

Dear Residents of Evergreen Meadows,

We have been delighted this past year to serve as your HOA Board. We would like to thank our Architectural Control Committee members Kim Amesbury, Mark Green, and Drew Wodarski for their dedication to ensuring curb appeal of our neighborhood and Jacki Barnett for her dedication to planning and promoting neighborhood social events!

We will be holding the annual homeowners association meeting and election on Thursday, January 19th, 2023 at 6:30PM at Magnify Church (6727 Kuttshill Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341).

If you are interested in serving on the HOA Board for the 2023-2024 year please email the Board your name and the position you are interested in (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, ex officio Architectural Control Committee). If you are unable to attend please email the Board to request a proxy designation form.

Dues

Dues for the 2023 year are \$119 payable via check sent to Evergreen Meadows Homeowners Association, PO Box 415, Rockford, MI 49341 or Venmo at @Evergreen-Meadows by **January 30th, 2022**. After this date, a 7% late fee will be assessed.

The Board has investigated several ways to utilize the funds to improve our neighborhood community. We have received quotes for completing the sidewalk on Fraser Dr and improving the pond. We would like to put these projects to a vote at the annual neighborhood meeting. The current account balance is \$15,004.95.

Neighborhood Directory / Babysitter List

Several neighbors have asked about having a simple neighborhood directory and babysitter list available. If you would like to be included, please fill out the following Google form. **We will plan to mail printed directories with the spring newsletter. Please only include information that you would like shared with neighbors.** Link available at: <https://forms.gle/ZdjMJj6LsjwnJx2A8>

Waste Removal

Several neighbors have expressed concern about the number of trash service vehicles that come to the neighborhood due to noise, wear-and-tear on the roads, and driving speed. The HOA Board would like to recommend that neighbors use one of the two companies listed below.

North Kent Recycling and Waste Center is also located nearby at 2908 Ten Mile Rd Rockford, MI 49341 and offers **free recycling drop-off** as well as some other services for a fee.

<https://www.reimaginetrash.org/facilities/north-kent-recycling-waste-center/>

	Herrington's Waste Services	Arrowaste
Contact information	http://herringtonswasteservice.com/ (616) 874-9115	https://arrowaste.com/ (616) 748-1955
Trash	\$48 per quarter	\$67.32 per quarter
Recycling	\$45 per quarter	\$31.62 per quarter
Yard waste	\$144 for the season	\$164 for the season

Projects, Deeds and Restrictions

The project submission form is available on the website at <https://egmhoa.com/project-approval> or email directly to evergreenmeadowsrockford@gmail.com. Please feel free to inquire about any planned projects and the Board would be happy to let you know if it necessitates Architectural Control Committee approval. The process can take up to 60 days, but usually the turnaround is much quicker (1-3 days).

The Board is still in the early stages of reviewing/updating the deeds and restrictions to confirm they continue to be in accordance with Michigan/Plainfield Township ordinances and restrictions as well as the wishes of the neighborhood community. We have employed the law firm of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge to assist with this process. Thank you to the neighbors who attended the Fall meeting to provide input on this venture! We will continue to share updates and solicit feedback as we continue moving forward.

Sidewalks

For the sake of neighbors that enjoy using the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood, please ensure that walkways are kept clear during all seasons, including not only ice/snow in the winter but also trimming trees and bushes clear of the sidewalks. Sidewalks are also to be maintained by homeowners for unlevel concrete and trip hazards (Plainfield Township Sec. 32-41 - Removal of obstructions, snow removal and repair of sidewalks). Please contact the Architectural Control Committee for further guidance if needed.

Best Practices for Solicitors

There has been concern about the number of solicitors coming around the neighborhood. Door-to-door soliciting is legal in the United States as protected under freedom of speech. The Board deters solicitors from knocking by posting a "No Soliciting" sign at the neighborhood entrance but this sign is generally not broadly enforceable. Neighborhood residents could consider posting a sign in your front window to further discourage intrusion; this would make it known to potential visitors they are not welcome to infringe on your privacy or trespass on your property. Anyone who refuses to leave can face trespassing charges and/or fines if reported. Homeowners can call companies or businesses directly to let them know solicitors are not welcome on their property. According to Plainfield Township Sec. 10-123 "No person shall engage in the business of solicitor within the township without first obtaining a license" so you could also request to see their license. Please continue to be courteous in your interactions with solicitors.

Plainfield Township E-Newsletters and Coffee with a Cop

Plainfield Township puts out a weekly e-newsletter that brings local community information straight to your email inbox. Subscribe to keep up on current township information and events such as updates on parks and recreation, road and utility improvements, tips for homeowners, local government news and much more! https://plainfieldmi.org/get_involved/subscribe_to_the_newsletter.php

Every Thursday at 10 a.m., Sheriff's deputies Dietrich and Conner host Coffee with a Cop at the Plainfield Fire Department Training Center, 4343 Plainfield Ave. NE. You are invited to attend these weekly meetings and speak directly with our public safety professionals and hear presentations about issues impacting residents and business owners in the township!

HOA Website

The Board has continued to utilize the new website at egmhoa.com for communications and may cross-post to Facebook for the convenience of some neighbors. We encourage all residents to subscribe to the website or visit the page regularly for updates on neighborhood announcements. The neighborhood deeds and restrictions are posted to the website for reference by all neighbors.

Social and Activity Save the Dates!

Thursday, December 22nd - Ladies of Evergreen "White Elephant" (this is not an HOA event)
7PM at 3864 Windwood Dr NE; RSVP to Jacki Barnett or
evergreenmeadowsrockford@gmail.com
Please bring a gift valued at \$25

Thursday, January 19th - Annual homeowners association meeting

6:30PM at Magnify Church (6727 Kuttshill Dr NE, Rockford, MI 49341)

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Saturday, April 29th - Spring poker crawl (this is not an HOA event)

Thursday, May 11th to Saturday, May 13th - Neighborhood garage sale

Saturday, May 13th - Spring common area clean-up day [weather pending]

Sincerely,
The Evergreen Meadows Board
Valerie Chaffee
Libby Schemmel
Andrew Beuker
Shara Vallier

Striving to foster a friendly, welcoming community and a neighborhood we are proud to call home!

