

Fall/Winter 2017

Newsletter



North Pointe Property Owners Association

Semi-Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 13th

The NPPOA Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2016 6:30 p.m. at Northpoint Elementary School, College Ave. Bloomington.

Agenda items will include:

- Review and discussion of the 2018 NPPOA Budget (see budget on pages 3-4)
- Grounds Maintenance
- Miscellaneous

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

12th 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 12th Annual Holiday Lights Contest sponsored by NPPOA starts December 11th. 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 10-14th, before 10:00 p.m. Be sure to have your lights on every evening during that period. Winners will be announced Dec. 15 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 10th 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

Geese...“aplenty”

Many people have asked what actions are being taken to discourage the geese from making our recreational lake their home.

After talking to the State of Illinois biologist, we learned that the geese today have been reclassified: Migratory geese and Residential Geese (non-migratory). Above all, the biologist discourages the intentional of feeding of the geese, which encourages them to give up their natural instinct to migrate. The environmental conditions of plenty of open water (due to “global warming” of the lake not freezing over), plenty of food sources (natural and human provided), and the lack of predators (fox, coyotes) encourage the geese to become Residential (non-migratory) fowl.

For humans, this presents health hazards of polluted water (each goose produces 3 pounds of fecal matter per day on average) and aggressive behavior towards children and adults, especially when goslings are present. Many North Pointe residents have complained about the geese fecal matter around the lake and their aggressive behavior, causing some residents to stop using the lake sidewalk for exercise & leisure.

Following the law, the lake volunteers have tried to discourage the geese with “goose denier” buoys (very modest success), black plastic chain at the water edge (modest success), floating plastic swans (no success), remote control “speed boats” (successful but only when geese in the water without lasting effect), patching gaps in the chain link west bound-

ary fencing (successful when goslings are pre-flight stage of development), and asking neighbors NOT TO FEED ducks or other fowl (no success).

The State of Illinois biologist recommends planting tall growing species of grasses and plants on the lake perimeter. Geese do not locate on lakes with tall growth at the water’s edge in case predators are in hiding to attack them or their young. This is a last resort as per the current NPPOA policy but may be the final solution.

This matter will be discussed at each general meeting of the NPPOA membership. All residents/members are encouraged to provide input to the board (your representatives) as to the desired solution, discussion of alternatives, etc.

Grounds Maintenance Committee

The Multi-Year Project to Trim—Remove—Plant new pine trees continues. Colorado Blue Spruces trees were planted along Ft. Jesse. this spring. Three varieties of pines and spruces will be planted this fall/winter. This is to replace the pine trees that were removed west of the lake. Tree trimming and cutting will continue once bids are received. This will be along Ft. Jesse, west of the lake, and the detention basin. Hopefully the weather will cooperate to get it all done.

As the Austrian Pines continue to deteriorate due to age and disease, current plans are to continue to cut and replace those trees as the budget allows. This will be a continuous effort.

We were able to get the water

draining better through the detention basin which helped dry out that area for mowing and maintenance. More work is planned in the detention basin area so that we can monitor the situation better.

The island at the intersection of Ft. Jesse and North Pointe Dr. was upgraded. Thank you to Susan Crumbaugh, master gardener and a NPPOA board member, for leading this task.

If you see some tree cutting and trimming activity in your area, please be aware. This inconvenience will result in a better looking North Pointe subdivision, which you will be proud to call home.

If you have any concerns, please contact me or anyone on the NPPOA Board.

-Bob Starckovich/Ground Maintenance Committee



Budget Proposed for 2018

If you have questions, please call or attend the 11/13 Semi-Annual meeting at Northpoint School at 6:30 PM. We welcome your attendance. The NPPOA 2018 proposed budget is displayed below and on the next page.

NPPOA 2018 Budget		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
(254 North Pointe Units)		2015	2016	Jan - Sept 2017	2018
INCOME					
	Assessments	\$ 46,846	\$ 65,562	\$ 66,361	\$ 66,040
	Interest	179	213	161	100
	Late Charges	51	66		
	Total Income	47,076	65,840	66,522	66,140
EXPENSES					
	Accounting Fees	2,362	2,786	2,256	2,400
	Bank Charges		6		10
	Insurance	5,665	1,342	1,218	6,000
	Water	825	965	538	800
	Income Tax				
	Legal Fees	10	43	76	100
	Electricity	737	638	176	800
	Annual Meeting				
	Newsletter (Printing/postage)	756	465	235	600
	Website	256		205	
	Other Expenses				
	Social Committee	519	497	150	500
	Miscellaneous				
Repairs	Detention Basin	9,624	1,295		2,225
	Roto-Rooter	769		1,444	1,500
	Dock Repairs				
	Other Repairs	2,934			
Lawn	Lawncare	29,507	29,995	22,869	23,500
Common Areas	Tree Removal & Trimming	3,000	7,955	7,180	5,000
	Tree Replacement & Spraying			4,876	5,600
	Sidewalk Repair				
	Snow Removal	305			500
	College landscape lighting	450			200
	North entrance island				
	All Landscaping				11,300
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Budget Proposed for 2018 (continued...)

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(254 North Pointe Units)		2015	2016	2017	2018
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EXPENSES	Continued				
Lake Care	Clean Up Committee	390	330	240	450
	Dam Inspection	1,444	944	1,000	1,100
	Lake Care - Other	1,316	186	24	
	Divers to repair dam mechanism			600	
	Mechanism to raise/lower lake			2,119	
Master Plan	Reserve				3,455
	Entry identity sign repair		3,083		
	Entrance Maintenance			2,450	
	Bloomington "back flow" testing and report		95		100
	Reconciliation				
	Total Expenses	\$ 60,869	\$ 50,625	\$ 47,656	\$ 66,140
NET INCOME	Net income	\$ (13,793)	\$ 15,215	\$ 18,866	\$ 0

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