

North Pointe Newsletter- Fall /Winter 2014

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

As North Pointe subdivision nears its 30th Anniversary, the NPPOA Board of Directors continues to work hard to maintain the appearance of the common areas to ensure North Pointe is an attractive and proud place to call home.

Your NPPOA dues provide the funds for our maintenance projects. For example, this year we planted over 40 new trees and removed many dead and dying trees (mostly Ash & Austrian Pine) which were on the common areas. To keep the sidewalks safe, the trees trimmed, the dam inspected, the detention basin repaired, as well as the grounds maintained, the Board had to dip deeper into our reserve dollars.

As we work to keep North Point attractive and maintain property values, we anticipate increased maintenance costs to address the following Projects:

- Entrance and sign repairs
- Sidewalk repairs
- Additional tree replacements and removal
- Addressing the geese problem

We also anticipate increasing costs for lawn care, insurance and utilities.

To keep North Pointe subdivision in great shape and a great place to live, a DUES increase will be needed. Our dues have been at their current rate (\$220.00 annually) for over 10 years. The board needs your input. Contact a NPPOA board member, or better yet, come to the NPPOA semi-annual meeting:

NPPOA Semi-Annual Meeting

North Pointe School

November 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Finally, have you heard about Nextdoor? Come to our meeting and learn more about a great way to keep in touch in your neighborhood. Also, check out the instructions to join in former newsletters on the NPPOA website.

Bill Hurd, NPPOA President

Semi-Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 17

The NPPOA semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m., at North Pointe Elementary School, College Ave. Bloomington.

Agenda items will include:

- Review and discussion of the 2015 NPPOA Budget (see budget below)
- Discussion on increase of Homeowner Association Dues
- 30 Year Anniversary celebration - How does the neighborhood want to celebrate?
- Holiday light contest
- Miscellaneous

The NPPOA Board meeting begins one hour prior at 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

WE'RE AGING – North Pointe is turning 30 years old in 2016

We will start planning in spring 2015 for a 30 year Celebration sometime in 2016!! If anyone has any ideas or would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact Nancy Smith at Ssmitty5@msn.com.

9th ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST - WILL YOU LIGHT UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

Will your stunning display of holiday lights and decorations capture the prize coveted by all Bloomington-Normal neighborhoods, but awarded exclusively to those who reside in the best neighborhood in town?

The ninth annual holiday lights contest sponsored by the NPPOA starts December 14th. The more residents who participate, the more festive our subdivision looks! Tentative categories for judging include:

- Best Use of Lights
- Most Festive
- Classic Christmas/Picture Postcard
- Christmas Cottage

Judging will take place one evening between December 14-18th, before 10:00 p.m

Be sure to have your lights on every evening during that period. Winners will be announced Dec. 19 by a personal visit from a NPPOA board member delivering your gift card. The winners will also be posted online and in the spring newsletter. Each winner will receive a \$25 gift card from a local business.

Rules and Disclaimers:

- Decorating must be completed by Sunday, December 14th at dusk
- Displays must be visible from the street
- All houses, zero-lot lines and condos will be judged as individual entries
- Winners will be contacted for permission to have names and photos of their home published in the newsletter and on the NPPOA website
- Runner-up may be awarded prize if winner is unwilling to give permission •
Homeowners may win prizes more than once, but not in consecutive years
- Displays must not create a safety hazard or violate City of Bloomington codes
- NPPOA assumes no liability with this contest
- NPPOA Board/Committee members not eligible, however they can still decorate their homes

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION DECORATIONS

The gold bows for holiday decorations at all three entrances will be installed by our North Pointe elf the weekend of Thanksgiving and removed sometime before Valentine's Day. We have a beautiful subdivision and the gold bows are a nice welcome home for residents and guests!!!

BUDGET - PROPOSED FOR 2015

If you have questions, please call or attend the 11/17 Semi-Annual meeting at North Pointe School at 6:30 PM. We welcome your attendance.

| NPPOA 2015 Budget | | Actual 2011 | Actual 2012 | Actual 2013 | Jan-Sep 2014 | Budget 2015 |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | | | | | | |
| | Assessments | \$ 59,070 | \$ 53,601 | \$ 52,520 | \$ 56,060 | \$ 55,880 |
| | Interest | 1,055 | 689 | 270 | 87 | 75 |
| | Misc Income | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Total Income | \$ 60,125 | \$ 54,290 | \$ 52,790 | \$ 56,147 | \$ 55,955 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| | Accounting Fees | \$ 1,925 | \$ 2,891 | \$ 2,598 | \$ 1,767 | \$ 2,400 |
| | Bank Charges | 40 | 10 | 141 | 5 | 10 |
| | Insurance | 2,826 | 3,022 | 1,392 | 3,777 | 3,000 |
| | Water | 644 | 842 | 790 | 595 | 780 |
| | Income Tax | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Legal Fees | 528 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 500 |
| | Electricity | 1,084 | 811 | 887 | 553 | 1,000 |
| | Annual Meeting | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Newsletter | 759 | 598 | 606 | 208 | 500 |
| | (Printing/postage) | | | | | |
| | Website | 319 | - | - | - | 100 |
| | Other Expenses | - | 61 | - | - | - |
| | Social Committee | 375 | 163 | 446 | 68 | 1,500 |
| | Miscellaneous | 155 | 154 | - | 22 | 600 |
| Repairs | Detention Basin | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Dock Repairs | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Other Repairs | 208 | 117 | - | - | - |
| Lawn | Lawn care | 44,095 | 43,035 | 25,045 | 19,011 | 30,000 |
| | Lawn care-refund | (5,630) | - | - | - | - |
| | Master Plan | - | 900 | - | - | 500 |
| Common Areas | Tree Removal & Replacement | 5,630 | - | 8,625 | 22,088 | 13,000 |
| | Sidewalk Repair | | | | | 13,000 |
| | Snow Removal | - | - | - | 1,458 | 1,500 |
| | Bug spraying | 175 | - | - | - | - |
| Lake Care | Clean Up Committee | 420 | 420 | 390 | 360 | 450 |
| | Dam - 25 yr Maint. | 2,510 | 1,200 | - | - | - |
| | Dam Inspection | 863 | 1,058 | 924 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Master Plan | Reserve | | | | | - |
| | Landscaping | - | - | 67,242 | - | - |
| | Entrance Maintenance | | | - | - | 2,000 |
| | Other Repair | | | 6,300 | - | - |
| | Total Expenses | \$ 56,926 | \$ 55,292 | \$ 115,396 | \$ 50,922 | \$ 71,840 |
| NET INCOME | Net income | \$ 3,199 | \$ (1,001) | \$ (62,606) | \$ 5,225 | \$ (15,885) |

Would you like an opportunity to be a leader and serve on the North Pointe board to better your Neighborhood? Come and join the following current NPPOA Board of Directors for 2014- 2015:

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If you'd like to serve on a North Pointe committee, please let one of the board members know. You don't need to be on the board to serve on a committee.