Highland Meadows Home Owners Association

Colleyville, Texas

March 2020 Newsletter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS...

SPRING FLING MIXER at the home of Michelle and Kyle Appling on March 21st from 7-10 p.m. Come socialize with your fellow Highland Meadows neighbors! Address: 5801 Highland Hills Lane. Please bring your favorite appetizer or beverage to share. (Adults only, please.)



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE is on Saturday, MAY 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We'll bring



you bargain hunters by posting an advertisement in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram, garage sale FB pages, and signs at each of the HM entrances. Please set-up your sale on your driveway where it is visible from the street. You may want to place a sign on the corner of your street to help publicize the event. If you are part of an online garage sale page, please

be sure to add our Community Garage Sale!

Please put-up balloons or a sign at your mailbox or driveway to indicate that you are part of the community garage sale. In past years, we've spotted lemonade and popcorn stands set-up by enterprising young Highland Meadows residents!!! (There will be another fall Community Garage Sale – date has not been set.) Questions? Please contact our Social Director, Michelle Appling, at michelle.appling@c21bowman.com

Annual Dues Assessments: (\$355) were mailed out in mid-November 2019. Payment of your HOA annual assessment was due January 01, 2020. If your payment was not received by Jan. 31st, you have been assessed a late fee. We have several homeowners who have yet to pay the 2020 assessment. You may double-check your balance online, at www.cmamanagement.com or hmhoa.org Please send payment to: Homeowners of Highland Meadows, Inc., 1800 Preston Park Blvd, Suite 101, Plano, TX 75093. 972-943-2828

Website Registrations: Please register on our management company's website: cmamanagement.com or hmhoa.org (which will take you directly to the CMA site) Benefits: pay your HOA bill, check your account balance, file ACC requests, address questions or concerns regarding our HOA, see copies of our newsletters, By-Laws, Deed Restrictions, Fining Polies, etc., request resale certificates. We currently have 333 (out of 367) households registered on our website with CMA!

monthly get-togethers to help ladies in the neighborhood meet each other. This month's event is WINE TASTING on Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. The host, Renee Capelo, lives at 2406 N. Whitehaven Drive. This is a very informal wine tasting event, with wine provided by Renee. Please bring an appetizer to share and anything else you might want to drink besides wine. RSVP to Jan Medlin at (817) 600-6122 or at jan@janmedlin.com. We need an accurate headcount to supply the wine for tasting!

New Entrance Signs & Landscaping: Hopefully everyone has noticed all of the new monument signs and updated landscaping at our six entrances. Who would have thought that having our brass letters stolen would result in a two-and-a-half year project to install new signs! The board is scheduled to do a walk through with the installation company before we sign-off and make final payment. Our landscaping committee had the old landscaping removed and installed new plants on the three entrances off Hall Johnson. Next we will update the plants on the Pool Road entrances. Our thanks to the volunteers on the Wall & Landscape Committee for their work on completing this project: Ray Allee (Chair), Joe Buchanan and Ron Ziolkowski.

Highland Hills & Hall Johnson









Meadowhill & Hall Johnson





Whitehaven & Hall Johnson





Highland & Pool Road





Whitehaven & Pool Road





Highland Meadows & Pool Road (only 1 side of road is in our HOA)



And finally, our thanks to our new neighbor at 2604 Highland Meadows (photo on right) who removed the large oak tree that blocked visibility from turning out of our subdivision onto Pool Road!





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Please "Like" us on Facebook, to get the latest information posted on our Facebook Page.

Hall Johnson Trees – Stu Gardner

Last August the Highland Meadows Homeowners Association (HM HOA) was informed by the City of Colleyville that the HOA was now responsible for the trees along Hall Johnson Road, a burden the HOA was unprepared for. In an effort to understand the significance of this new obligation, HM HOA conducted an assessment of the trees to determine the situation's overall magnitude.

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The HM HOA engaged an arborist and landscaping firm for the assessment.

Our area of responsibility along Hall Johnson and adjacent to our wall has 47 red

and live oak trees. Several of these trees are diseased; all were improperly planted. Those improperly planted are too close to each other, are stunted in growth and are now causing damage to the sidewalk and street. Soon, they will be impacting our wall. As many of you are aware, the HM HOA spends a majority of our annual budget on wall maintenance - in excess of \$30,000 a year. The trees also interfere with overhead power lines requiring on-going trimming which both effects their beauty and weakens the trees; not a good situation.

