



The board members of Church Hill East wish you a great start to 2019. As we look back as an HOA, we have a lot to be proud of in 2018. This year is the second successful 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-paving the walking path, tearing out dead trees in the park, shopping for mulch to be laid this spring, we as a board continue to look for opportunities to build our community. This includes a new relationship with the neighboring HOA, Fairview Farms.

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 Alli Barten.

Looking forward to 2019, the board nominations will be at the meeting on March 19th 8:00 PM, Old Capital Tavern, 2 N Benton Dr, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Please attend if you are interested in being involved or serving as an officer with the board. For the 3rd year the, the annual dues have been moved to a due date of April 1st this has been in response to your feedback.

On the topic of dues, last year we had only one lien filed and a couple of home homeowners that were delinquent. 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. Also, the board has approved a \$5.00 per year increase in the annual homeowner dues. This will bring the annual total to \$135.00. This increase is modest, and it covers rising costs the HOA incurs. You will notice, there is a space for an email address when you return your payment coupon. This will allow better communication with home owners.

The board is continuing to work on and develop plans for a pavilion in the park. The city is ok with the idea, but isn't looking to partner with us on a financial level. With this development, the board is looking at grants and alternative sources of funding.

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 the replacement which includes installation.

Several reminders 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, and 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 front 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
- The city ordinance is snow removal on sidewalks is required within 24 hours of snow fall
- Trash cans/recycling bins 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, 200 sq, feet 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 moved to a weekend in June. The annual picnic is Friday May 31st. As always, I can be reached at 702.235.2026 or ryanbutkowski@hotmail.com



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