauk Rapids in hopes of building a pavilion similar that is in the park just to the northwest of us. This is a huge undertaking and will approach city council in the coming months. We will keep everyone up to date via Facebook.

This year we did have a photographer donate his time and equipment to take new photographs and aerial footage of the HOA. This is important to show off our great neighborhood and to increase value. Please take some time to enjoy the fall colors we captured! Everything is posted on our Facebook page.

The annual neighborhood garage sale is tentatively going to be the weekend of May 19th and the annual picnic is Friday June 2nd. As always, I can be reached at 702.235.2026 or ryanbutkowski@hotmail.com

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