

Ravenwood South

Homeowners Association Newsletter



Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting took place on January 13th at the Lake Springfield Boat House. Here are the highlights:

Kirkland Preston from the City of Springfield's Stormwater Engineering Division gave us an update on Phase 2 of the Ravenwood South Stormwater Improvements. Phase 2 should be wrapped up mid to late March. All excavation is complete, and the jumbo landscape block and guardrails are mostly installed. Work is now being directed on the floor for slowing and redirecting the flow of water, with finishing landscaping at the end. Just a reminder, Phase 3 will not be started until the tax money becomes available.



Christy Snelling of the Beautification Committee reported that in 2019 our common areas were kept under control with mowing and leaf control done routinely. We performed our annual trimming of the large hollies and pruning of the maples at the front entrance. And our irrigation system is running as smoothly and as cost effectively as a system that old can.

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. After several conversations with the City, repairs on the asphalt sections of our neighborhood were completed last fall. Replacing several damaged concrete sections is slated for April 1, weather permitting. We have also been working with the City regarding our speeding issues. There are solar speed radar signs that will be installed within the next few weeks to gather more data. Once that is complete, we can finish a conversation with the city regarding whether speed bumps are an option.

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 – (vacant)

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 have built up enough of a balance in our bank account that the Board is ready to make a major investment to improve our neighborhood. There's been an uptick in reports of speeding, mailboxes being opened and items being taken from porches, so we are currently considering speed bumps, purchasing our own radar signs and/or installing video cameras at the entrances that can record license plates. There are pros and cons to all three options being considered and it's unlikely we'll get unanimous support for any option. There's too much information to cover in this newsletter, so we're going to hold another **Neighborhood Meeting at the Springfield Lake Boathouse at a time to be determined later**. The sole item on the agenda is discussing our proposed major expenditures to get neighborhood feedback before putting the items to a vote.

The Social Committee reported that the Fall Social at the home of Gary Frazier & Hanna Shcherbyna 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 2020:

- * The 3rd Annual Spring Clean Up will be on Saturday April 25th at 10:00 am followed by a cookout at the Snelling home at 12:30.
- * 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.

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.

We have an opening on the Board for a Secretary and we need a 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 2019 compared to 2018. We encourage all our neighbors to pay their fair share so we can continue to provide fun social events and pay for maintenance and help fund these major projects that we are considering. Visit the Dues page on our website for more details on where your money goes and to pay your dues online.

2020 Annual Dues

Your 2020 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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