



Hawk's Landing Homeowners Association March 2009 Update

Note from our President – Richard Williams

Dear Hawks Landing Homeowners,

First, I would like to thank you for such a great turnout at this year's annual meeting. I believe we were able to touch on many issues that affect our neighborhood and clear up other important issues. I would like to thank our county supervisor, Ron Ferrell, for providing a traffic update on County Highway M (including the intersection at Mineral Point). I also need to thank Officer Jim Acker and the Madison Police Department for providing important information that will keep our neighborhood safe.

The Board has decided to update our website. We will be providing quarterly financial statements on our website. We believe it is important to keep our membership informed about our finances as well as other issues that may arise. We are also considering sending the newsletter via e-mail to homeowners. We believe this will not only be more efficient, but may give people more of a chance to read the newsletter and participate in neighborhood issues. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter via e-mail, please provide the Association with your e-mail information. And remember, we do not share your email addresses with any outside organizations.

To all of those whose mailboxes were damaged this winter, please check our website to find all the information you need to replace all or part of your mailbox. With any luck we have seen the last of the winter blizzards and our streets will return to normal. Once again, thank you for your support and I would like to wish all of you a warm spring

Electronic Newsletters

Spring is in the air – let's go green! You can sign up to receive an e-mail that you have a newsletter ready for viewing. There would be a link that would take you to the Hawk's Landing website where you could view the newsletter. If you would like to sign up for this service, please send an e-mail to Julie Schmitt at schmts6@yahoo.com. This electronic version will then take the place of you receiving a newsletter in the mail. Thank you for considering this.

Update on Litigation

Since our last update, which was provided at our annual meeting back in January 2009, there was a hearing held in February 2009 which centered on a request for a new trial made by the homeowner. The Judge affirmed his decision in favor of Hawk's Landing Homeowner Association and our President, Mr. Rich Williams. As a result of the Judge's decision, additional attorneys fees have been awarded to HLHA totaling \$4,593.21. Together with this new award, HLHA has now secured a total award of \$53,144.96 plus interest. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact one of the board members.

Hawk's Landing Neighborhood Directory

If you have not received a free neighborhood directory or the most recent update as of January 2009 and would like one, please contact Julie Schmitt at 848-2032 or at schmts6@yahoo.com.

Hawk's Ball

It's that time of year again and the Hawk's Ball t-ball and coach-pitch program is back! The program is open to all Hawks neighborhood residents AND any friend or fellow student of a Hawks Landing neighborhood player (invite your child's buddies - anyone who wants to can play, learn and have fun!) The program differs from traditional leagues in that kids will learn baseball fundamentals in addition to playing games. The league is open to anyone 8 and under (not yet playing little league) all the way down to kids 4 years old who have never picked up a bat before. The program will run from 6:00-7:15pm for 8 consecutive Mondays starting June 8th and ending with a fun night and party on July 27th. The fields are located in Kingswood Park in Hawks Landing. Price is \$20 for your first child and \$15 for any children after the first one! Fee includes a t-shirt and everything else your child will need to swing for the fences, but please bring your own glove and have the kids wear sneakers.

This is an informal, fun way for kids to start having fun with a ball, bat and glove. Parents are encouraged to help and past participation has been phenomenal!! Visit our website at <http://hawksball.teamopolis.com/> for more information! Registration forms can also be downloaded from there. League email is hawksball@charter.net. If you have additional questions, contact Bob Kessel at 848-9253 or John Lindauer 848-3207. Swing batter batter swing!

Update on Dues

We would like to thank those homeowners/lot owners who responded quickly to their first dues notice. We still have nine homeowners that did not pay their dues plus the interest and certified letter fees that were incurred as a result of failing to pay their dues on time. We are still pursuing these homeowners and if an action is filed and a lien is put on the property, an update will be put in the newsletter with names of the homeowners that have failed to pay their dues in their entirety. In the future, please be sure to pay your dues upon receipt of your first notice that comes out in January and is due by the end of that month. Your neighbors appreciate your prompt payment because it saves them money!

Hawk's Landscaping of Common Areas

The board is currently seeking bids from landscaping companies to do the spring and summer maintenance of the common areas. The board will review each bid from the bonded landscapers and determine the best landscaper for the association based on price and quality of work.

Events Committee Update

Would you like to see some events planned for the Hawk's Landing community? Please contact Gail Schomisch: busninc@charter.net or Candace Bangerter: cmbangerter@yahoo.com to volunteer to help. Some of the events that were held in the past are the neighborhood garage sale, Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th parade, etc. Please see the enclosed insert for the Neighborhood Garage Sale that will be held on May 29th and May 30th.

Has Your Mailbox Been Damaged this Winter?

If your mailbox was damaged by the city snow plows, you may want to see if your mailbox is covered up to \$75.00 if installed correctly. You can go to the city's website to get information on their new policy regarding mailboxes and whether or not yours may be covered up to \$75.00.

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/MailboxPolicy.pdf>

Just a reminder, according to Article 4.09 "...Only mail boxes (and support columns) approved by the Developer or the Committee shall be used in the Subdivision." You can get some of the parts (specifically the black mailbox) at hardware stores as well as Menard's and Home Depot. If you need specific parts related to Hawk's Landing, please log on to the Hawk's Landing website at www.hawkslandingha.com and go to the tab with "mailbox information"

Mowing Vacant Lots

We would like to remind the vacant lot owners that all lots, according to the covenants and bylaws, need to be mowed once a month. There is also a city ordinance requiring mowing as well.

If you notice a neighboring lot is not mowed and you would like to file a complaint with the city. Here is the website:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/reportAProblem/Weed.cfm?>

Do you have a boat/trailer?

If you own a boat and are planning to bring it home this spring after it has been in storage, please remember you may not store it at your home unless it is kept in your garage. Please see the following covenant:

- a. 5.03 Vehicles. Parking of service vehicles owned or operated by residents of Lots is prohibited unless such vehicles are kept in garages. The parking of boats, travel trailers, mobile homes, campers and other recreational vehicles is prohibited unless kept inside garages. This shall not prohibit the temporary parking of such vehicles described in the preceding sentence for the purpose of loading or unloading for a period not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours. No cars or other vehicles shall be parked on lawns or yards at any time.

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