

WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Next Annual Meeting

Our next annual meeting is coming up. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

When

Sunday, January 26th
1pm to 3pm

Where

Stark Company Realtors
702 N High Point Rd

Thank You

Thank you to Greenhaven, Southwick and Stonecrest Circles for putting together recent potluck events. We love to hear about neighbors hanging out with neighbors!

Board Member Vacancies

There will be a number of board member vacancies in the new year. If you are interested in joining the board please let us know!



A note from the President

Happy fall to all. I am excited to share that we have grown so much over this past year. We have been fortunate to welcome 18 new home owners to Walnut Grove in 2019! These are new neighbors that want to connect and be a part of all of the great things many have enjoyed in Walnut Grove over the years. I am so appreciative of our Board and all of our Block Captains that connect with everyone. As a home owner since 1992, Block Captain and on the Board for many years, that means that we are a great place for many to call "HOME." That is important as everyone wants to be a part of something bigger. My 3 daughters grew up here and still feel happy to come back home. We have chosen to stay here because of all the great tangible and intangible things in our neighborhood.

Walnut Grove is unique and our greenways exemplify that in the city of Madison! We have lit paths that connect the circles and lovely groves of trees. These greenways require regular care on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. They also require larger projects (such as re-paving or tree removal) on a less frequent basis. This is accomplished by a group of dedicated volunteers and our annual homeowners fees. We currently have some of the lowest homeowners fees in the area. We are paying \$75 annually per household, which is the cap of fees that was set in 2005. In order to guarantee that we are able to continue to maintain our greenways in the future, the board will request that the membership approve an increase in the annual dues. We have not yet determined what the cap should be and will welcome input from the membership. The board and I look forward to discussing this more with you all in the future and at our annual meeting in January 2020. We want every neighbor to enjoy Walnut Grove in the years to come!

-Katherine Bidwell, Neighbor & President of WGHA

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Welcome to new Walnut Grove Residents!

Keith & Lisa On Colony Circle

Michael & Jill on Oxwood Circle

Victor, Sue, & Jean on Southwick Circle

Natalia & Edward on Springwood Circle

Travis & Rachel on Whitacre Rd

Cory & Kaylene on Farmington Way

Jesse & Kari on Oldfield Road

Thomas & Diane on Stonecrest Circle

Colin & Rosa on Walnut Grove Drive

Will & Courtney on N Westfield Road

Timothy & Mary on N Westfield Road

Know Your Pet Rules!

We've had some neighbors report issues with pets who are not on a leash. Please remember that the City of Madison requires that all pets (cats too!) be on a leash if they are off your property. If a neighbor's animal is bothering you, please talk to your neighbor!

If you feel like you need to take further steps, please call the City of Madison Animal Services Office at (608) 255-2345. Because this is a city ordinance and not a WGHA policy your board members or block captains are not in a position to enforce these rules

Did you know?

The Walnut Grove neighborhood has a series of covenants that the Architectural Control Committee uses when reviewing requests for architectural changes from home additions to fences. Please obtain permission from the Architectural Control Committee before beginning any project. The complete list of covenants, as well as an application form can be found here:

<https://walnutgrovemadison.org/architectural-control-committee>