

Ravenwood South

Homeowners Association Newsletter



Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting took place on January 14th at the Lake Springfield Boat House. Here are the highlights:

Kirkland Preston and Mark Stiles from the City of Springfield's Stormwater Engineering Division gave us an update on Phase 2 of the Ravenwood South Stormwater Improvements. There has been little progress since last year's meeting due to on-going negotiations with a few of our affected neighbors. Once these easements are obtained, the phase they will be working on will run from the renovated stormwater retention basin just north of Ravenwood South and will stop at the first bridge on Nottingham and Castlewood. A full sized version of this map is available on our neighborhood website under Neighborhood News => Get Informed.



Our Ravenwood South website is at **RavenwoodSouth.com**. On our website you can also find contact information for the Board, Block Captains and Committee Members and make your online dues payments. At the bottom of every page you will also find links to our Ravenwood South Nextdoor and Facebook pages.

We encourage everyone to join our private Ravenwood South Facebook page 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 contact@RavenwoodSouth.com.

Christy Snelling of the Beautification Committee reported that the common areas are finally under control with many new plantings in 2018 to spruce up the entry and bridge areas. The Committee will continue to tweak the common areas as needed and make sure that routine maintenance is completed. It was discovered that we have an irrigation system and after some updating seems to be running well. Having the main entry grass/planter beds watered so that they are green and lush has been a real boost to our neighborhood.

Block Captains

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

Zone 1 - Christy Snelling

Zone 2 - Tom Hilmes

Zone 3 - Karl Kime

Zone 4 - Betty Carlton

Zone 5 - Matt Mawdsley

Zone 6 - Nelson Knapp

Zone 7 - Carrie Butler

Zone 8 - Brian Ash

We will be starting our Yard of the Month awards again in May and it will run through October. The winning yards receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local nursery, a yard sign for the month and bragging rights. If you have a yard to nominate, message Christy Snelling via the website at Neighborhood News => Get Informed => Committees. Remember that only homeowners who are current with their dues are eligible to win.

Christy's husband Robert Snelling has volunteered to spearhead a neighborhood effort to get our streets repaired. The more people expressing displeasure to the City will yield a better response. You may message Robert through our Ravenwood South Facebook page with questions or comments. Homeowners concerned with the state of deterioration of the streets and curbs are encouraged to file a report via the City's Report Tracker at SpringfieldMO.gov/RequestTracker.aspx. There's a link to the Request Tracker on the bottom of every page of our neighborhood website.

The Social Committee reported that the Fall Social at the Barnhouse home was another great 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. 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 in 2019:

- * Neighborhood clean-up (common areas) at 10am followed by picnic lunch on Saturday May 4th.
- * Fourth of July bike, trike, wagon and dog parade. Line-up at 10am followed by ice cream social.
- * Fall Social. Date and time determined with help from host.

It takes 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 RavenwoodSouth.com Neighborhood News => Get Informed => Committees for contact information for all Committees.

We have an opening on the Board for a Secretary and we need a new Zone 2 Block Captain. If you're interested in getting involved on the Board, as a Block Captain or joining a Committee, please send an email to contact@RavenwoodSouth.com.

See the attached Treasurer's Report showing our income and expenses for 2018. We had 82.5% of our homes pay their HOA dues last year, which is the highest percentage in memory. We encourage all our neighbors to pay their fair share so we can continue to provide fun social events and pay for maintenance. Visit the Dues page on our website for more details on where your money goes and to pay your dues online.

2019 Annual Dues

Your 2019 Annual Ravenwood South HOA Dues are now due. You can pay your online dues at RavenwoodSouth.com with a credit card or mail your \$100 check to:

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