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Ravenwood South

Homeowners Association Newsletter



Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting took place on January 15th at the Lake Springfield Boat House. There were 27 attendees. Thank you to all that braved the cold, snowy weather! Here are the highlights:

Chris Dunnaway and Kirkland Preston from the City of Springfield's Stormwater Engineering Division gave an update on Phase II of the Channel Improvement Project-aka the Ravenwood South Drainage Problem. Currently the City is gathering easements from the affected property owners and are shooting for a Fall 2018 start date. This phase runs from the recently renovated water retention basin just north of Ravenwood South and stops at the first bridge on Nottingham and Castlewood. Phase 3 is dependent on a 2019 voter approved tax renewal.

The Website Committee reported that our new Ravenwood South website is up and running at **RavenwoodSouth.com**. Two important features are online dues payments and an online directory. Multiple members from a household can login and register to view the online directory, but we'd only like one directory submission per household to avoid duplication.

On our website you can also find contact information for the Board, Block Captains and Committee Members. At the bottom of every page you will also find links to our <u>Ravenwood South Nextdoor</u> and Facebook pages. We encourage everyone to join our private <u>Ravenwood South Facebook page</u> for the best "real-time" updates about lost dogs, suspicious activity in the neighborhood, upcoming events, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns for the Board, there is a link on the bottom of every page of RavenwoodSouth.com to send an email to <u>contact@RavenwoodSouth.com</u>.

The Website Committee did a fabulous job and we appreciate the hard work that went into this new endeavor. Email <u>brian@CalibrateYourAds.com</u> with any website questions.

Christy Snelling of the Beautification Committee gave a report on all the improvements made to the common areas of the neighborhood. An initial monetary outlay was made on the improvements, but all future costs will go towards upkeep.

Block Captains

A map of Block Captain zones is available on our website at <u>RavenwoodSouth.com</u>. Block Captains are responsible for communicating with their zones and being a point person for their neighbors.

Zone 1 - Christy Snelling	Zone 5 - Matt Mawdsley
Zone 2 - Tom Hilmes	Zone 6 - Nelson Knapp
Zone 3 - Karl Kime	Zone 7 - Johnna Sloop
Zone 4 - Eleanor Lockhart	Zone 8 - Brian Ash

There will be a Yard of the Month contest this Spring through Fall to recognize those homeowners that make our neighbor a pleasure to live and play. The winners of this award will enjoy a gift certificate from a local nursery and their picture on our Ravenwood South Facebook page.

The Social Committee reported that the Fall Social was a huge success and will be an ongoing event. If you are interested in hosting the Ravenwood South Fall Social this year, please contact a Committee Member so they can begin discussing dates. Their target is sometime in October. Our Social Committee will provide the refreshments. You just provide your home and a friendly welcome.

Mark your calendars now for these fun, neighborhood events:

- * Neighborhood clean-up (common areas) at 10am followed by picnic lunch on Saturday 4/28.
- * Fourth of July bike, trike, wagon, dog & pony parade. Line-up at 10am followed by ice cream social.
- * Fall Social. Date and time determined with help from host.
- * Holiday Home Award. Voting online starts 12/11. Announce winner on 12/14.

Spring is just around the corner and we can't wait to see everyone out again.

The Welcome Committee has been folded into the Social Committee. They held a meeting for any interested members on February 7th.

It will take a team effort to make sure the Welcome Committee knows about anyone moving into the neighborhood since we don't get any official notifications. Please don't assume we already know and pass along any new neighbors to the members of the Social and Welcome Committee. Visit <u>RavenwoodSouth.com</u> for contact information for all Committees.

New business was addressed.

There has been an increase in parked trailers, pods, and RVs in the neighborhood. Please be aware that those practices are not allowed by the covenants. The Architectural Review Committee will be sending letters to homeowners needing to rectify the situation.

Homeowners expressed concerns about the state of deterioration of the streets and curbs. Numerous complaints have been made via the City's Report Tracker at <u>SpringfieldMO.gov/RequestTracker.aspx</u>.

Any homeowners with similar concerns are encouraged to use this link to lodge a complaint with the city. The squeaky wheel gets the grease!

2018 Annual Dues

Your 2018 Annual Ravenwood South HOA Dues are now due. You can pay your online dues at <u>RavenwoodSouth.com</u> with a credit card or mail your \$100 check to:

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