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### Save the date!

Our HPEHOA Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19th at 7pm in the Community Room of the Alicia Ashman branch of the Public Library, located at the corner of Old Sauk and High Point Road. Watch your (snail) mailbox for details in the next few weeks!

### Neighborhood Playgroup

The HPE Neighborhood Playgroup will start up again in October and meet on Friday mornings. If you have kids under 5 and are interested in joining, please email Margie Messinger at [Messinger.margie@gmail.com](mailto:Messinger.margie@gmail.com)

### Halloween Party

- Who?** Neighborhood kids!  
**When?** Saturday, Oct. 24th from 4pm to 6pm  
**Where?** 17 Elver Court, home of the Romani/Korink family



Wear your costumes and come ready to have fun!  
Watch your mailbox for a flyer with more details.

### Updates or changes?

If you have any updates or changes to your email address or phone number, please email [info@hpehoa.com](mailto:info@hpehoa.com) Thanks!

# President's Message

Dear High Point Estates Residents,

In the last newsletter I highlighted the focus of your Board for the first half of the year. In this update, I wanted to share the current activities of your Board and our priorities going forward.

For the past five weeks your Board has been very active in the following areas, which will remain our focus for the remainder of the year:

- o **Covenant Enforcement**
- o **District 1 - West District Community Leadership initiative**
- o **Security**

## **Covenant Enforcement**

First, I wanted to thank those of you who provided feedback regarding our adoption of the Rule to enforce our Covenants. Our objective is to simply protect the time and investments many of you have made to your homes by using the standards of our development's founders as our guide. We will begin to send out periodic information about basic home and yard maintenance, and are willing to meet with any resident who is seeking advice for their individual property. We will also help clarify the role of High Point Estates Architectural Control Committee and how/when that committee should be engaged when you are planning improvements to the exterior of your home or your lot. Our [HPEHOA.com](http://HPEHOA.com) website will be updated with information regarding both the rule for covenant enforcement and the process to engage our Architectural Committee. Realtors will also get this information so they can make potential new residents aware.

If you have questions or concerns about Covenant enforcement or the process to engage our Architectural Committee please contact us at [info@hpehoa.com](mailto:info@hpehoa.com) and we will respond to your question or concerns quickly.

## **District 1 - West District Community Leadership initiative**

There is a significant effort underway to form a community of individuals who will represent a majority of the population in District 1 (Alder Barbara McKinney), and our sister districts, that collectively **comprise what is the fifth largest city in Wisconsin**. The charter of this leadership team will be to bring to Madison political officials a voicing of the specific concerns and needs of our neighborhoods, specifically public safety and infrastructure. Our immediate task is to combat the proposed **5 year delay** of the new Madison Police Department substation which was to be located on Mineral Point Rd and intended to alleviate the current over-utilization of our McKenna Blvd substation and to improve response times for district residents.

Fellow Board member Craig Thompson and I are currently meeting and communicating with the Boards of Valhalla, Highland Valley, Midtown Commons, Valley Ridge and Hawks Landing as well as a number of apartment and condominium associations in District 1. There are plans in place to begin a collaboration process with our sister districts for those same representatives.

Updates forthcoming and **we will need your assistance in communicating our concerns to city officials.**

## **Security**

Safety and well being of our residents continues to be one of my focus areas. The upward trend of crime in High Point and surrounding communities is why your Board is expending significant time and energy in the District 1 Community Leadership initiative. I continue to meet and communicate with our MPD liaison officer and with JBM to explore options for ongoing security measures for our High Point residents.

However, we have a significant number of residents who are not taking one of the easiest and most fundamental means of providing for our neighborhood's security - **turning your lights on**. On a number of nights I have noted that over 30 homes have no post light or lighting of any kind on, either inside or outside of the home. Please be aware that this small step in prevention can be a **significant deterrent**.

Thank you.  
David Handowski

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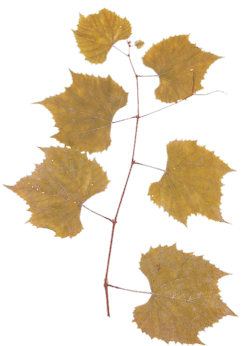


Now is an excellent time to get your lawn in tip top shape. Most experts recommend a late September fertilizing of your lawn with a combination weed killer and fertilizer (weed and feed). This will eliminate any dandelions or thistles that have developed over the summer and allow your lawn to fill in most bare spots left by the dying weeds. This will leave your lawn thick and lush as well as provide very few openings or bare spots for weeds to take hold next spring.

Many homeowners also will apply a season ending application of fertilizer in mid-November when temperatures have consistently fallen below 50 degrees. This fertilizer will do little for your lawn this year, but will give it a jump start in the spring when temperatures start to warm up. Experts seem to have mixed opinions on the value of this late season application since you can accomplish the same thing with an early spring fertilization. We do the late fall application of fertilizer simply because it is much easier to apply fertilizer to a dry fall lawn than to a wet, mushy spring lawn.

Late September through Halloween is also an excellent time to plant any perennials including trees and shrubs. The cooler temperatures of fall are less stressful for the transplanted perennial and you have a higher success rate than a summer transplant.

At the end of the growing season (usually November), remember to remove all of the dead annual and perennial leafy growth from your gardens and plantings so that it does not impair the spring growth of new plants and grasses. However, leaving seed heads on your plants for our winter birds is a wonderful way to provide food in a snow covered environment. The collected cuttings can be left at the curb for the City to pick up.



**The Landscape Committee of High Point Estates**

# From the City of Madison

## Choices You Make This Fall Can Help Keep Area Waters Clean Next Summer-

### Keep Leaves Out of the Street

Red, gold, and orange leaves gently falling from trees; a true symbol that autumn has arrived here in Wisconsin. The choices we make with falling leaves today can impact the health of our land and water next summer. Nutrients released from decaying leaves are a great addition to lawns and gardens, but an unwelcome guest to area lakes and rivers. Leaves and yard debris in the street gets washed directly to lakes and streams via storm drains when it rains. Even if the leaves never move, rainwater running over and through them makes a nutrient-rich tea that's carried directly to the storm drains promoting algae growth. The good news is that together we can take simple actions to keep leaves and nutrients out of our waters.

- **Mulch-** Mulch leaves directly on the lawn. Shredded leaves act as a natural fertilizer returning nutrients to the lawns. If your lawn mower has a bagger, empty the chopped up leaves on gardens, flowerbeds or around trees and shrubs.
- **Compost-** If you don't have a compost pile, you can take your leaves to the [Dane County compost site](#).
- **Rake-** If you rake, pile leaves on the terrace, not in the street. Covering the piles with a tarp is a good idea to prevent them from blowing around and reduce nutrients that can leach from them during a rain. Check with your municipality for pick up dates and other requirements so that your leaves are at the curb for as short a time as possible.

For more information on ways to "Love Your Lakes, Don't Leaf Them" visit: [http://myfairlakes.com/fall\\_campaign.aspx](http://myfairlakes.com/fall_campaign.aspx).