

HIGH POINT ESTATES

HELP FIGHT CRIME!

Did you know you can register your security camera, Ring or similar system with the Madison Police Department to help fight crime? Please follow this link for more information:

<https://cityofmadison.com/police/forms/securityCamera.cfm>



Thank you!

Another huge Thank You to the Manoharan Family for hosting this year's Halloween party and to the Social Committee for the flawless execution! It may have been a colder day than expected, but we all stayed nice and warm in the garage and had a great time. Check out these fun photos from the event:



Meet the New HPEHOA President

Well, we're off to a shockingly cold start in 2019, but thankfully spring is only a few months away. Or is it? In Wisconsin, I guess we never really know. Hopefully the snow will be gone by the 4th of July.

I wanted to take a moment to thank our HPEHOA Board of Directors for their continued service to the neighborhood and introduce myself as the new HPE President. My name is Dan Mitchell and I've lived in HPE since 2009 and have been on the Board since 2013, serving as Secretary and Vice President. This past November, Craig Thompson handed over the presidential reigns to me and I'd like to give a special thanks to Craig for his great work and dedication as President last year. Craig is staying on the Board in 2019 as Secretary, along with Steve Baer and Bob Winding, Treasurer and Vice President, respectively.

A little bit more about me: I'm married with three kids, a dog, and two cats. I'm an avid runner so you might have seen me running with my brown dog before. My wife Rachel and I are originally from Milwaukee and moved to Madison in 1997. After obsessing over the HPE neighborhood for many years, we finally bought our house on Madeline Island in August 2009, and we absolutely love HPE. Rachel is a first-grade teacher at Elm Lawn Elementary and some of your kids have probably had her as a teacher. My son Sam is 19 years old and currently living and working in California. My two daughters, Lizz (16) and Kate (14), are students at Middleton High School. Our dog is named Finley and our cats are Charlie and Jinx.

The HPE Board expects 2019 to be another busy year and we are always looking for volunteers to help with various activities and committees in the neighborhood. Please consider getting involved...we're a fun group and it's very important to have engaged residents to help our committee prosper. Please contact me if you are interested.

Dan Mitchell
President, High Point Estates Homeowners Association



Mailbox Posts



In the event you have had a snowplow or sliding car hit your mailbox, please contact Dan Deegan for mailbox post repair and replacement.

444-4772

Annual Assessments

The annual assessments for HOA dues were mailed on January 29th. The delivery may be delayed due to the post office being shut down for extremely cold temperatures. If you do not receive your assessment by February 8th, please reach out to info@hpehoa.com. Also, we will be updating our neighborhood directory this year, so please send all updates back with your assessment. We will also be offering inclusion of your email address. The only way to opt out of your email being published in the directory is to use the check box on the assessment form.

Don't Forget to Shovel

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportaproblem/Sidewalk.cfm>

The City of Madison has snow and ice removal regulations for public sidewalks. For the safety of all of our residents that use the sidewalk, please make sure to clear the snow in a timely manner. Residents are required to clear snow from their sidewalk by noon on the day after the snow stopped. In the event that removal of ice is impossible, the property owner or occupant is required to use sand, salt or other suitable substance to prevent the ice from being dangerous. If you have a neighbor that has not followed these regulations, please report the problem using the link posted above. The city can enforce the regulation where the HOA cannot.

The Little Library

Hi! My name is Rita and the little library is in our front yard. When my husband and I purchased our house at 7410 New Washburn Way, John's brother gifted us with a Little Library as a housewarming gift. Since both John and I share a love of reading and books, we were excited to launch a Little Library and be the caretakers. Additionally we thought we had the perfect location – half way up the New Washburn Way hill. John made a Leopold bench and placed it by the library.

Over the years it's been a joy to watch people stop, take a book and sometimes leave a book. Occasionally they will sit on the bench and read. And, at other times, they stop and just sit on the bench for a brief respite from their walk. Caregivers from a nearby day care center will occasionally stop by with the children in their care, select a book and sit down and have "story time." Friends and family have been most generous in providing books for the Little Library.

And then the unexpected happened! Instead of taking one or two books, someone was emptying the library of ALL the books. I checked with Half Price Books and they said that they didn't accept books that were stamped with the Little Library stamp. So I purchased the stamp and stamped as many books as I had time for. This stopped the thievery for a while. Then it began again. After talking to the police department, I filed a police report. Again, the thievery stopped for a brief time. But it has begun again. At the present time, the entire library is emptied of all the books about once a month usually at night or when I'm gone.

Presently I don't put books in – depending completely on the kindness of my neighbors to supply it. And when I see it emptied again, I am so hurt – for myself and for those who are honoring the "take a book, leave a book" philosophy of the Little Library. This hurts the neighborhood!

Rather than remove the Little Library completely (which is a consideration), I am appealing to you in the neighborhood to help me care for it. If you see someone removing all the books, please make note of a license plate or a description of the person. I would like to restore the Little Library to its original purpose and stop this repeated theft.

Thank you, Rita Foltz

(If you would like to reach out to Rita, please email her at rita.foltz@sbcglobal.net)

