

Morningview News

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2000—01 Morningview Calendar

December 1, 2000

Nominations due

December 12, 2000

7:00pm Association Meeting
Katherine Carpenter School
Board and Officer **Elections**

February 1, 2001

2001 Homes Association Dues
must be paid

The next Morningview Homes Associations meeting will be December 12th at the Katherine Carpenter School. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm

The President Speaks...

Throughout my two terms, I have encouraged and dared Morningview to smile, greet and respond to one another. You've done a sublime job. This will be the last gauntlet I toss as president...

Volunteer to be there for each other.
Volunteer to get the mail when your neighbor vacations.
Volunteer to watch the kids while they are at the store.
Volunteer to mow a neighbor's grass.
Volunteer to cut a hedge, rake a lawn, carry trash to the curb.

Offer to serve in one term of office.
Offer to water the plants at the entrance signs for a week.
Offer to weed around the flagpole.
Offer to head a committee in an area of interest or concern.

Resolve to work at the school where needed one day a week.
Resolve to be a block parent.
Resolve to attend one school event next year.
Resolve to attend one homes association meeting each year.

The gift of time is priceless. It's an inconvenient gift to give, and hard to put a price sticker on. However, it is one of the most precious gifts or services that you can offer. Every volunteer job is not about stars and magic wands. Fairy Godmother roles are few and far between. But ask anyone who has volunteered, they will be able to think of something they learned, something they took away when it was all said and done. It may have been a hard truth served up on a rough platter. It may have been moments of sweetness. Either way, their lifetime was altered. Volunteering stretches you toward the horizons of your possibilities. I encourage us all to stretch toward our possibilities in the coming year.

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Morningview Votes !

Remember that new officers and board members need to be elected for the 2001 year.

WE ARE TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS.

Our election will be held at the next meeting, Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 pm, Katherine Carpenter Elementary School. All nominations must be in by

December 1, 2000. As we are aware, each vote counts! If you are unable to attend, please contact Sherri Watson, Treasurer for an absentee ballot. Celeste & Scott Kirmer have agreed to stay on as newsletter editor and website administrator. Howard Mischlich has agreed to coordinate the Garage Sale next year. **THANK YOU!!!!**

Trash Information

Bids have been requested for trash service. The board will be negotiating the contract and deciding on a provider. Once that is complete, the dues for the 2001 year will be announced. If you have questions, or concerns, feel free to contact a board member or officer.

Leaf Reminder...

As we've noted in the past, please do not leave your leaves in the street, curbs and gutters. They clog the drains and increase our costs, mess and hazards. Many of the storm drains were cleared last year. Let's keep them as clear as possible. Remember there is no burning of leaves here either. Also, some neighbors have raised concerns about leaves being mowed/mulched and left in the streets or blown into other people's yards. Cut it out. Please. If you are having difficulty with yard maintenance and need some help, contact one of the officers or board members. Sometimes community groups look for homes where a little extra assistance is needed. We will do what we can to put you together.

Holiday Reminder...

This is the season for many gatherings. Please consider your neighbors if you are hosting a party.

**If you drink,
please don't drive.**

Congratulations to Home Owners

The Officers and Board of Directors of Morningview wish to congratulate and commend the various home owners who have made improvements above the normal home maintenance and thereby have added to the overall beauty of the Morningview Subdivision. Improvements include: new driveways, siding, roofing, painting, landscaping and others which add to the value of our subdivision. The properties listed are for the past year of 2000 and we hope all have been included (if not please let us know). There are a few properties that could stand some improvement and maybe next year it will come to pass.

A Note From Leesa

Well, this is my last newsletter. I have certainly enjoyed my time as your president. I've learned a lot. Much of it having to do with the nice people in the area we call home. It's hard to shed a lot of tears though, as I am not physically leaving. Just "retiring". I wish you all good fortune, good news and a great new year. ...Leesa

9726 Antioch	9621 Hayes	8816 97th St
9716 Benson	9623 Hayes	8702 98th Terr
9511 Grandview	9816 Hayes	8706 98th Terr
9528 Grandview	9810 Kessler	8811 98th Terr
9601 Grandview	9739 Slater St	8909 98th Terr
9706 Grandview	9743 Slater St	9111 98th Terr
9807 Grandview	9703 Slater Ln	9115 98th Terr
9811 Grandview	9745 Slater Ln	9402 98th Terr
9607 Hayes	8806 97th St	

What happens if there's an election and no one runs?

We're coming to the end of a big political season. The outcome will be loved by some, hated by others and remembered by all. Participation and lack thereof are key themes in both national and local elections. Those same themes echo in Morningview's upcoming vote. As I write this, no one has stepped forward to a nomination for President. So what happens? With complete surety the current president (that's me) will not be stepping up to bat. I can't tell you 100% positively, exactly, what will happen if no one runs, but I can give you some good ideas. A vice-presidential candidate might

step into the post. It's possible, but it's equally likely that any vice-presidential candidates would withdraw from the race. Ditto with other officers and board members. There is a very real possibility that in order to keep our homes association functioning, we (the association) would have to re-do the by-laws (a legal cost), and turn the running of Morningview over to a business who specializes in these things. Running a Homes Association can be done by a business not by volunteers. But a business expects to get paid. Most likely, costs to the homeowner will go up.

The Homes Association could abandon the by-laws and allow any interested group of people to run the organization as they see fit. Sounds a little scary, eh? It should. Our last election showed a vote of significantly less than 10% voting. I find that equally frightening. We all have to take responsibility for where we live. It's not just a matter of property lines, ordinances or even courtesy. No one has to serve forever. But can you serve for a year? Two years? Please consider volunteering for the homes association when you consider service to your community.