



The board members of Church Hill East hope you had a wonderful holiday season and finally to 2017. As we look back as an HOA we have a lot to be proud of in 2017. This year we added a National Night Out event that drew local officials from law enforcement to the Mayor of Sauk Rapids. This is important for many reasons, but the most important reason is the feeling of community. From re-landscaping the main entrance sign, clearing the walking path in the winter to adding events, we as a board continue to look for opportunities to build our community.

All of this couldn't be possible without the continued service and dedication of the board. These neighbors spend hours each month to make our neighborhood and our events great. It is truly a team effort, so many thanks to Dana, Jesse, Lindsey, Levi, Mark, Rachael and our new Treasurer Alli Barten. Alli will be serving in Lindsey's place, until elections are held in March. Thanks for your transitional assistance and service Lindsey!

Looking forward to 2018, the board nominations will be at the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 PM, Old Capital Tavern, 2 N Benton Dr, 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 April 1<sup>st</sup> to move them further out from the holiday season.

On the topic of dues, last year we had home owners that were delinquent, step up and take care of previous years HOA dues. We continue to work with the two remaining households that are past due to get current. Unfortunately, if the remaining two cannot adhere to a payment plan we will be forced to garnish wages again. In addition, the board has approved a \$5.00 per year increase in the annual home owner dues. This will bring the annual total to \$130.00. This increase is modest, and it covers rising costs the HOA incurs.

The board is continuing to work on and develop plans for a pavilion in the park. Since the park is owned by the city, their involvement and approval are essential for this project to come to fruition. As expected, this is a slow process; stay tuned to the CHE HOA Facebook page for updates as we move forward through this process.

As a reminder, the HOA owns and is responsible for maintaining our mailboxes. 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. If the lock on your box 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 which includes installation.

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

- SLOW DOWN! Out of the 74 homes, 70 have children living at home
- Please pick up after your pets, it is the law. There are three trash cans in the park in which to dispose of feces
- Trailers, fish houses, four wheelers, snowmobiles, campers, recreation vehicles, work trailers, sporting equipment CANNOT be left in yards OR driveways OR streets for more than **72 hours**. 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 snow fall
- 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 per city ordinance
- Storage sheds must match the color of the siding of the house and the shingle color of the house and cannot be larger than, 10'x12' and no taller than 15', without a building permit

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.

The annual neighborhood garage sale is tentatively going to be the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> and the annual picnic is Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, I can be reached at 702.235.2026 or [ryanbutkowski@hotmail.com](mailto:ryanbutkowski@hotmail.com)



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