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# Annual Meeting February 17

This year's Reston Heights Homeowner's Association (RHHOA) Annual Meeting will take place on **Saturday, February 17, 2024, @ 10:00am- Madison East Police Station – 809 S Thompson Dr, Madison.** This is your chance to provide input into how our Association operates. Please plan to attend!

## **2024 RHHOA Annual Meeting Agenda**

- ✓ Alder/Police update
- ✓ Review 2023 Financials and 2024 Budget
- ✓ Nomination and Election of Officers
- ✓ General Membership Q & A

**Important for the meeting** – there has been feedback regarding deed restrictions the ACC enforces. Changes to deed restrictions require two things:

- 1) **Proposal for changes** – for example 5' fences instead of 4' or the mailbox or light post or landscaping
- 2) **Quorum of neighbors attending the meeting** – A Quorum, per the Bylaws, is one-tenth of the votes entitled to be cast. We currently have 185 lots holding voting rights; thus we need 19 lots holding voting rights at the annual meeting to vote on anything. It has been several years since we have had a quorum at an annual meeting.

Without out these two items the deed restrictions for the neighborhood will not change.

\*If you can't attend see the proxy on the last page– sign and send in or scan and email to the board.\*

\*The board and ACC are looking into options to manage the approval process electronically. \*



**We NEED NEW MEMBERS on the RHHOA Board and ACC.** Some of our existing volunteer board members have all served for many many years – several for well over 10 years. The RHHOA needs a Vice President & Treasurer and the ACC needs a new chairman. This is not a difficult volunteer activity (2-4 hours a month), but **it is time for new neighborhood members to step up.** If you are interested in becoming involved in the Board, please come to the annual meeting or send an e-mail to [rhoaboard@restonheights.com](mailto:rhoaboard@restonheights.com).

**2024 dues are unchanged from 2023 – They will be \$225 and to be paid by June 30, 2024, or \$200 if you pay before May 1, 2024.** Your lot in Reston Heights is required to pay yearly dues to support the upkeep of the common areas in the subdivision. We run a very frugal budget. Nonetheless the general cost of landscaping, snow removal and sewer costs – our main costs - have continued to rise, despite best practices.

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	
Revenue (dues same as 2023 +Bank Interest)	\$35,800
Lawn Maintenance	8,000
Snow Removal	6,000
Storm Sewer & Forestry	
City Services	2,000
Landscaping /Trees	2,000
Insurance	1,000
Electricity	350
Copies/Postage	350
Website/Misc	500
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	\$15,600



**2024 dues are unchanged - \$225 or \$200 if you pay before May 1, 2024.** If you are living in a duplex, each half's dues are \$112.50 or \$100 if you pay before May 1, 2024. Dues need to be paid by June 30, 2024.

Paying your dues on time saves a great deal of volunteer hours and administrative cost (i.e. printing and postage). Thus, please pay on time 😊

Details about the budget will be shared at the meeting.

## **OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION**

### **Planning to Landscape or Remodel your home?**

**Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval requirements.** As outlined in the Reston Heights Neighborhood Association Deed Restrictions - Section 3.2(b). **As to Ongoing Alterations.** All proposed alterations in the exterior appearance of any buildings erected or placed on any Lot, including, **but not limited to**, exterior remodeling, exterior repainting in different colors from those previously approved, and the construction of patios, decks, tennis courts, exterior lighting, flag poles, swimming pools and other improvements on Lots, **shall be approved prior to construction**, in writing, by the ACC. Please review additional Deed Restrictions at <http://www.restonheights.com/hoa-info.html>



**Website Updates** – Our website keeps RHHOA members updated on meeting minutes, contact information, covenants, etc. Please visit <http://www.restonheights.com> - Pam Wallenfang is our webmaster. Thank you!!!



**COLLECTING EMAIL ADDRESSES:** Pam Wallenfang developed a google form to collect email addresses. You can scan the code on the left to get the form from members of the RHHOA. By filling out this form, you are providing your consent for the RHHOA to send emails containing supplemental newsletters and/or dues notices. A link to that google form is on the RHHOA website <https://forms.gle/Gapwb92xbuVcEHuE6>

Also starting this year, if you provided your email address, notices will be sent via email along with reminders!

*Thank You!*

A huge shout out to the neighbors who helped in 2023 with the landscaping clean up along the Broad Creek Boulevard and Sprecher Road! Not only did this save a lot of money, make it easier to mow, but spruced up the entrance into the neighborhood! Special shout out to Susan for maintaining the entrance into Reston Heights and Brian for fixing the Reston Heights sign. All residents appreciate the beauty of Reston Heights and to have neighbors who care!

### **Keep our Neighborhood Safe!**

**Please immediately report any suspicious activity to the police.**

**Non-Emergency Dispatcher: 255-2345 | East District: 266-4887 | Emergencies: 911**

We encourage the reporting of incidents that could potentially affect all residents so that the police have documentation of activity happening in the neighborhood. For **non-emergency issues**, the City of Madison Citizen Self-Reporting System is available at the following website address:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/selfreport/selfReport.cfm>.

Dog disturbances should be addressed by approaching the homeowner first, then the police, not the ACC. Report a problem to other various city agencies at: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/>

### **Who Are My Elected Officials?**

Aldersperson – Jael Currie. Information about Jael may be found at

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district16/> or district16@cityofmadison.com.

