

SPRINGMILL CROSSING CROSS-TALK

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MEETING REMINDERS

Homeowners are encouraged to attend monthly Springmill Crossing POA board meetings, held at 7:00 pm at the Strobel Pool Shelter, but please confirm. The next three meetings are:

- November 7
- December 5
- January 2

Meeting minutes are posted under the at www.springmillcrossing.org.

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Thanks to our social committee for hosting another successful Fall Fest last month.

IT'S BUDGET PLANNING TIME FOR SMX

Discussions will continue on line items for the 2024 POA budget during the Springmill Crossing Property Owners Association board meeting on November 7, 7pm, via Zoom. The board will consider input from residents on how funds will be allocated. You may email your suggestions to any board member and request the Zoom link from the POA board president.

The POA board has been assessing the current condition of all neighborhood assets and discussing repair and maintenance needs, as well as any reasonable improvements.

The POA board was informed at the end of pool season that three skimmers would have to be replaced on the pool after getting by for many years just patching them. This is a major expense that will be combined with increases to the overall pool management contract due

to rising chlorine and labor costs. Therefore, the board is debating a dues increase of \$100/year, making the total annual dues \$600 for 2024.

The pool cost increases can not be avoided, and unfortunately SMX is in the same situation as every other POA with a pool in the area, who are all increasing their assessments, as result.

Looking ahead, the pool's regular maintenance also will require painting the pool surface, which will be pushed to 2025. In addition, the trees at the 136th St. entrance are nearing the end of their life cycle and will need to be replaced either at the end of 2024 or in 2025.

The final 2024 budget will be approved during the December board meeting. The annual dues assessment must be received by the POA treasurer by January 31 to avoid late penalties. Your timely payments are greatly appreciated.

ELECTION-RELATED LAWN SIGNS MUST BE REMOVED BY NOVEMBER 12



SMX youngsters enjoyed another visit from the Carmel Fire Department before the annual Halloween bike parade.

GET YOUR KEY TO THE TENNIS COURTS

The tennis and portable pickleball nets are up until Thanksgiving, and the courts are available first come, first serve (pun intended). Contact our tennis chairman Tony Trent (1525 Brook Mill Ct., text: 317.945.5656) for a key to enjoy this valuable amenity (a \$10 deposit is required.)

The courts were resurfaced in 2019 and new LED lights were added after a major capital invest-

ment by the Springmill Crossing Property Owners Association. Last year, the yellow lines for pickleball were layered over the white tennis lines on one court.

The lighting timers are located outside the fence to enable late-night games. Enjoy the courts, but be sure to clean up before you leave and lock the gate securely behind you.

REMINDERS

NO TRAILERS, BOATS...

In SMX, no boat, RV, or truck (one ton or larger in size) is allowed to be parked overnight or longer on any lot or street in the development, unless it is not visible to the occupants of other lots in the development (such as in a garage), or the users of any street in the development. The same goes for trailers. Please store them elsewhere.

PIPELINE IS PRIVATE

Please note that the pipeline area that cuts through the middle of the neighborhood is not "common area." Please do not walk your dogs, ride your motorcycle, hit golf balls, fly your drone, or any other activity along the pipeline, unless you either live there or are an invited guest of one of the owners.

HIDE YOUR CONTAINERS

Put your trash and recycling containers away on non-pickup days. It's part of POA bylaws and also a way to help keep SMX an attractive place to live. Also, try to keep them out of the street.



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- Eric Rasmussen

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SMX HONORS HALLOWEEN 'SPIRIT OF SEASON'

A major thanks to our secret judge who helped honor our newest contest winners for Spirit of the Season (Halloween Edition.)

In case you missed in last month's newsletter, we will be posting a weekly Spirit of the Season sign in one yard per week during the various holidays around the year. Our same secret judge will keep his eyes open for the most creative and inspired decorations during Halloween and Christmas season (and maybe Easter...)

This month's winners for most fun or spookiest decorations are as follows: 10/7: Barker Family, 1412 Stonemill Circle N; 10/14: Alexander Family, 1448 Spring Mill Circle; 10/21: Abernathy Family, 1542 Springmill Blvd. (pictured below); 10/28: Berning Family, 13927 Stonemill Circle E.

Like we said before, there are no bonus points for early decorations. In fact, that might actually count against you, so don't jump the gun on Christmas decorating!



REMINDERS

GET A YARD LIGHT

One of the specifics mentioned in our Convenents is ensuring you always have an installed, dusk-to-dawn yard light in your front yard. If you have no yard light or one that needs to be replaced or repaired, the Development Control Committee asks that would work to rectify this. If for some reason this is not feasible, please let us know.

PAINT YOUR POST

For those of you who did not replace your mailbox and post this year, now is a great time to apply car wax to the painted metal box or to spray a clear coat to refresh the paint. Even more important, a lot of mailbox posts are showing wear and tear and are in desperate need for repainting with flat black paint. Thanks for your help in this effort to keep Springmill Crossing from looking its age.

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- Tree and stump removal.
- Two-year deep root organic fertilization of trees and shrubs (mild winter and then frosts will damage trees that have leafed prematurely and therefore will need fertilization and perhaps micronutrients)
- Scale treatment
- Complete lawn care (except mowing). Six-application program plus grub control.
- Senior citizen discount for tree removals and trimming (5 percent up to \$100)
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RENOVATIONS REQUIRE APPROVAL

Thinking about updating the outside of your house this fall? That's great news for our 35-year-old neighborhood. However, at least 20 days before starting an exterior renovation or painting project, please submit your plans to the Development Control Committee Chair Shane Kelly at kelly.shane24@gmail.com.

Full guidelines for this process are available under the Architectural Guidelines and Declaration of Restrictions tabs at www.springmillcrossing.org.

Remember that renovation signs are not allowed at any time.




DRIVEWAY OR PATIO REPAIRS?

CONTACT KEIAN FOR A CONTRACTOR REFERRAL:
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We hope you enjoy living in Springmill Crossing as much as we do. But if a move is in your future, contact The Meiners Team.

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