

Eagles Landing South Homeowner's Association



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

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Love Your Neighbor

As we near the holiday season, please consider the words to the song, *Neighbor*, by JJ Heller.

This is a good reminder that we all have our own stories, struggles, & stresses. Maybe if we can all remember to love our neighbors, there might just be a little more peace in our world.

“Sometimes it’s easier to jump to conclusions than walk across the street.

It’s like I’d rather fill the blanks with illusions than take the time to see.

You are trying to close the back door of your car.

You are balancing the groceries & a baby in your arms.

You are more than just a sign in your front yard.

You are my neighbor.

I can get so lost in the mission of defending what I think.

I’ve been surfing on a sea of opinions but just behind the screen.

You are grateful that the work day’s finally done.

You are stuck in miles of traffic, looking at your phone.

You are tryin’ to feel a

little less alone.

You are my neighbor.

When the chasm between us feels so wide that it’s hard to imagine the other side, but we don’t have to see things eye to eye for me to love you like you are my neighbor.

My neighbor.

Oh, to fear the unfamiliar is the easy way to go, but I believe we are connected more than we might ever know.

There’s a light that shines on both the rich & poor.

Looks beyond where we came from & who we voted for.

‘Till I can’t see a stranger anymore.

I see my neighbor.

May the heart be an open door to my neighbor.

You are my neighbor.”

Let's Be Safe

With the days getting shorter & without sidewalks in our neighborhood, it is important that we work together to keep everyone safe.

- Drivers: please slow down. The neighborhood speed limit is only 20mph. Go even slower if icy, snowy, or wet.
- Pedestrians: please

wear light or reflective clothing. It is so hard to see you if you are wearing dark clothing when it’s dark outside. Keep in mind that you may be able to see a car (because of its headlights) far better than a car can see you.

- Dog-walkers: please keep dogs on a short leash when walking while dark outside. You may not be in the path of a vehicle, but consider where your dog is & if drivers can see it. Consider using reflective leashes/harnesses or attaching blinking lights to your pets.

2023 HOA Dues

Unfortunately, inflation has hit the HOA. We started to feel the effects of rising costs last year. Although we were able to keep 2022 dues at \$192, we will sadly need to increase dues for 2023. At the November monthly meeting, the board members reluctantly decided to raise HOA dues to \$205. This represents an increase of less than 7% from 2022.

HOA dues are used to improve & maintain the common areas. For example, our dues pay for

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• FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

- ◇ AVOID PARKING IN FRONT OF MAILBOXES
- ◇ IF YOUR DOG STOPS TO POOPY, PLEASE BE KIND & SCOOPY!
- ◇ TRASHCANS SHOULD ONLY BE OUT ON TRASH PICK-UP DAYS
- ◇ SLOW DOWN! NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED LIMIT IS **20MPH**

mowing, fertilizing, & watering of the grass on HOA property. We purchase new mulch & sand for the playground. We pay for tree trimming/removal along the trail and for the street lights to be on.

Without an increase in dues, we will not be able to fund any improvements at the playground, including a trash blind, gaga ball pit, or newly painted basketball court lines.

The decision to increase dues was not taken lightly & we appreciate your understanding of the current financial climate we all face.

More information about 2023 dues & the 2023 annual meeting will be mailed in January.

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Have a great idea, question, or concern??
 Email one of the board members:
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 We would love to hear from you!

The ACC is "Hiring"

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is looking for volunteers. Our current committee member, Marc Lindquist, serves in the military & is sometimes unavailable for extended periods of time. We would love to have one or two more members on the committee to not only work together to share the workload, but also help cover when Marc is unavailable. Many hands make light work!

Our ACC consists of no more than three neighbors who help maintain minimum standards related to architectural considerations (e.g., fences, trash can enclosures, major landscaping, & other improvements) to keep a consistent appearance & generally maintain property values throughout the

neighborhood.

Whenever a homeowner wants to undergo an improvement project on their property (e.g., build a fence), the homeowner needs to submit a form to the ACC detailing their project. Members of the ACC then review the project to make sure it complies with the minimum standards of the HOA as set forth in the bylaws, covenants, & guidelines. The ACC then works with the homeowner to approve the project.

If interested in volunteering, please email office@elhoa.net.

Snow Exciting!

'Tis the season for colder temps & the potential for snow & ice.

The county is responsible for clearing the roads in our neighborhood. According to their website, the county will plow & treat (with a sand/salt mixture) paved roads like those in Eagles Landing (<https://www.pottcounty.org/228/Snow-Removal>).

The county has asked that we do not place our own salt or ice melt on the roads as this can damage the concrete. They will also not plow our roads if they observe that someone else has already done it.

While we sincerely

appreciate the community spirit of those that would like to plow the roads, we need to wait for the county to do it or risk the county abandoning all road maintenance to us fully (which would incur increased costs to the HOA for something we already fund via our taxes).

We are responsible, however, for snow removal on our own driveways. Shoveling snow can be dangerous, though.

According to the National Safety Council (nsc.org), shoveling snow has led to thousands of injuries & ~100 deaths each year nationwide. Snow removal is particularly strenuous because cold weather is taxing on the body, & the physical exertion of moving hundreds of pounds of snow can lead to exhaustion, dehydration, back injuries, heart attacks, & increase the risk of falls. If you are unable to safely remove snow from your driveway, please let us know & we will gladly find neighbors who are willing to help.

If you plan to remove snow yourself, remember to:

- warm up & stretch beforehand,
- take it slow,
- push snow rather than lift it, &

- use your legs, not your back (if you do lift it).
- For more safety tips for shoveling as well as using snow blowers, please visit this website: <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/snow-shoveling>.

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