

Dear Neighbor,

A big thank you to those of you who attended our annual HOA meeting January 25. It's good to see our fellow neighbors and to catch up on what we're doing for our neighborhood. A copy of those meeting minutes and treasurer's report can be found on our website, [www.echopointe.com](http://www.echopointe.com). Here's a rundown of what was discussed:

1. Treasurer report from *Tameria O'Dell*: We continue to have only five homes who did not pay their dues of \$120 for 2017. We're grateful to everyone who paid their dues in a timely manner and those who have not paid do have liens placed on their homes. Our budget is healthy and we plan on working to making our neighborhood nicer and more welcoming.
2. Board elections were held and *Terri Schroeder* was elected President and *Jennifer Matchett* elected Secretary. This was not the year to elect a new president but our current president, *Jeff Cantwell*, will be moving with his family to Atlanta. A HUGE thank you for *Jeff* for stepping up and overseeing our association. *Jeff* will be missed but we wish him and his family success and happiness in their new home.

The Social Committee chair is open at this time and we're looking for a volunteer for that position. It will not take a lot of time so please contact me and I can fill you in on the duties. *TC Clayborn* will remain head of the Architectural Committee and *Robin DeLuca* and *Sue Steckler* will head up the Welcoming Committee.

3. In the works:
  - a. Return of the mailbox program. *John O'Dell* is investigating and a budget analysis is to be done about possibly having the HOA fund the program.
  - b. Landscaping. This issue seems to be reoccurring. After the annual meeting was held we are already obtaining quotes for a landscaping overhaul, including a total clean out of what is in at the entryway currently and also adding irrigation at the Fox Road entrance. This is the biggest undertaking that we have had to date and is badly needed.
  - c. We will again have a neighborhood garage sale targeting May as the preferred month. We will no longer have a fall garage sale. Pending obtaining a Social Committee chair we would like to have a block party this year. Also, plans are underway to update our current website. *Jeff Cantwell* is heading up that project with the assistance of *Thomas Barber*, *Mike Mullins* and *Chad Coles*.
  - d. *Jeff Cantwell* is investigating low level impact lights for the sidewalks along Pennycroft Rd. It is currently too dark and not safe for pedestrians in the evening hours. Obviously we don't want lights shining in the homes of our neighbors thus the need for something low level. If anyone has expertise in this area please reach out to *Jeff* at [Jeff.Cantwell@redbull.com](mailto:Jeff.Cantwell@redbull.com).
4. Thank you to *John O'Dell* for spearheading the replacement and installation of the entrance sign on the south side of the addition.

Other Stuff:

We would like to have a more efficient way of getting in touch with everyone so we are asking that you supply us with your current email address. Not even half of our neighborhood is on NextDoor (sign up at [https://echopoint.nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/](https://echopoint.nextdoor.com/news_feed/)) and as you know, mail is costly. We could like to keep in touch occasionally throughout the year to ask your opinion on something, update you on the status of a particular item or notify you of an upcoming meeting or event. Please email me at [tischroeder5@yahoo.com](mailto:tischroeder5@yahoo.com) or send it to *Tameria O'Dell* when you submit your homeowner dues.

If you have any changes to your property please be reminded to contact the Architectural Control Committee. We have Covenants and restrictions for a reason so please be in compliance. The form for your project can be found on the website, [www.echopointe.com](http://www.echopointe.com). Please mail your form to *Terrance (TC) Clayborn* at 11144 Echo Trail.

If you have questions about Bylaws or Covenants those too can be found on the website.

2018 dues will continue to be \$120. **Your dues bill is enclosed with this mailing.** Again, if your dues are not paid by the due date a lien will be placed on your home. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for the lawyer fees to release your home from the lien. If you plan on selling your home, getting a loan, etc. you will NOT be able to do this until the dues are paid and the lien is removed.

A big thank you to everyone for helping keep our neighborhood looking nice with your beautiful lawns and homes and for keeping our neighborhood safe for everyone to enjoy. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at a future meeting or around the neighborhood.

Kind regards,

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