The HM HOA has approached the City of Colleyville to jointly address the problem with the trees. The position of the HM HOA is to thin out the trees to a healthy and manageable situation and replace them where possible. The City has agreed to work with us. This project may take several years to completely mitigate but the gears are now moving.

We do not yet have a completed plan but are working closely with the City at this time. It appears that the first steps will be to reduce the population of the trees by removing those trees deemed diseased, those impacting vehicle sight lines and those causing damage to the sidewalks and the road.

We will also work with the city to get replacement trees for homeowners on Ballantrae who might desire them, and who have room in their backyard for a tree - 15 feet away from the wall.

Homeowners will be kept informed as we progress with this project.

2020 Highland Meadows HOA Board:

President: MaryAnn Nicholson nicholsonma@verizon.net (817) 291-4369

Vice President:Stu Gardnerstu@sgaconsulting.netTreasurer:Jack Bullardjack.hmhoa@gmail.comSecretary:Michelle Applingmichellea@c21bowman.com

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Committees:

ACC: Kourtney Spilker (Chair), Sharon Bothe, Dean Fittz, Mike Vitek, Kim Wallace

& Brandon Weaver

Curb Appeal: Kim Wallace

Newsletter: OPEN

Social: Michelle Appling (Chair), Ann Spicer, Kourtney Spilker, Joanna Budries

Wall/Landscaping: Ray Allee (Chair), Joe Buchanan, DeWayne Smart, Ron Ziolkowski

Website: OPEN

Welcome: Becky Prentice (Chair)

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

Mar 16: HM HOA Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Market Street, Colleyville Blvd., upstairs meeting room

Mar 21: SPRING FLING MIXER; 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.; at the home of Michelle and Kyle Appling

May 16: Spring Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 18: HM HOA Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Market Street, Colleyville Blvd., upstairs meeting room

July 3: Mailbox Decorating Contest with prizes!

July 4: Neighborhood 4th of July Parade **NEW EVENT** Winner of Mailbox contest will be announced.

Jul 20: HM HOA Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Market Street, Colleyville Blvd., upstairs meeting room

Sep 21: HM HOA Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Market Street, Colleyville Blvd., upstairs meeting room

Oct 10: Street Party

Oct 15: ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 p.m.; Colleyville Community Center

Nov 19: HM HOA Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Market Street, Colleyville Blvd., upstairs meeting room

TBD: Fall Community Garage Sale

HM HOA meetings are open to all homeowners. Please let the President know if you would like to address the Board or want an issue placed on the agenda.

WELCOME COMMITTEE - Becky Meadows One of the best parts of Highland Meadows is that we are still attracting new families because it is such a wonderful neighborhood! As Thomas Jefferson once said "A good neighbor is a very desirable thing." Since November, we welcome an additional six families to our neighborhood! If you notice a moving van or new faces on your street, make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to Highland Meadows! Reference our newsletter so they can see all the exciting opportunities we have to gather and get to know each other.

Homeowners of Highland Meadows, Inc. 2020 Budget

Approved at Annual Meeting in October 2019

REVENUE

Assessment Revenues \$130,285.00 Assessments are based on 367 homeowners paying \$355 annually

Other Income \$ 682.14 Interest income

Total Revenue \$130,967.14

EXPENSES

Administrative \$35,843.06 Management fees, legal, community mailings, audit & tax

preparation, administrative supplies, copies, faxes, insurance, federal

income tax, bad debt and record storage.

Community Activities \$ 4,207.00 Social events, storage unit, board meetings, annual meeting.

Landscape & Common Area Maintenance

Utilities \$ 7,124.07 Water & electrical expenses for the common areas.

Maintenance \$ 64,968.15 Landscape maintenance

Irrigation \$ 3,124.48 Repairs to the irrigation system.

Repair & Replacement

Reserves \$ 15,700.38 Budgeted reserves for future repair and replacement of commonly

owned Association assets (like the wall.)

Total Expenses \$130,967.14

