

February Newsletter

Board of Trustees updates:

Over the past year your Board has been busy with many different projects.

Here's just a few:

- Cutting down and removing over 20 dead trees in the common areas. All were in danger of hitting a members home if they fell.
- Reviewing and acquiring quotes to replace the aging and crumbling concrete circle at the pool.
- Fixed electrical issue at the pool
- Removed leaning not often used basketball hoop
- Working on updating the web site.
- See <http://benttreehomes.org/> and click on "2018 Feats" to see more
- See <http://benttreehomes.org/> and click on "Future Ideas" to see some and send us your ideas

Current Major Project -- Updating our Governing Documents

- Our over 40-year-old Bylaws and Declaration of Restrictions contain outdated language, many contradictions from over a dozen amendments, and they no longer align with the Ohio Revised Code. On the advice of the HOA's attorneys, we are currently having these updated into easier to read language. While doing this we are suggesting a couple of changes to a couple of rules.
- 1) Move the date our yearly dues are due from January 1st to March 1st allowing Members to recover from all the Holiday spending
- 2) Move our current Annual Members Meeting from 1st week in April to End of July. We would like to incorporate the meeting with a Neighborhood Picnic. We do this with the hope that we would get more participation from all of our members. Current attendance at our Annual Meeting is about 12 homes out of our 195.
- To accomplish this, we will need you to vote on and approve the new language along with these rule changes. More to come in the next newsletter.

Election of New Trustees

We will have two openings on the Board of Trustees this April. If you would like to learn how your Board works, get more involved in your neighborhood, or just meet more of your neighbors. This is a great opportunity! The Board meets for about an hour once a month. If interested, please email any Board member.

2019 Yearly Dues

Just a reminder to please submit all dues payments no later than March 1, 2019. After that date collection proceedings will occur. If anyone needs any assistance, please contact Melissa at 440-570-2225. Thank you!

FYI

If you want a tree lawn tree or if you are thinking of replacing your current tree, the City of Strongsville will put a new tree on your tree lawn for \$100. This gets you a 1-1 3/4 inch diameter tree to be planted this Spring. you can purchase more than one, each is \$100. Deadline to order is February 28, 2019 and can be done so by calling Jennifer at 440-580-3124 or email her at Jennifer.milbrandt@strongsville.org.