

-Annual Meeting - Sat. 4/27/19 at 10:00AM

1720 McKenna Blvd. Madison, WI 53711

This year's annual association meeting will be held on **Saturday April 27, 2019 at 10:00AM** at the West Side Police Station Community Room.

We are changing the time this year in hopes that it will better fit everyone's schedule. Please give us feedback about the new meeting time, especially if you would prefer the original weeknight time.

All residents in Highland Village are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, stay involved in your community and there will even be a free raffle to win a gift card.

Our board keeps your annual dues low. Without a neighborhood board, we would be required to hire an outside organization to run the association. This year, multiple board positions are vacant. If you are interested in running for a seat on the board, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

-Join us on Nextdoor-

Nextdoor.com provides closed social media websites for neighborhoods and Highland Village is there!

Join your neighbors by using this invite link: https://nextdoor.com/invite/qutdmqsaersnddqkvwkc. You will need to confirm your address, but it's up to you how much information you want to appear online to your neighbors.

-Common Area Maintenance -

Due to the unique design of our neighborhood, we have some special challenges when keeping our neighborhood attractive. Everyone is encouraged to follow the rules so that we can all be proud of where we live. If you have a concern please contact Beth Ringgenberg, Association board representative responsible for Common Area Maintenance (CAM) at CAM@highlandvillagemadison.com.

SNOW - Thank you for your patience this winter with the snow plowing. The association contracts with the Bruce Company to plow the driveways, private drives and city sidewalks. Please let us know about any issues you had with plowing, rather than contacting the Bruce Company directly. Note that the homeowner is responsible for snow removal on their sidewalk, and the city can fine homeowners who fail to do so. Thanks to those of you who helped out neighbors, shoveled around mailboxes and unclogged storm sewer drains!

TRASH - The City picks up our trash every Wednesday and recyclables every other Wednesday. A handy pickup chart is available on Madison's website here:

https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please put your trash containers away on Wednesday or arrange with a neighbor to do it for you. Containers that are left out block access for the postal carrier and the city may issue a fine.

YARD WASTE - The City of Madison will pick up yard waste at least two times this spring although the exact times are not announced. After the spring, yard waste will not be picked up again until the fall. The city can issue fines to homes close to the roads if yard waste is present during the summer. The rough pickup dates are available online here: https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/ It is NOT picked up as part of the regular trash pickup.

Yard waste includes only the following:

- Leaves, weeds, garden trimmings, and other plant debris.
- Twigs less than 18" long.
- Pumpkins, crab apples, pine cones, etc.

Please pile your leaves & yard waste at the street edge. Yard waste can also be taken to the drop-off station at 402 South Point Road.

BRUSH COLLECTION – Brush is not yard waste and is collected separately, on a different schedule, which is available here: https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/Brush/. Keep brush separated from yard waste when it is out for collection.

Brush includes:

- Woody material trimmed from trees, shrubs or bushes.
- Tree and shrub trimmings over 18" in length.

Please pile brush at the street edge away from trees, parked cars, fire hydrants, utility poles, mail boxes and other obstructions. Remove all roots, stumps, and dirt because brush collection crews cannot feed yard waste safely into the wood chippers. You can also take brush to the drop off site at 1501 W. Badger Road.

BUILDING MATERIALS - The City does not pick up building materials so please do not put them out to be picked up. The city has previously issued a citation to the association for building materials that had been put out by the street. Fortunately the citation and \$180 fine were dismissed with the understanding that owners would be told not to leave building materials out for pick-up.

Please go to the City of Madison website to read on how to dispose of building materials.

http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/buildingMaterial.cfm

LARGE ITEMS – Large items are picked up every other week on the opposite week from recycling. If you have large items, including furniture or appliances, please do not just leave them out on the curb hoping someone else wants your discarded items. Appliances, TVs, and certain other items require a special sticker to be picked up. The City of Madison website explains how and where you can discard your large items.

http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeItems.cf m

MAILBOXES: We have been replacing mailboxes that are damaged. If you believe your mailbox should be repaired or

replaced, please contact me at CAM@highlandvillagemadison.com

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

-Changes to Property -

Just a reminder to all homeowners: If you want to make any significant changes to the exterior appearance of your house or yard, please let Kate Hardy and the Architectural Control Committee know at acc@highlandvillagemadison.com

Our goal in the ACC is to ensure that you make the changes to your property safely and correctly in order to ensure that our neighborhood maintains its appearance and property values and that we all use the correct quality materials, workmanship and safety for our projects.

An application is needed if you want to: 1) remove or plant any trees or shrubs, 2) add or remove existing fences or walls, 3) change driveway materials (only cement or asphalt are allowed - no pavers), 4) add or change gardens, landscaping, patios or decks or 5) change exterior colors of house, doors, etc.

The application form asks for complete plans for the project, materials, specifications, and plot plans. We are glad to work with you to clarify just what is needed. You cannot begin a project without approval of the application. Once that is OK'd, you may need a building permit from the city, depending on your project. Please also get Diggers Hotline (800) 242-8511 involved for your safety if you are going to do any digging.

The CCRs (conditions, covenants and restrictions) regarding these changes should have been included when you purchased your house, and a copy is also available on our website: http://highlandvillagemadison.com/

- Board members for 2018-2019 -

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