

Southpointe Homeowners Association
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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

2023 is upon us ...

We are well on our way into the 2023 new year. Almost cannot believe it is March already, but here we are looking towards Spring's beauty and opportunities and climbing out of the grays of winter and that lockdown feeling.

Annual Garage Sale

This year's Annual Subdivision Garage Sale will be on Friday, June 23 and Saturday June 24. Mark the date on your calendar and be ready to unload some of those unused / unwanted treasures in your home.

Annual Dues

It won't be long now that we will all be seeing our \$70 annual dues statement. With that being said, I wanted to remind everyone that we now be taking several methods of payment ... Cash, Check and our new method of payment VENMO. If you choose to pay via Venmo please remember to add an additional \$3 for the convenience of using the Venmo services. Please also remember to put your home address, phone number and a good email address on all payments so that we can accurately document every household and their dues payments.

Treasurer's Report

All HOA Bills / Payments are current as of our last Board Meeting on February 21, 2023 with \$15,509.81 in our HOA account.

We recently had a real estate transaction in our sub that raised some questions regarding the HOA Board giving out our financial information to sources outside of our membership. The HOA's board's position is that, if a realtor or potential buyer asks for financial information or current bank information, we will NOT give out exact information to anyone outside of our membership.

The information that will be disseminated will be limited to acknowledging that our HOA is properly budgeted and funded without exact numbers. We will also let a realtor know if there are any liens or past due amounts on a property that is going to closing and if the property has any outstanding debts to the Southpointe HOA.

Outside of that, we as a board, agree that the membership's funds and security of membership funds is a top priority and we will NOT give exact financial information to any outside sources through verbal or written communication.

Love thy Neighbor

I truly believe we live in the best community in Monroe. We are all hard working folks who moved into the community for one reason or another. But one thing is certain, we all moved here because we liked our house, our location, our community, our neighborhood, etc ...

Recently there has been a kind of negative feel on our FB page and amongst close neighbors. Let's try to keep a positive outlook on the blessings we all have. Our community is great and our neighbors are equally as great. Love Thy Neighbor should be our community outcry each and every day. If we have a dispute with a neighbor, rather than picking a fight, maybe we can keep an open mind, be humble and try seeing all sides before we start bashing each other on social media. The things that strikes a cord with one neighbor, isn't necessarily going to strike a cord in another. We are all different and we all have different ideas about how we live our lives. Let's just make it a point to RESPECT one another and RESPECT the differences we may have as well. Let's have RESPECT enough to work out any issue without FB bashing and having to get law enforcement involved.

As summer gets increasingly closer I'm going to make it a point to get to know MORE of my fellow neighbors. I think a great way to do this is by participating in the upcoming Summer HOA Block Party or getting involved in the Southpointe Annual Golf Outing or simply saying hello to someone walking past your house.

This is easy stuff ... let's try to remember that everyone is going through something and RESPECTING each other goes a long way when we live in such a tight knit community like ours.

Summer Southpointe HOA Block Party

Since our HOA Christmas Party was so AMAZING and there feedback and turnout was so great, we have decided to have a Summer Block Party on **AUGUST 12, 2023**. We are looking for ideas of things you would like to see at this party. Kim Raymond has a post on our Southpointe Facebook page asking for suggestions. Some of the things we are looking for are ideas as to what we can do and what you would like to see at this party. IE ... theme for the party, events, food, etc ... All ideas are welcomed and once we have a list of ideas, the board will sit down and decide what is cost effective and choose from the submitted suggestions to put this exciting event together. Mark this on your calendar and we look forward to seeing everyone there. We will update you all as the time gets closer as to location and time. You can contact any of the below listed board members with your ideas.

Go to <https://spthoa.org/hoa-board/> to get contact info for board members.

Board Members

President – Eric Linsenmeyer

Vice-President – Brandi Foley

Secretary – Michael Calabrese

Treasurer – Amber Swinkey

Member – Kim Raymond

Property Maintenance

Spring is coming soon ... Let's all try our very best to focus on a few minor housekeeping tips when it comes to keeping our community beautiful and safe:

- Please trim back your tree branches over walkways. If the tree is in front of your home, you are responsible for ensuring that your trees are trimmed and do not pose a danger to anyone walking the sidewalks.
- Let's try to remember to NOT blow our grass clippings into the street.
- If you have a sidewalk in front of your home that requires repair, let's please try to make it a point to get those fixed sooner rather than later.

On a side note, I think we all do a great job with keeping our community neat and clean. If there is an issue that cannot be resolved between neighbors, feel free to call any board member and we would be glad to help resolve the issue.

Prayers for Jorja

I want to THANK everyone who donated and prayed for Jorja. Your generous donations and prayers have made a difference. Let's please remember to continue to pray for Jorja. She is a warrior!!!

Architectural Planning

If you are thinking about a major addition to your property or home you can get a form from www.spthoa.org . The board will review your project and as long as it does not go against any deed restrictions, we will happily approve the project.

Communication

We have opened all lines of communication up by utilizing this email blast, facebook, provided phone numbers, etc ... I am, as well as other board members, extremely approachable and willing to listen to any issues you may have. All I ask is that you be **RESPECTFUL** and **OPEN MINDED** to what can and cannot be done. I volunteered to **HELP** make things better, not only on the board, but for the community. Please preface any issues with background and please don't assume that we are already aware of the issue. Thank you for understanding that we will always do our very best for the community, but it takes **EVERYONE'S COOPERATION** to get things accomplished.

Southpointe HOA Web Page and facebook

Information on board members and updated community information can be found on our Southpointe HOA web page (www.spthoa.org).

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, simply email a member of the board and we will see what we can do about whatever is on your mind. Please join the facebook page by simply searching **SOUTHPOINT SQUARE RESIDENTS**, click join, answer two simple questions and we will approve you if you live in the subdivision. It is a great source for communication as well.

BRING ON SPRING!!!