

Ravenwood South

Homeowners Association Newsletter



Thank You!

Thank you to all of our members that paid their 2017 dues!

We had about 70% of HOA members pay their dues this year. We really appreciate that participation, but our goal is to have all our neighbors paying their fair share in maintaining our neighborhood. We understand that there are homeowners in Ravenwood South that are not happy with the look of our neighborhood and would like to see some improvements in aesthetics. We are working on building a neighborhood website (see page 3) and plan on making it easier to pay your dues online. Your dues help us improve the aesthetics of our neighborhood. Our members have also expressed an interest in becoming better connected with our neighbors. Your dues have helped establish a Social Committee to bring us all together. And just so you know, there is still time to pay your dues by sending a \$100 check to the HOA at PO Box 14653, Springfield MO, 65814. Thanks again to our neighbors that have a stake in making Ravenwood South a safer, more beautiful, and connected neighborhood!

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Christy Snelling - Nottingham

Nelson Knapp - Glenhaven

Karl Kime - Norshire

Block Captains share info with the neighbors around them and facilitate communication with the Board. If you would like to volunteer as a Block Captain, shoot an email to ravenwoodsouth@gmail.com!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Brian Ash

Cortney Little-Ash

Carrie Butler

This committee will work on ideas and events geared to bring our neighborhood together! Email ravenwoodsouth@gmail.com to join!

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Christy Snelling

Donna Powers

If you have some ideas to improve areas in the neighborhood join the Beautification Committee. Email ravenwoodsouth@gmail.com to express interest!

Let's Meet The Butler Family!

The Butlers moved to Ravenwood South in October of 2015 from the Prairie View Heights neighborhood in southwest Springfield. Carrie was kind enough to share the following with us all!



As native Springfieldians, Justin and I both grew up close by and we have both always loved this area and particularly the Ravenwood South neighborhood.

We love the fact that the neighborhood is so conveniently located while at the same time feeling a bit tucked away and secluded. We love the mature trees, the close proximity to the lake, and how peaceful the neighborhood is. We even love our friendly neighborhood deer that like to eat all of our flowers!

Our favorite family activity is probably traveling, especially to the beach!

Jackson will be in Kindergarten at Kings Way United Methodist Church in the Fall. Greyson will not yet be in school.

We would love to spotlight your family in our next newsletter! Submit a photo to ravenwoodsouth@gmail.com and request a questionnaire!

Safety

Unfortunately, there has been a rash of car break-ins in Ravenwood South as well as our neighboring streets. Please remove all valuables from your car and lock your doors, and put your car inside your garage whenever possible. If you haven't already, please join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/970976916299145> and consider joining our NextDoor at <https://ravenwoodsouth.nextdoor.com/> Neighbors post the latest information about break-ins, suspicious people in the neighborhood, and may give you a heads up to be more vigilant.

Website

Two of your fellow Ravenwood South neighbors, Myke Bates and Brian Ash, are working on building a Ravenwood South website and they need your help. Our top priorities for this website are to provide information about our neighborhood for both current and potential neighbors, make it easier to pay online dues and to get our neighborhood better connected. Once we're better connected with each other online, then it will be easier for us to connect in the real world. And a connected neighborhood is a stronger neighborhood where neighbors know and look out for each other.

If you'd like to help with this project, please email brian@CalibrateYourAds.com or call Brian on his cell [\(417\) 655-7487](tel:4176557487).

Beautification Committee Update

Our Beautification Committee has been hard at work! In a short time, they have accomplished the following:

- The main entrance on Nottingham has had a major clean up. The weeks are under control, 6 large hollies have been pruned, and an unsightly tree has been removed. There are 12 maples that line the entry and their canopy was raised and they all had new mulch added.
- Mowing and trimming has been taken over by American Turf. Their work is monitored by the committee and all work has met expectation.
- The bridge areas need some additional planting. The options have been explored and the new plants will go in during the fall season.

Thank you committee members for working so hard to better our neighborhood!

Please consider joining the Beautification Committee and be a part of the solution to bring some beauty back to our neighborhood! Drop an email to ravenwoodsouth@gmail.com to share your contact details and commit to communicating and rectifying problem areas as they arise!



Let's Talk Yards!

The Board has come up with a fun idea to encourage homeowners in Ravenwood South to take pride in their yards and their neighborhood. The Board will begin to award a Yard of the Month!

Submissions and nominations can be made on our Facebook page or by email at ravenwoodsouth@gmail.com. The winning yard will sport a sign in the front yard and the owner will enjoy a (very) small gift of appreciation! This is not about the accolades or recognition though. This is to encourage homeowners to take just as much pride in the outside of their home as the inside! There are some absolutely beautiful yards in this neighborhood and we should always strive to present the best image to visitors. As our neighbors work on their yards we are also hoping that the improvements will bring us a sense of community and pride.

As you are vamping up your yard, please consider your neighbors downstream. There are some owners in the neighborhood that are using the creek beds to dump limbs, grass clippings, and other yard waste. Although that may seem like an easy fix at the time, please be aware that can have a large and lasting effect on some neighbors, especially those that currently suffer from flooding and erosion problems.