

HAPPY NEW YEAR NEIGHBORS!

Hopefully you have all had a wonderful holiday season!

I have a few “housekeeping” things to share with you as we prepare for the year ahead!

- First, please “Save the Date” on your calendars for the **ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS’ MEETING**. We will be meeting **Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm** on the second floor of Fairview City Hall in the Council Chambers (1300 NE Village Street). We will conduct business first then have a social time to meet and converse with neighbors. An official notice will be sent closer to that date.
- Invoices for annual assessments will be sent on or near February 1. Fees may be paid at the annual meeting or mailed to the HOA post office box. Assessments will be due by March 1.
- One function of the owners’ meeting is to elect new officers to the HOA Board. We will have at least one board vacancy this year so I am looking for folks to volunteer to be considered for this role. Please let me know if you are interested. The HOA Board meets only a few times per year and responsibilities are not extremely taxing. 😊
- We will also need volunteers to be on the ARB (Architectural Review Board). This entails doing a walk through the neighborhood once per month and noting violations of our CC&R’s (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) plus attending a meeting or two of the group (I’ll bring snacks!). Materials will be provided indicating which 86 houses are in our HOA and an easy means of noting problems.
- I recently attended a meeting of the Fairview Public Safety Advisory Committee. One of the points they were discussing was “Emergency Preparedness”. Key points were regarding ice storms etc. that may disrupt power this winter. This prompts me to encourage everyone to make sure to have a means of staying warm, a stock of food and things like traction cleats, ice melt, maybe even a snow shovel to be ready for ice and snow. While it doesn’t happen often, storms can catch us off-guard! Also remember to be good neighbors and help where you can. And please, if you need help, ask! Give me a call or send a text, if I can’t help I’ll find someone who can.
- Also as far as being good neighbors, I’d like to remind everyone that our houses are fairly close together. If you have a dog prone to barking, please do your best to protect neighbors from the noise. And let your neighbors know if there is a problem. They may not be aware.

- The winter winds in our area are sometimes pretty intense. Please make sure trash doesn't fly into your neighbors' yards.
- With the winter rains we have seen some problems with the natural flow of the creeks. A reminder that all the houses along the creeks have agreed to maintain the conservation easement. This means you are limited to adding only native plants and removing invasive species. A few of us have worked to clean out some dead/fallen trees and blackberry bushes from the creeks to help with water flow without harming the natural habitat. If you need any help in this regard, please let me know. According to my research, fines for not following good conservation practices along the creeks can be significant.
- We have also had some sidewalk problems recently. Please contact the city with questions and concerns.
- One of our residents made note recently that several of us have alley lights that are not working. In fact the day that was mentioned, I checked and we had a bulb out! Please check that your property has adequate lighting (mine's fixed now!)
- Finally, as you know, different people interpret things differently. There is a question regarding what it means to "keep trash/recycle/green bins out of public view." I have my interpretation of what that means, as do the other board members. But I believe in getting input. Please shoot me an email response and let me know if you believe the alleys etc. are exempt from "public view." We can make minor CCR clarifications to avoid the same topics coming up each time there is a change in Board/ARB membership.

Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,

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