



## Annual Meeting

Wed. 4/21/2021 at 7:00PM

The Highland Village Homeowners Association's 2021 annual meeting will be held virtually because of social distancing guidelines. Please fill out this form if you would like to join us for our virtual Annual Meeting on April 21 at 7 PM.

<https://tinyurl.com/HVHA-2021>

We will be using Zoom to conduct the meeting, and a link and instructions will be emailed to you beforehand. All residents in Highland Village are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to meet your neighbors, and to stay involved in your community!

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### Board Positions Available

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 during the meeting.

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### 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.

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### Information About Dues

This year the HVHA dues were \$300 for the year. The dues are very low for the services we receive. Here are the main items that we pay.

1. Snow Plowing – \$36,000 to the Bruce Company
2. Insurance – \$800 for general liability for property of HVHA plus board officer liability
3. Madison Water Utility - \$ 4,500 for stormwater charges

4. Mennenga Tax & Financial – \$700 for accounting
5. Alliant Energy - \$600 for street lights HVHA owns

Just like your household expenses increase each year, the association expenses also increase. While your HVHA board is very conscious of the need to limit dues increases, you can expect that the annual dues will increase for 2022.

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### Changes to Property

Looking to make changes or improvements to your property? You need to start with the ACC first!

If you would like to make any significant changes to the exterior appearance of your house or yard, please let Jennifer Hurlbut and the Architectural Control Committee know at [acc@highlandvillagemadison.com](mailto: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. We work to ensure 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 the exterior colors of the house, doors, garage 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 your plans are approved, 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/>

The application form is available on our website. Once you submit your application, please keep in mind that there is a committee that needs to look at your property and your plans. Although we try to get everyone through the process in about a week, that is dependent on how many questions need to be answered and the availability of the committee. Please understand that overnight approvals are not possible!

If you would be interested in joining the ACC, please let us know. It's a good way to see how everything works "behind the scenes" and helps keep our neighborhood looking good.

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### 🌀 Common Area Maintenance 🌀

**MAILBOXES** - We know some of your mailboxes are not in good shape. Our hope is that we will be replacing all mailboxes in the next few years. The dues increase that you will see this coming year will help to pay for the future replacement. However if you believe your mailbox needs to be repaired or replaced right now, please contact:

[CAM@highlandvillagemadison.com](mailto:CAM@highlandvillagemadison.com)

**SNOW** - 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:  
[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm)

**YARD WASTE** - The spring collection of yard waste is on 4/4/21 and 4/18/21. **Do not place yard waste to the curb after 4/18/21.** 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.

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.

For yard waste disposal at this time, residents can elect to use the drop-off sites. More information is available online here:  
[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/)

**BRUSH COLLECTION** – Brush is not yard waste and is collected separately, on a different schedule, which is available here:  
[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/Brush/](http://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. Please go to the City of Madison website to read on how to dispose of building materials.

[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/buildingMaterial.cfm](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, and certain other items require a special sticker to be picked up.** Do not place televisions, computers, or computer peripherals (like printers) at the curb as a large item. They are banned from curbside collection and must be taken to a drop-off site.

The City of Madison website explains how and where you can discard your large items.

[www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeItems.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeItems.cfm)

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

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### 🌀 Board members for 2020-2021 🌀

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