

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you to those of you who attended our annual HOA meeting January 14. Sadly, there were only 12 individuals in attendance representing 11 households. By the time you read this letter you will have received an email with a copy of our annual meeting minutes and treasurer's report. Please email me at echopointesubdivision@gmail.com if you did not receive an email. Here's a synopsis of what was discussed:

1. Treasurer report from *John O'Dell*: Homeowner dues for 2020 will remain \$120. **Your dues bill is enclosed in this mailing.** As we have stated in the past, if your dues are not paid by the due date (April 15, 2020) 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 your dues are paid and the lien is removed. Last year we had four neighbors who did not pay. We have three neighbors that are facing legal action for non-payment of dues and/or court fees. The next legal action will be taken in March to pursue garnishment of wages. Please include your address on your dues payment, check or money order, and mail to Echo Pointe HOA, 11715 Fox Rd., Suite 400-199, Indianapolis, IN 46236.
2. Board elections were held and *Terri Schroeder* was reelected President and *Jennifer Matchett* reelected as Secretary.
3. a. Social: A Block Party was proposed, funds allocated and the motion was carried. The tentative date is May 23rd. *Tameria O'Dell* will be coordinating. We will notify you as soon as plans are finalized. If you are not receiving emails please let me know at echopointesubdivision@gmail.com.

b. Landscaping: Phase I has been completed and we had planned to begin Phase II this spring. However, our funds are such that we won't be able to begin Phase II until next year. Our landscaper informed us the way the project will take place it doesn't make sense to split the project up and try to get half of it done in 2020 and the remainder in 2021. We are mindful of not wanting our funds to get too low so it makes sense to do this. In other landscaping news, after experiencing a couple of hiccups the irrigation system was up and running and working beautifully.

c. Covenants: Our neighborhood covenants have not been updated since the Echo Pointe addition was built. Neighbor *Jack Conard* is working on behalf of the EPHOA Board to make the badly needed updates. The City of Lawrence has laws regarding neighborhood restrictions as well and we are hoping to incorporate those into our covenants. The plan is to have them completed by July. At that time we will mail a letter to all households notifying homeowners of the changes and then hold a special meeting in the fall to vote on the proposed changes. Currently we have neighbors painting their homes, adding sheds to their property, etc. without notifying the Architectural Committee for approval. The form for approval can be found on the website, echopointe.com. Mail the form to Echo Pointe HOA, 11715 Fox Rd., Suite 400-199, Indianapolis, IN 46236. We have a standard for mailboxes and posts so that they are uniform throughout the addition and some folks are not adhering to those guidelines. There is a company the HOA uses (Estes Designs) that has the specs for our subdivision. Did you know that the only signs in the neighborhood that are allowed in your yard are For Sale signs? If you have a sign in your yard other than a For Sale sign that is a no-no. Signs that are placed at the entryway to our addition will be pulled up and thrown away. There are other infractions as well that have been taking place. The covenants were put in to place by the builder of the neighborhood 30+ years ago and have not been updated. Covenants are in place for a reason, to keep our neighborhood beautiful and welcoming. After the covenants are completed and voted upon they will be submitted to the Secretary of State's office to replace our current guidelines. This is a subject that can get heated so when the meeting is announced please plan on attending.

d. Website: echopointe.com is currently being updated (as I write this). *Humberto DeLuca* is spearheading the update along with my (minor) help. *Johnathan Wynn* has also volunteered to assist when needed.

Other Stuff:

Due to lack of participation there will be no neighborhood garage sale this year. Obviously everyone is free to hold their own.

If you have questions regarding our Bylaws or current covenants they can be found on our website, echopointe.com.

In case you haven't noticed, after many years the lights are finally working on 79th street by Walgreen's and Ace Hardware. I'm sure the City of Lawrence was hoping I would go away but money was finally put in the budget for 2019. This was a safety issue and I'm glad the issue has finally been resolved.

Thank you everyone for helping to keep our neighborhood looking nice with your beautiful lawns and homes and for keeping our neighborhood safe for everyone to enjoy. We're looking forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!

Kind regards,

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