

◆ THE FAIRWAYS ◆

January/February/March 2023 Newsletter

President Ponderings

Dear Residents,

Interviews have been done for landscaping with Augusta Lawn Care Services, Flourish Lawn & Yard Services, and Forever Green. The bids covered a wide range of costs and the Landscaping Committee decided on Flourish Lawn & Yard Services. The committee really like Flourish Lawn & Yard Services and they are family owned. The committee called references and drove out to a property that Flourish Lawn & Yard Services takes care of and we were pleased with how nice it looked.

I have been asked to provide instructions on how to open and close your garage door if the power fails. In the garage, a rope is hanging down from the garage door tract; pull down on the rope and your garage door will close. Be aware the door is very heavy and many residents may not have the strength or height to reach the rope. Also remember if you have locked your screen front door, unlock it so you can get in your front door with your key. My screen door has a bolt and no key lock. If the bolt is engaged you are locked out if your backyard sliding doors are also locked. To open your garage door, go inside your garage and push up on the door. This also requires strength and height many residents may not have. A neighbor may be required to help with a power outage if you need to get your car in or out of your garage.

Your garage door may not open or close if the sensors are blocked or knocked out of alignment. The sensors are located at the bottom of the side tracks. Check to see that the little green light on the sensor is clear of obstructions and that the sensors are in alignment with each other. My garbage can knocked my right sensor out of alignment and it was an easy fix to use my hand to line it back up.

Please remember to give a neighbor your garage code and who (family member) to contact in case of an emergency.

I am blessed that Iris Dawson called Jim Nath for my garage code and my life was saved due to their fast action when Linda Morris and Mary Lou Fields couldn't get a hold of me for a planned gathering.

I am sure some of you are very unhappy with the raise in dues of ~7% (\$10 per month). The cost of living went up 8% and we stayed a little bit below that percentage. The Board is planning on doing the following with the additional dues:

- Replace the brick light structures as water is getting in them and having electricians fix them is getting expensive.
- Put extenders on the sprinkler heads that have sunk into the ground and barely rise above the grass. This involves labor to dig the dirt out to fix the problem.
- Pay for additional landscaping costs, including removing trees and bushes, and upkeep on our 22-year-old neighborhood.

The budget will be available for all to look at when it is finalized. Colleen has been working for the past two months on the 2023 budget knowing that prices were going to increase in parts and labor.

Bushes need to be pruned to the height of division fences. If bushes in the back of your yard or side of your yard are hanging or growing over your neighbor's yard, they need to be pruned back no higher than the height of the fence. The landscape company has been notified of this, but I don't want anyone upset if your bushes are severely pruned back.

Hoping your holidays were filled with blessings and family and friends.



Happy New Year 2023!



Board Meetings

Board meetings are scheduled the 4th Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m., subject to change when holidays occur. Homeowners are welcome to attend meetings. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Board President at least 24 hours in advance and identify any subjects you want to present or discuss.

Finance

Our new 2023 operating budget will be available and sent to you after the final 2022 financials are completed.

Questions: Colleen Koci, Treasurer
(208-860-9645)

IMPORTANT:

Your payment book is included in this mailing. If you're on auto-pay with your bank, be sure to update the amount due to \$170.

ACC

Do you wonder what purpose the ACC, Architectural Control Committee, has? The committee tries to keep our community looking nice and uniform by applying the CC&Rs to each situation. This protects your investment.

Any modification you wish to make to the exterior of your residence or to the landscaping requires ACC approval...Prior to the start of the project. This includes, but is not limited to: new windows, new garage door, storm door, solar tubes, type and name of plants wanted for landscaping. All applications should have as much detail on the project as possible along with a brochure. We will not allow plants generally considered to be invasive or a noxious weed that would disrupt native ecosystems. Flowers in your front yard that will have a mature height of under 24 inches, do not need ACC approval. If you have questions, call one of us. We don't bite and we want to work with you.

An ACC application can be obtained from one of the committee members: Barbara Blutt, ACC chairperson; Sue Peters, or Jim Nath.

New Neighbors

Welcome to our new residents!

- Dick Flynn
- Sally McDonald

Snow Removal

Our snow removal for homeowners who signed up is set. Flourish Lawn & Yard Services is the company we are using. Bring on the Snow!!

If anyone not signed up yet has changed their mind and would like the service, please contact Sue Peters.

Service includes clearing snow from front door to driveway, driveway, and path to mailbox for \$24.00 every time it snows 3".

Many thanks to Sue Peters for heading up this project!!

Volunteers

We are grateful for the members of the Landscaping Committee who worked very diligently to select Flourish Lawn & Yard Services as our landscaping company for 2023/2024. The members of the Landscaping Committee were: Becky Freeland, Cathy Reed, Jean Schultz, Linda Morris, and Sue Peters.

A heartfelt thanks to Jim Nath and Mike Chrisman for adding joy to our community by decorating it so beautifully for the holiday season.

A big thanks to all our volunteers who do so much during the year to keep our community running smoothly. We couldn't do it without you!!



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