



HAVENS NEWS

Fall Newsletter

"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall..."

Oscar Wilde

Fall has arrived and this year is finally nearing its end! Let's hope the last few months of 2020 are kinder to us than the beginning! There's always something comforting about this time of year. Curling up on the couch with a soft warm blanket and a good book just brings a smile to my face. Perhaps you prefer to be outside throwing the football around or playing basketball in the driveway until the street lights come on. Whatever your hobbies are in the Fall, I hope you enjoy every moment.

Board Members

Scott Wooldridge
 Lee Harris
 Tony Showman
 Joyce Peterson
 Larry Crump

Your HOA, our management company, has an online portal that allows you to create an account so that you can stay up to date on your dues, architectural requests, and any possible pending violations. To create an account, please visit your community website at www.thehavens-newpal.org and click on "Payments". The Havens HOA created a web-presence nearly 10 years ago. Traffic is light, yet feedback from realtors, title companies and others underscores the value of the site. Want to read the minutes from the Board meetings, find the latest community event information, or speak to a live Your HOA representative via online chat? Visit the community website at www.thehavens-newpal.org.

The Board plans to provide street plowing this winter by a contractor, when snow reaches a predetermined depth. Requests for bids are being sent to potential contractors. While residents may remember this service can be provided by Hancock County, it is the lowest priority project for the highway department. This service is provided for Summerhaven and Windhaven neighborhoods only. Easy Street will only be plowed within Windhaven boundaries.

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"Where the Right Partner Makes All the Difference!"

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Community Information

- Masked and socially distanced residents of the Havens held the association's annual meeting at the New Palestine United Methodist Church on Oct. 5th.
- The 2021 budget of \$78,320 was approved. Budget includes funds for snow plowing. The budget does not include a dues increase and reflects several areas of savings realized by the services of Your HOA and Eads, Murray, and Pugh, PC.
- Notices for the dues of \$445 per lot will be mailed in mid-December. Payment is due by Jan. 31, 2021 and are considered late on March 1, 2021, incurring a \$25.00 late fee.
- Two new board members were elected: Joyce Peterson and Larry Crump. Lee Harris was re-elected. All three will serve three-year terms.

As much as we all wish our fur babies could clean up after themselves, unfortunately, they don't have that ability. Please make sure your four legged family members are on a leash and please remember to clean up after them. Bring a baggie with you

Considering a fence, mini barn, new roof, repainting your home or any type of home improvement project? Be sure to fill out an Architectural Request Form on the community website. It may take a few days, but completing the paperwork and receiving approval for your project protects you against tearing it down and spending more money to do it all over again.

Thoughts From Homeowners...

Questions concerning inspections: Your HOA Management Company inspection's team can be seen driving through the community every few weeks looking for possible violations of the Covenants of the Association. This process is not punitive, rather it is to keep The Havens inviting to residents and those all important home buyers looking for a new place to call home.

The most frequent violations: trash cans in front of garages, unkempt lawns, mail boxes needing repair and /or paint, parking of trailers in driveways and in yards, inoperable vehicles and violations of the overnight on-street parking ban.

Two story play sets: is this considered a violation? The covenants do not address play sets and the Board considers this to be a temporary structure. All residents with any questions or concerns that pertain to the HOA are asked to contact Your HOA Management Company.

Proper trash can storage adds to curb appeal!

Every home in The Havens has one or two: a green or blue trash can. Using them is essential. Storing them presents a pesky challenge to residents.

The covenants for both Summerhaven and Windhaven state: "Garbage and trash shall be kept in containers which are not visible from the street, except on collection day." (Paragraph 11. Nuisances)

Several years ago the Board realized that keeping them behind the home is a true problem nearly six-months of the year. They approved allowing trash containers to be maintained at the side of a residence with appropriate landscape screening. The idea is to subdue the visual of the trash cans beside a home. Landscape shrubs, etc., work well for screening when you look at the home from the street.

Your HOA inspection staff has been asked to check placement of trash cans in the next few weeks and send courtesy letters to those who need an extra reminder to properly store them.