

ARBOR HILLS NEWSLETTER

February 2014

Next Open Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 26th

The next open meeting of the Arbor Hills Board will be held on Wednesday, February 26th, at 7pm in the Clague Middle School Library. The open session is scheduled from 7-8pm. We hope to see you there!

Board Member Needed

Just a reminder that we currently have an open seat on the Board, with a term expiring in October 2014. If you are interested in serving on the Board, or have any questions, please contact any current Board member or YPM.

Snow Reminder

We continue to get plenty of snow, but our contractor seems to be doing a pretty good job keeping things clear lately. Please continue to report any snow removal issues to YPM, so they can be resolved in a timely manner.

Please also help by clearing the sidewalks around your home in a timely manner, and by **keeping vehicles off the streets during any snow event**. Please note that any vehicles left on the streets after a snowfall of 1 and ½ inches or more may be towed at the owner's expense. We do not want to have to do this, but the amount of snow we are getting makes it even more imperative that the plows have room to work.

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Stop Sign Update

As discussed in the December newsletter, the Board is considering the installation of a new stop sign at the intersection of Kilburn and Strand, in an effort to improve traffic safety in our neighborhood. Thank you to all of those who have taken the time to provide feedback to the Board on this issue. The feedback we've received so far has been mostly in favor, and in fact it has been suggested that stop signs also be installed at additional intersections (Kilburn & Bayswater, Dunwoodie & Earlmoore, Ashburnam and the access road). This topic will be discussed again at the next Board meeting on February 26th, so please contact the Board or YPM with any feedback you may have.

Proposed Inspection Policy

In an effort to reduce past confusion and tensions regarding neighborhood inspections, the Board has drafted a proposed Inspection Policy. The draft can be found on the Arbor Hills web site (www.arbor-hills.org). The proposed policy is not intended to replace our existing Neighborhood Policies or Bylaws, but rather to clarify expectations about the process and content of the inspections themselves. The proposed Inspection Policy incorporates the feedback received from last year's Aesthetics Survey, and attempts to strike a healthy balance between differing interpretations of the Association's enforcement role. Please take a moment to read through the draft policy, and let the Board know what you think. This topic will likely be discussed at the Board meeting on February 26th, and your feedback would be much appreciated.

Welcome Committee

At the suggestion of a homeowner volunteer, Arbor Hills will be forming a new, re-energized Welcome Committee. The role of the committee will be to identify new homeowners and residents moving into Arbor Hills, welcome them into our community, and make sure they are provided with all the information they want and need about their new neighborhood and its Association. The goal is to show all new residents that they have joined a warm and caring community, as well as to make them informed Association members. Please consider volunteering in this important effort to make Arbor Hills a more welcoming neighborhood. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact the Board.

Social Events Committee

Each year, our neighborhood organizes many fun social events, including ice cream socials, a Halloween Parade, and the neighborhood garage sale. If you would like to help organize these events (or others - we can never have too much fun!), please consider volunteering to serve as chair of the Social Events Committee. Your neighbors will thank you, and you'll be helping to enrich the life of our community!

Communications Committee

Have you ever looked at this newsletter and thought, "This is boring!", or "Why didn't I get this last week?", or even "Why can't I get this information electronically, instead?"

If so, please consider volunteering to serve as chair of the Communications Committee. Our neighborhood newsletter, web site articles, email lists, and social media presence are all part of the committee's purview. You'll be helping to keep your neighbors informed, and that makes for a better - and more interesting - quality of life for all of us.