



# Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Newsletter

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## Have You Paid Your Dues?

### Annual Association Dues for 2013 are DUE!

Invoices are enclosed with this newsletter. Please note that your annual association fee has had a slight increase, and is now \$85/year. Late fees of **\$25/month** will be assessed on all dues remaining unpaid after February 1.

*Statements will be mailed in January to those whose payment has not been received.*

Your payment should be sent to:

**Hidden Meadows Homeowners Association  
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, in the correct amount, to the above address,** to avoid posting delays and late fees.

## Snow Removal, and Finances...

Hidden Meadows has arranged with Mark's Lawncare to clear the first two blocks of sidewalks running parallel to 92nd Avenue. The financial situation of the association is such that full plowing is no longer an option. These areas of walks will only be cleared for snowfalls in excess of 2 inches, and we have opted to be billed on a per/plow rather than a fixed rate contract as a further cost saving effort.

Please remember to clear the sidewalks in front of your home, and perhaps even give your neighbor a hand with theirs if the need arises!

The foreclosure crisis has hit Hidden Meadows hard, and there are still a good number of homeowners who haven't paid their association dues from prior years. Without this income, the basic upkeep of your entrance area and things like snow removal and lawn mowing of the entry area are going to be lacking. Until things are in a better position, we are going to make some cost cutting efforts to keep expenses at a minimum.

## Please Remember...

**City Ordinance** states that all garbage and recycling containers must not be visible from the street on non-collection days.

**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. It also keeps your home warmer in the winter—that open door lets out a lot of warm air!

**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.

**Your mailbox** and stand are your responsibility. Please keep them in good repair. Additionally, it is important to keep them clear of snow and ice. Mail carriers will not deliver mail to mailboxes they have difficulty accessing.

**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.

Have you joined our Neighborhood Watch yet? We joined forces with Copper Marsh last fall, and still need to grow our ranks! Please contact Amy in the management office to join, providing your name, address, best telephone number, and best email address. Members of the Neighborhood Watch will receive safety bulletins from our Watch Captain, Lori Skibbie, as provided by the Police Department.

# Happy Holidays



## Do You Have A Green Thumb??

Have an hour or so to give back to your neighborhood? Want to spend some time playing in the dirt? You are needed!

Volunteers are needed to plant the annual flowers at our entrance monument, and do periodic weeding throughout the summer. This is typically planted in early—mid May (weather dependant of course).

We can purchase the plants, or you can and we will reimburse you. Please contact Amy in the management office (612-605-2763 or amy@sourcemgmt.org) if you would be interested in helping with this project. This is a great way for neighbors to get together for some fun and beautify our entrance in the process!

We are also interested in finding someone to mow the front entrance area and the turf alongside of 92nd (just the first two blocks from Lawndale). If you or someone you know is interested in making a little extra money next summer, have them contact Amy in the management office.

Thanks!