County Supervisor District 16 – Rick Rose– 608-313-4605

State Assembly District 46 – Melissa Ratcliff – (608) 237-9146

State Senate District 16 – Melissa Agard– 608-266-9170

### **Other Neighborhood Information**

#### **Garbage Cans Reminder**

**Deed Restrictions ARTICLE V - Trash containers shall be kept inside of garages** and may be placed on curb only on days of trash collection.

**City of Madison** - Trash and recycling carts shall not be placed on the terrace/curb more than 12 hours before the day of collection. All trash and recycling carts shall be removed from the terrace/curb within 24 hours after the day of collection.



If you have large items for pick up, you need to contact the city. Link to form:

<https://elam.cityofmadison.com/CitizenAccess/COMLicensesPermits.aspx>

Questions about the city of Madison: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/>

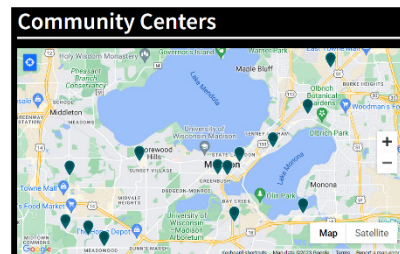
Did you know we have a **dog park** near by:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/pets-animals>

North Star Dog Park: 439 Milky Way

**Community Centers:** <https://www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/community-programs/community-centers>

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**Farmers Market** – Did you know in the warmer season there is a farmer’s market on Wednesdays near the Metro Market grocery store called the Capitol View Market? To learn more: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/neighborhoods/farmers-markets>

**Pinney Branch Library:** <https://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/locations/pinney-library>

Do you like to support our youth, like to attend sporting events, musicals and other “ongoings” here are the **local schools for our neighborhood:**

Kennedy Elementary – 4K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - <https://kennedy.madison.k12.wi.us/>

Whitehorse Middle School: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - <https://whitehorse.madison.k12.wi.us/>

La Follette High School: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – home of the Lancers - <https://lafollette.madison.k12.wi.us/>

## Reston Heights Community Night – August 22, 2023

Thank you to all of you who could attend. The weather was sunny and hot, but hopefully the Culver's custard helped keep you cooled off! We really appreciated the City of Madison Police & Fire department stopping out to chat with our community and learning more about you. Bonus for the kids were pencils, sticker badges and pictures in the vehicles!

### Our Sponsors:

- Culver's of Cottage Grove Road
- Lauer Realty Group (Lindsey DeFlorian, Realtor)
- EarthWise Pet Supply & Grooming of Cottage Grove Rd
- Metro Market
- American Family Insurance, Scott McConnell, Agent
- Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream
- Madison City Police
- Madison Fire



Planning is in the works for August 2024! If you would like to sponsor or be involved, please email the board!

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### RHHOA Board Directory

The Reston Heights Homeowner's Association (RHHOA) is comprised of homeowners (lot owners) of primarily single-family houses along with duplexes, multi-family units, and vacant land. Membership in the RHHOA is dictated by property title/ownership. The main purpose of the RHHOA is to maintain building architectural uniformity as outlined in the "Restrictions for Reston Heights East the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin." Another purpose of the RHHOA is to ensure that common areas owned by the RHHOA (primarily grassy areas) are properly maintained, mowed and snow removed. Finally, an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) addresses any outside work done on properties - i.e. deck, addition, satellite installation, porch, fence, etc. - reviewing/approving alterations prior to work commencing.

Both the Board and ACC are comprised of volunteers – Reston Heights homeowners who care about our neighborhood. Without volunteers, we would be required to hire an outside organization to run the Association, as our existence and activity is required by covenants with the City of Madison. Please e-mail [rhhoaboard@restonheights.com](mailto:rhhoaboard@restonheights.com) with any questions.

#### Board:

President – Jane Duffstein  
Vice-President – OPEN  
Secretary – Mary Reines  
Treasurer – Susan Gille

#### ACC Members:

George Gille, Chairman and Board Liaison  
Steve Marchillo  
Brian Kiel  
Derrick Wright

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## PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF LOT OWNERS OF Reston Heights Homeowners Association

*NOTE: This document is completed by a dues-paying lot owner to appoint a proxy (1 per lot). A proxy is allowed to cast the vote of a lot owner if one cannot attend the annual meeting. At the meeting we will vote on the budget and dues. You are encouraged to advise your proxy about your preferences on these issues.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a dues-paying owner of Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ in Reston Heights. I hereby appoint and authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to act as Proxy and to perform my vote at the following Annual Meeting of Lot owners which will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This proxy shall be void if I personally attended the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this proxy on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_, 20\_\_.

Lot Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed Name) \_\_\_\_\_

sign and send in via the US Mail to the RHHOA PO BOX 7603, Madison, WI 53707 or scan and email to the board members @ [rhoaboard@restonheights.com](mailto:rhoaboard@restonheights.com)

**\*\*Please be involved and informed! Get to know your neighborhood! \*\* Attending the annual meeting is one way to connect!**

As the years progress, new neighbors move in, please be involved and know you have a voice! Without volunteers for the RHHOA & ACC, we would be required to hire an outside organization to run the Association, as our existence and activity is required by covenants with the City of Madison. This also means public spaces would not be maintained and for those along Sprecher Road, might have to individually manage the fence and landscaping. That could be more costly and the needs of Reston Heights might not be recognized.

RHHOA  
Box 7603  
Madison, WI 53707-7603

**RHHOA  
Annual Meeting  
Saturday,  
February 17, 2024!  
10:00 am**