

# High Point Estates HOA

## Newsletter

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### Howdy, Neighbor!

We all have neighbors. We all are neighbors. But being neighborly takes opportunity, time and effort.

We can't choose our neighbors, but we certainly can choose to get to know them. Being neighborly takes time and initiative, which is not always easy - especially if you're busy. But think about it: You've invested a lot of time, energy and money into your home. It's your sanctuary away from the cares of the world, and far too precious to be unsettled by less than positive interactions with your neighbors.

Now that it's warming up, there's no better time to venture outside and exercise neighborliness.

### Why relationships matter

Talking to each other builds trust and opens the lines of communication to form relationships and exchange important information.

- \* Extra set of eyes on each other's homes when someone's away.
- \* It contributes to the collective strength and well-being of your neighborhood.

(excerpted from "A Note from Angie" by Angie Hicks, Angie's List, June 2016)

### Mailbox post looking bad?!?

If your mailbox post had a rough winter and needs repair or replacement, please call our High Point Estates mailbox post repair specialist, Dan Deegan at 608-444-4772



## President's Message

Happy Summer, High Point Estates Residents!

Well, it appears that spring is clearly in the rear view mirror with summer making an early appearance this year! Great timing, as many families are closing another school year with children of all ages ready to embrace free time and sun.

I wanted to take this opportunity for a Board update and to convey a few summer reminders for our residents.

Thank you to our residents who have volunteered for both our Security and Social Committees! We want to call for, and embrace, more participation from our residents in the many areas that bind our community together.

Members of the Security Committee are in the process of evaluating the security measures and practices of the Board, and will provide feedback and suggestions on what we can do to maintain the quality of life in the neighborhood that we all enjoy.

The objective of our Social Committee is to find or create various activities or events that will attract or interest a wide and diverse set of people in High Point Estates to meet, have fun, and enjoy the company of the neighbors around you. We look forward to some new ideas and the opportunities for everyone to meet and make our community even better.

With the onset of summer we continue to focus on areas of:

- > Security

- > Landscaping

Security remains an ongoing focus of the board in order to maintain the quality and safety of our neighborhood. The summer months typically reflect an uptick in the number of incidents we experience in the neighborhood. We continually work with MPD and JBM in both a proactive and reactive capacity to minimize incidents. 90% of all West District burglaries and thefts are attributed to house, garage and automobile doors left unlocked. The average time to commit these burglaries and thefts is less than 5 minutes.

Incidents can be significantly reduced by adhering to the basic principles of home and neighborhood safety:

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- > Lock/close all house and garage doors - every time you leave your home!
- > Lock and keep valuables out of vehicles
- > Keep your property well lighted at night
- > Contact your neighbors when you see doors open or lights off
- > Call 911 immediately to report for any suspicious activity

Crime prevention tips and checklists can be found at:  
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/police/safety/crimeprevention/>

We continue to ask for your support by being diligent, vigilant and by advising us of any of your concerns or incidents by emailing us at [info@hpehoa.com](mailto:info@hpehoa.com).

Landscaping continues to be one of our biggest challenges. As Craig Thompson indicates in his update (pg. 4), spring storms resulted in unexpected expenses for the removal of several trees. Given the maturity and size of many of our trees we anticipate this will be more of the norm rather than the exception in future years. Work will continue on the beautification of our entrances to differentiate our neighborhood and give us a little more 'pop'. We are also aware that the berm along High Point Road is in need of attention and we have been working on plans for that work.

As residents, we also collectively share responsibility for giving our neighborhood that added curb appeal. We continue to ask that residents simply keep their properties well maintained through regular yard maintenance (regularly cut grass, prune overgrowth and shrubs, weed care). The Board will continue to follow up with residents when issues are brought to our attention regarding yard maintenance, and we appreciate the responses to date.

Thank you all. Happy Summer!

David Handowski

HPEHOA President

## Update: Landscaping in High Point Estates

Glacier Landscaping got off to a slow start this spring, but have caught up nicely and now have the development in pretty good shape. Early in the year, Glacier was slow to spray weed killer on our medians and this resulted in a bumper crop of dandelions adorning our entry ways. Further Glacier had a new mowing crew in our development and they did a poor job with the medians as well as not mowing the backside (residential side) of the berm between New Washburn and Welton Way during the first two mowings. A quick exchange of emails with Glacier got that worked out and the mowing crew has done a good job since mid-May.

In very early June, Glacier did plant all of the entry way flower beds and the plantings are a bit more innovative than last year, per our wishes. You may have also noticed that Glacier did some additional work on the New Washburn / High Point Road entry by planting a new tree and several new shrubs as well as flowers to expand the median plantings at that entrance. If the new entry plantings grow in as expected and provide a better entry experience, the Board intends to do similar plantings at the New Washburn / Gammon entry and the Welton Way / High Point Road entry over the next two years. The goal is to beautify our entrances and enhance the value of the development.

HPE did have two surprise landscaping issues this spring as an evergreen tree on Chatauqua circle tilted badly in high winds, and a large ash tree on the High Point Road berm splintered in high winds; both needed to be removed. This was about \$2,500 of unbudgeted expense for us and may be a harbinger of things to come. As the plantings in the common areas of our development become fully mature, we will likely see more unexpected damage due to age, weather, and disease. The Board will continue to monitor this situation.

Have a great summer and plant more flowers!