



North Pointe Property Owners Association

Semi-Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 12th

The NPPOA Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 7:00 p.m. at Northpoint Elementary School, College Ave. Bloomington.

Agenda items will include:

- Review and discussion of the 2019 NPPOA Budget (see budget on pages 3-4)
- Address any questions from the neighborhood

The NPPOA Board meeting begins one hour prior at 6:00 p.m. in the same location.

13th 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 13th 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 9-13th, before 10:00 p.m. Be sure to have your lights on every evening during that period. Winners will be announced Dec. 14 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 9th 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
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Lake Report

The levels of the lake have returned to normal as per the nice fall rain. The underground spillway dam keeps the water level constant and free of algae. The operation is working well...and the fish seem to love our nice water. AND so do the geese and ducks.

This past year we followed the guidelines of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to manage geese overuse of recreational dedicated water areas. We left the grass tall between the sidewalk and the lake and sprayed it with a non-appetizing compound to discourage feeding by geese (it would not hurt any animal regardless of the frequency of ingestion). It was safe for all concerned...animals, waterfowl, humans, pets, water. The geese did

not seem to notice the taste or color (their eyes saw the grass as a different color spectrum). It obviously failed to work as effectively as we were hoping.

After experimenting with this guideline, the NPPOA board accepted the recommendation of the Lake Committee to suspend this action and return the lake to its normal manicured way. We will not be using the two buoys next year either. We ask your patience with respect with the "goose poop" as we attempt to find better ways to deal with the geese who disrupt

the recreational aspects of our lake exercise pathway. Please remember the State Guidelines discourage all forms of feeding wildlife because it makes them

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Grounds Maintenance Committee

After a tree assessment along Ft. Jesse and the western border next to Garling Heights, the NP Board will put together a budget plan to replace/trim and plant trees in those areas. The Austrian pines continue to deteriorate, and the Board feels that we need to maintain the tree lines in those areas.

The specifications to maintain our common properties were recently revised, prior to new bid requests going out for the coming year. It had been five years, so updates were needed.

Bids were also sent out for the removal, trimming and planting of trees scattered across the common properties (you may have noticed the pink flags and ribbons on trees). New varieties that will be planted are Norway

Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce and Douglas Fir.

Attention to the detention basin over the past few years has significantly improved the drainage. This helped dry out that area for mowing and play. More work is being planned in the detention basin area so that we can maintain the situation better.

Planning is just starting to spruce up the three entrances to North Pointe. One of our NPPOA board member is a Master Gardener and will be working on ideas and leading this task.

If your plans to your property include the planting of trees, make sure you submit your request to the North Pointe board so that we can monitor the kinds of trees: <http://nppoa.org/images/>

[Architectural Review Application for NPPOA residents.pdf](#). We had a certified Arborist develop a list of recommended trees: http://nppoa.org/images/Tree_Assessment_for_North_Pointe_Recommendations_from_Ken_Detloff.pdf

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

Bob Starckovich/ Ground Maintenance

Budget Proposed for 2019

If you have questions, please call or attend the 11/12 Semi-Annual meeting at Northpoint School at 7:00 PM. We welcome your attendance. The NPPOA 2019 proposed budget is displayed below and on the next page.

NPPOA 2019 Budget		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
(254 North Pointe Units)		2016	2017	Jan - Sept 2018	2019
INCOME					
	Assessments	\$ 65,562	\$ 66,361	65,871	66,040
	Interest	213	161	224	100
	Late Charges	66			
	Total Income	65,840	66,522	66,095	66,140
EXPENSES					
	Accounting Fees	2,786	2,781	2392	2,800
	Bank Charges	6			10
	Insurance	1,342	2,887	-1548	2,000
	Water	965	743	681	800
	Income Tax			10	
	Legal Fees	43	76	109	100
	Electricity	638	320	425	700
	Annual Meeting				
	Newsletter	465	292	149	500
	Postage		177	90	200
	Website		205		
	Other Expenses				
	Social Committee	497	285		
	Miscellaneous			163	500
Repairs	Detention Basin	1,295			
	Roto-Rooter		1,444	2969	
	Dock Repairs				2,500
	Other Repairs			261	
					200
Lawn	Lawncare	29,995	29,031		
				23,407	26,500
Common Areas	Tree Removal & Trimming	7,955	7,180		
	Tree Replacement & Spraying		4,876	5450	8,500
	Sidewalk Repair			4560	5,250
	Snow Removal			317	
	College landscape lighting			1000	
	North entrance island				
	All Landscaping				500

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EXPENSES	Continued				
Lake Care	Clean Up Committee	330	360	330	400
	Dam Inspection	944	1,000	1499	1,000
	Lake Care - Other	186	24	21	
	Divers to repair dam mechanism		600		
	Mechanism to raise/lower lake		2,119		
	Emergency Action Plan				500
	Goose Consulting				500
Master Plan	Reserve				2,580
	Entry identity sign repair	3,083			
	Entrance Maintenance		2,450		
	Close Sprinkler System				100
	Bloomington "back flow" testing and report	95	95		
	Reconciliation Discrepancies				
	Total Expenses	\$50,625	56,945.00	42,286.00	66,140.00
NET INCOME	Net income	\$15,215	9,631.00	23,809.00	

With many new neighbors who have moved into the neighborhood: WELCOME!

Join North Pointe Next Door: Over 80% of North Pointe households use it!

North Pointe Residents are encouraged to register with a service called Next Door. This free service allows neighbors to stay in touch. You can be included in announcements from just North Pointe, as well as other neighborhoods nearby (Tipton, Garling). This is a great way to stay in touch with your neighbors. As an example, hear about garage sales, neighborhood safety issues, City safety announcements, housekeeping tips, and recommendations on service providers.

Register at: https://northpointeil.nextdoor.com/choose_address/

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