

Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Newsletter

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Annual Association Dues for 2009 are DUE!

Invoices were sent to all homeowners in our neighborhood in early December. Late fees began accruing at the rate of \$25/month effective **FEBRUARY 1** for all dues remaining unpaid at that time.

If you haven't paid, there will be a statement enclosed with this newsletter. Send your payment today!

Your payment should be sent to:

**Hidden Meadows Homeowners Ass'n
HB 142
P.O. Box 75248
St. Paul, MN 55175-0248**

Paying via Bill Pay from your bank? **Please make certain they are sending your payment to the above address,** to avoid posting delays and further late fees.

Questions? Call or email Stahl Brothers today.

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2008 Recap

Here is a snapshot of happenings in the neighborhood last year:

- Many residents were concerned about homes with unkempt yards. All residents of Maple Grove are under city ordinance to maintain a length of 8 inches or less for their lawns. Those whose lawns are longer than that or full of tall weeds should be reported directly to the City of Maple Grove. The city may mow it at a rate to be billed or assessed directly to the homeowner.
- The front entrance monument garden was updated, removing some plants that had made it well past their prime, and replanted with new plants. Those plants still viable were relocated to the circle garden on Merrimac Lane.
- The front entrance sign was painted a fresh new color—did you notice?? It looks great!
- New trees were planted along 92nd Avenue, replacing those that hadn't survived. The new trees will be watered during dry periods to keep them healthy.

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**Please remember to
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!
They don't have opposable digits,
so can't do it themselves! It will
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just waiting for you...**



Help Keep Our Neighborhood Crime Free

The number one crime in our community is theft from homes and cars that are left unlocked! Following are a few hints to help keep your belongings safe:

- **Keep your garage door closed**—this can prevent you from being an easy target to thieves who may be “checking out” the neighborhood or looking for a quick grab ‘n go situation.
- **Keep your home well lit**—leave your exterior lights on all night, thieves don't like a well lit home. Installing solar cell's on your lights makes them energy efficient and allows them to automatically turn on when it gets dark.
- **Report suspicious activity.** We hear this time and again from Crime Prevention Officers. They would much rather check out suspicious behavior than get the report of a crime that could have been prevented. The Maple Grove Police can be reached at 763-494-6100, or dial 9-1-1.

Is your house for sale, or perhaps in the near future? Please provide Stahl Brothers' contact information to your Realtor and Title Company, so that they can obtain all of the necessary paperwork from them before closing on your house occurs. Also, please make sure you leave the Association Governing Documents for the new homeowners. Replacement copies can be obtained from Stahl Brothers.

Looking for some winter fun?

Head to the ice rink at Hidden Meadows Park to do some ice skating (or boot skating, for those without skates!). It's a great way to get some fresh air and keep your blood pumping in the winter! And it's right here!

Love to snow tube? Check out the awesome tubing at the Elm Creek Regional Park. For a nominal fee, you get two solid hours of lightening fast tubing, and a ride to the top of the hill after each run on a moving sidewalk. See www.threeriversparkdistrict.org for complete information on tubing, skiing, and snowboarding at Elm Creek Regional Park.

National Night Out Date Change!

For the first time in 25 years, the National Night Out Association is moving the date for NNO to AFTER Labor Day. **This year, NNO will be held on Tuesday evening, September 15, 2009.**

As always, your help is needed. Right now we are looking for people to be in on the planning of this year's party. Interested persons should contact Stahl Brothers, or a Board Member.

E-News?

Would you like less paper on your kitchen counter? We are considering providing our quarterly newsletter in an electronic format, provided we can get email addresses for greater than 60% of the homeowners in the neighborhood. This would cut our mailing and reproduction costs considerably, and would be a benefit for our environment as well as a way to help keep the clutter down on your kitchen counter.

Please email our management company at requests@stahlbrothers.com with your name, emergency contact info, and preferred email address to be included on the list for the e-news.