Southpointe Homeowners Association PO Box 357 Monroe, MI 48161 www.spthoa.org

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,



# We are at the halfway pointe in 2023 ...

SUMMER IS HERE and in full swing. Halfway through 2023 and we have lots going on in our community ...

#### **Annual Dues**

We had AMAZING success with the new VENMO payment option for Southpointe HOA yearly dues. We had 60+ residence out of 193 utilize the Venmo option. This is definitely an option that we plan to keep in place for HOA dues and whatever else we would need to receive payments for.

On a side note, at the time of this EMAIL BLAST we have 187 of 193 residence paid to date. If you are one of the 6 residents that has not paid, please check your mail box or contact a board member to arrange to make your past due payment.

# **Treasurer's Report**

All HOA Bills / Payments are current as of this date and our account has \$23,713.34. 6 residents/properties remain to have HOA Dues paid in full for 2023.

### **Neighborhood Beauty and Improvements**

As you have probably noticed, the board unanimously agreed to have a company (Marelo Services - (208) 512-3341) come into the subdivision and clean up the trees at both entrances to the subdivision. They are a veteran owned company and they did a fantastic job beautifying and cleaning up our entrances.

We do have an issue that needs EVERYONE'S attention. Although trees were planted by the developer curbside, it is the individual homeowner's responsibility to maintain those trees to ensure that branches are kept trimmed up approx 8 feet in height from ground up. Please ensure that you keep these trees trimmed to avoid anyone walking along the sidewalk from being injured.

A handful of letters went out in the past few weeks about upkeep of specific properties. Please remember that we live in one of the best, most sought after communities in Monroe. Our deed restrictions require you to have a lawn and that it is maintained and that shrubs, bushes and trees also be maintained. The board takes no pleasure in sending letters to homeowners or infringing on anyone's upkeep of their property. But we must remember that we live in an HOA community that has bylaws and deed restrictions, but more importantly, let's remember that we are all neighbors in the community ... let's take a moment to keep our properties in great condition and in line with our community standards.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE be careful driving our community roads. Speed limit is 25 MPH. If your children are operating golf carts and/or go-carts, please talk with them about SAFETY.

### **Summer Southpointe HOA Block Party**

Summer Block Party on AUGUST 12, 2023.

The theme for the party will be a Hawaiian theme. So, lets see those grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts, and whatever else you can think of to add to the party theme. Don't forget to go onto the Southpointe HOA FaceBook page and RSVP how many in your family will be attending just so we have an idea for how much food and drinks we will need. The Christmas Party was a GREAT TIME and I expect this Hawaiian Summer Bash to be equally as fun!!!

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

### What's New

James Petangelo – Attorney and Counselor is our new HOA legal council.

### **Property Maintenance**

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.

# **Architectural Planning**

If you are thinking about a major addition to your property or home you can get a form from <a href="www.spthoa.org">www.spthoa.org</a>. The board will review your project and as long as it does not go against any deed restrictions, we will happily approve the project. We have had several approvals for homeowner projects this year and it is our pleasure to ensure that the project meets our community standards and this board has a 100% approval for projects.

#### 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. We 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 (<a href="https://www.spthoa.org">www.spthoa.org</a>).

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.

**Happy Summer Everyone!!!**