## Homeowner's Association



With these warmer temps it's safe to say Spring is finally here. Our community is really looking forward to the nicer weather and returning to some normal activities beyond our homes. It's been wonderful to see so many residents enjoying our trails over the last couple of months.

#### **HOA ASSESSMENTS**

Bill Destache, our Treasurer, will be sending assessments in July for the second half of 2020. Due upon receipt.

#### **COMMITTEES**

If you're interested in joining a committee, contact our board, millerfarmsmnhoa@gmail.

#### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you volunteers for signing up and keeping Miller Farms looking good.

# Miller Farms Homeowners **Board of Directors** millerfarmsmnhoa@gmail.com **President: Molly Schaffer** schaffermolly123@gmail.com Vice President: Josh Turner jnturner@uwalumni.com Treasurer: Bill Destache destache@gmail.com **Secretary: Alison Kurth** uwbucky@gmail.com Member at Large: John Sneden <u>idsneden@gmail.com</u>

**HOA Assessments:** Members who use a bill payment service to pay your assessments, or an auto-payment via your bank, please verify the mailing address has been updated to 3535 Pete Miller Trl N. Many payments this winter were still mailed to Derrick Construction.

#### **COMMITTEES:**

#### Landscaping:

Molly Schaffer:Chair

Monica Kasmirski

Lisa Kern

Jennifer McAlpin

Susan Sherick

#### Maintenance:

John Sneden:Chair

**Brant Rooney** 

Chad Kurth

#### **Community Septic**

Alison Kurth-Chair

Charles Meyer

Jeff Zipfel

#### **ARC**

Josh Turner: Co-chair

John Sneden: Co-chair

Heidi Rooney

Mike and Ann Stiff

#### **Events**

Alison Kurth: Chair

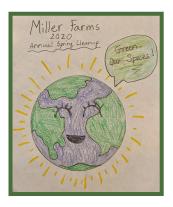
Anna Zanko

Sara Goldstrand

Nicole Fiebelkorn

## Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty

### -John Ruskin



his year due to the stay at home mandate, we didn't hold our normal gathering for Spring Clean up. Thank you to the following families for signing up to improve an area: Avery, Goldstrand, Kelly, Kurth, McAlpín, Osborn, Ostrander, Rooney and Zanko.

Invasive species are abundant in our development. Homeowners have permission to eradicate buckthorn and noxious weeds like thistle in common areas and in the MN LandTrust areas. If you plan on doing a controlled burn, please contact the Board prior to commencing.

There are more volunteer opportunities for keeping our common areas and trails mowed and clean this year. If you are interested, please contact our Maintenance chair John at <a href="mailto:jdsneden@gmail.com">jdsneden@gmail.com</a>

We're grateful to the following volunteers for their assistance mowing: Marc Beckmann, John Benson, Bill Destache, Matt Fiebelkorn, Bill Kelly, Chad Kurth, Ryan Lokken, Charles Meyer, Brant and Heidi Rooney, Jake Schaffer, Jim Skarda, John Sneden, Josh Turner, Layland Watson and Mike Zanko.





Thanks to everyone who came out and helped cut, stack, and remove wood at the front StageCoach entrance area. There is still more wood to harvest if you are looking for large logs or have the ability to split these logs for firewood.

#### Reminders:

- Pick up after your pets.
- Don't blow, rake, or place and leave glass clippings in the streets or on the pathways.
- Do not flush anything except toilet paper and things that come from your body.
  - No wipes, personal hygiene products, or chemicals should go down our drains.
- The City of Bayport's watering ban is in effect May 1- Sept 1. See page 5 for details.
- Parking:
  - The roundabout is considered an intersection therefore it should not have parked cars.
  - Please do not park on the sidewalks
  - Please follow the direction when using the roundabout (ie no cutting through)



Except for the walking paths, access and activity on community owned properties, the community septic area, and conservancy land, requires permission from the Homeowner's Association Board.

No signage is allowed on HOA property unless specifically noted within the Miller Farms Covenants, or by board approval.

Baytown Township also has several ordinances pertaining to signage:



# ARC Requests

The Architectural Requirements Control Committee asks that all residents submit their approval forms prior to beginning any projects. Some examples include: changes to exterior paint color, shingles, gutters, decks, porches, pools, playsets, etc.

If you need a copy of the form, please email the board, millerfarmsmnhoa@gmail.com.



**NEW DATE FOR 2020.** The new date for the annual Night to Unite for Miller Farms is Tuesday, October 6th. Look for more information late this summer.



Date: May 7, 2020

To: Water Customers

From: Matt Kline, Public Works Director

**RE:** Water Conservation

The Bayport Water System experiences a significant increase in water usage during the summer months. Typical winter usage for the system during a winter month is around 5 million gallons. During June of 2019, the system pumped 14 million gallons of water primarily due to lawn watering. That is nearly triple the usage during a typical winter month. This increase in usage can put a tremendous strain on the water system.

Due to the need to conserve water for environmental, fire protection, and supply reasons, the City of Bayport annually institutes watering restrictions from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>. These restrictions are in place for all water customers. The City ordinances impose watering restrictions as follows:

- Odd/Even Watering Days Outside watering is allowed when your house number
  matches the day of the month i.e. odd day addresses can water on odd days, even day
  addresses on even days.
- No watering is allowed from Noon to 5 pm.

There are specific outside water uses that can still occur during these times which are outlined within the City Code Section 58-87. There are also allowances for the use of SMART sprinkler systems which are highly encouraged by the City.

In terms of lawn watering, the best management practices method would be for longer sprinkler run times for each zone for fewer times a week. Lawns only need about 1" of rainfall weekly to maintain their color and health. Please see the following University of Minnesota link for other water saving strategies for your lawn: <a href="https://extension.umn.edu/lawncare/water-saving-strategies-home-lawns">https://extension.umn.edu/lawncare/water-saving-strategies-home-lawns</a>.

If you have any questions about the water restrictions please feel free to contact Matt Kline, the Public Works Direction at 651-275-4410 or publicworks@ci.bayport.mn.us. Thank you for conserving water.