

SUBDIVISION NEWSLETTER 2016

Rolling Oaks Homeowners Association

February 2016

NEIGHBORHOOD TIDBITS & UPDATES



Entrance renovation complete in 2011

This past September, a committee of neighbors came together to plan the 1st annual rolling oaks neighborhood party. Complete with a bike parade, photo booth, bounce house, games, and not to mention lots of food!

Everyone who came out enjoyed getting to meet and mingle with neighbors throughout the sub. Be sure to check out the website for updates should there be a planning committee to plan a 2016 picnic.

Annual Neighborhood Gathering

The annual meeting is planned for March 19th at 10:00 am at Grace Lutheran Church located at 312 Prospect, Howell.

This is a great opportunity to meet new neighbors and re-connect with old

ones. A continental breakfast and will be provided, so please consider joining us!

The Board will invite a representative from HPD to answer any questions as well.

Our website continues to be updated and improved by our webmaster.

There is a page dedicated to promoting goods and services provided by fellow neighbors. If you would like to be added to the page, you can email a board member from the website.

The website still has great information including by-laws, annual financial statements, as well as previous years of this newsletter.

If you are a new resident to the subdivision, be sure to check out the City of Howell's website www.cityofhowell.org New residents can visit City Hall to pick up a packet of information including city calendar and other helpful documents. The city owns and maintains the roads of the subdivision. All city ordinances apply in the neighborhood as well.

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Treasurer

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Gerry Wills,
Secretary

Marcia Gebarowski
Board Member

Helen Barton
Board Member

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Webmaster

GARAGE SALE

The annual subdivision garage sale will be June 4th from 9AM to 5PM.

There is no cost to participate!

ANNUAL DUES

A statement is included with this newsletter. The dues will remain the same at \$75 per house. Payment is due upon receipt of your statement.

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BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Rolling Oaks adheres to bylaws which can be found on the website. These bylaws were established by the developer and are enforced by the Board through a formalized process which can also be found online.

Bylaws prohibit items like boats and RV's from being stored in driveways or in the street, as well as prohibit fences with the exception of properties that border M-59 or Byron Rd.

Finally, the bylaws require trash and recycling receptacles to be kept out of sight. It is asked for receptacles to be brought up from the curb by the next day after trash pick-up. Finally please be respectful of your fellow neighbors and keep trash and recycling receptacles concealed and close to your house/garage or placed in a more courteous location during the week.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

There are many opportunities for neighbors to become active in Association activities.

Board Vacancies: There will be two vacancies on the Association board. The HOA Board, which oversees the association budget, bylaw enforcement, as well as communication throughout the association.

Annual Mailing: Looking for someone that can work with the Board President to mail the annual newsletter and dues statement to all households. This commitment is only once a year.

Committees: Anyone interested in participating in the planning committee for a 2016 block party.

We're on the Web!
www.rollingoakssub.com



Important Message

Natural Gas and Wood Burning Fireplaces

Rolling Oaks Subdivision

January 19, 2016:

To all Residents of Rolling Oaks Subdivision,

As you may or may not be aware on Christmas Day 2015 a resident in your community suffered significant loss to their home due to a chimney fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be blown in insulation in direct contact with the fire box in the chimney chase. It is our understanding that this was done after the home was built due to frost build up and cold air drafts around the fireplace.

Most wood burning and natural gas fired fireplaces require a minimum clearance between combustible materials and the exterior of the fire box. This was not the case in this instance and it caught fire.

The Howell Area Fire Department is concerned that this may have been done to other fireplaces in your neighborhood and suggest that an effort by each homeowner is made to ensure that there is no insulation materials in direct contact with their fireplace.

This is a reminder that all fireplaces should be cleaned and inspected at regular intervals by a professional chimney sweep or contractor.

Sincerely,

Chief Andrew J. Pless

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Howell Area Fire Department

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