

Sancta Maria Estates Newsletter 2020

We hope this letter finds you, your family, and friends in good health. 2020 started off bad and got worse with the outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. As you are aware the subdivision faced serious budget issues at the beginning of the year. We are pleased to report those issues are behind us. Hopefully, in the not too distant future we can say the Covid-19 virus is behinds us.

Income & Disbursement Statement:

As of 10/01/20 a total of \$84,780 was collected in assessments with a total of \$57,343.44 in disbursements. Estimated disbursements for the remaining of 2020 along with disbursements covering January through February 2021 is \$12,270. There are a total of twenty five (25) households that are in delinquent status representing 5% of subdivision properties. Those delinquent accounts owe a total of \$8080.56. Any property that is in delinquent status must reconcile the account including interest charges with the HOA prior to selling or refinancing the property. Title companies will not clear a property for sale or refinancing if HOA assessment fees are outstanding.

Recognizing neighborhood commitment:

For many years Jim and Janis Schott have maintained the cul de sac in the 1800 block of Charity Court. They have routinely pulled weeds, swept up debris, and trimmed the bushes in the cul de sac. The Schott's are recognized for their commitment to keeping the area clean and presentable.

For years Michael Slyman and Harold Nienkemper maintained the cul de sac on Salvation Ridge. A recent storm had blown down the tree in the Cul de Sac. Mr. Slyman and Mr. Nienkemper replaced and planted a new tree because they take pride in how their neighborhood looks.

In August, Jason and Erin Tenkman along with their two young sons were pulling weeds and picking up debris at the Smizer Mill and Praise monument entrance. The Tenkman's stated they wanted to teach their sons a lesson in community involvement. We were thoroughly impressed by the Tenkman family.

These are just a few examples of the many good neighbors that reside in Sancta Maria Estates.

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Christmas Light Display Contest:

We are pleased to announce that Sancta Maria Estates will sponsor the 2020 Holiday Lighting Contest. Signs will be placed throughout the subdivision announcing the

contest. Any person that placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, in the last three years are ineligible to win in 2020. HOA Board members are also ineligible to win. Previous winners not eligible this year are encouraged to light it up as everyone enjoys their displays and appreciate their efforts.

The 1st place winner will be awarded \$150.00, the 2nd place winner wins \$100.00, and the 3rd place winner receives \$75.00. A sign will be placed on the lawn of each winner. Past winners will be asked to help judge the displays and we encourage input from children who live in the subdivision . If you have a child or know a child who has a favorite display simply send an email to sanctamaria@live.com and list the residence they favor. Winners will be announced on December 21st (Monday).

Subdivision Meeting:

We are still unable to schedule a meeting due to the current safety regulations in St. Louis County regarding the Covid-19 virus. Once restrictions are lifted we will contact everyone with the date, time, and location of the meeting. We currently have two positions on the board to fill. Fortunately Jackie Noel has volunteered to extend her term and Jeff Byrd volunteered to fill a vacancy. We encourage anyone willing to serve on the HOA Board please send a short resume to sanctamaria@live.com. Names will be submitted for election at the next meeting.

2021 Goals:

A goal in 2021 is to address cul de sac maintenance. Budget permitting, we would like to convert two cul de sacs per year to a low maintenance decorative rock structure.

We want to identify those neighbors that need some help due to age, illness, disability, or financial problems. We can offer to help them maintain their property if they aren't able to do it themselves. Cutting grass, trimming bushes, debris removal are a few of the tasks that could be performed by volunteers. Neighbors helping neighbors.

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Reminders:

Lock the doors to your vehicles. Over 85% of vehicles broken into were unlocked.

Close your garage doors when it is not necessary to keep them open. An open door is an open invitation to a burglar.

Place your grass and leaf debris in the trash and not in the street.

Clean up after your dog and don't leave a surprise on your neighbor's lawn.

Summary:

We had a tough start to 2020 but 2021 and on looks very promising. Through your support we were able eliminate a hazardous walkway at the monument entrance at Smizer Mill and Praise. We were able to repair the lighting, remove weeds, trim bushes, lay sod, and relocate benches at the entrance. We cut down two trees that presented a dangerous threat to a property owner. We converted a Lance End cul de sac from a weed infested, overgrown, dead bush eyesore, to a clean presentable turnaround.

In closing it would be remiss not to recognize the efforts of two HOA members. Jackie Noel and Jeff Byrd were without question major contributors in righting the ship and getting us headed in the right direction. Both had already served full terms yet volunteered to stay on the board until we have another election. Jackie and Jeff routinely exhibit the character, dedication, and energy to perform the duties of a HOA Board member. They will be missed.