

SUNFLOWER GARDENS HOA NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015



HOA Insurance

The HOA insurance provider is Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America once again. Our agency is First Insurance Group (FIG). The HOA's portion of insurance is varied, based on stated value of your property, and is for the exterior portion of your unit and includes property liability coverage. Jamar has recently sent out invoices to homeowners. The HOA is to be reimbursed by June 30, 2015. Coverage runs from 5-17-15 to 5-17-16. We have certificates of insurance at the Jamar Property Management office. If you have a claim or question, please check with Jamar (812) 330-8655 before contacting FIG, (812) 331-3230.

HOA Payments Reminders:

There are a total of 3 payments that need to be paid each year, as follows:

1. The first DUES installment payment is due by January 15th.
2. HOA insurance is June 30, 2015.
3. The second DUES installment payment is due by July 15, 2015.

NEW SGHOA Proposed Board Mission Statement

Your 2015 SGHOA Board of Directors has been preparing a mission statement for our homeowners association, along with several potential revisions to our Bylaws. The proposed Bylaw changes would alter the length of the term of service of the board members to two years instead of one, and create a rotation of the ending dates of their terms in order to provide continuity of knowledge on the Board. Also, the presidency would only be awarded after a director completes one year of service on the Board. Finally, the Board would meet only quarterly, with any additional meetings for special needs only. These proposed changes will be on the Annual Meeting Agenda, date to be finalized soon.

Proposed Wording of Board Mission Statement:

Sunflower Gardens is a community of friendly and respectful homeowners who share pride in their homes and neighborhood. An elected Board of Directors governs the Sunflower Gardens Home Owners Association (SGHOA). It is the Mission of the SGHOA Board to supervise the management company hired to oversee the business of the Association, including all financial transactions, arrangements for lawn care, and purchase of property/casualty insurance. The Board upholds the interests of all homeowners by enforcing the covenants, conditions, restrictions, Bylaws and policies of the SGHOA.

Board Meetings

2015 HOA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2015 HOA Board of Directors is planning to meet every other month. A tentative schedule is as follows:

- February 10
- April
- June 1
- August 10
- October 5

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and will last no more than 90 minutes. These meetings are open to all homeowners; however, please contact Jamar, our management company, if you plan to attend. Meetings will normally be held at the Westerhaus' home, 1437 W. Countryside Lane, the house on the corner with the Sunflower Gardens rock.



Need Help???

Jamar Property Management

(812)330-8655

Proposed Amendment to SGHOA By-Laws would read:

“Directors elected to the SGHOA five-member Board of Directors shall serve two-year terms, on a rotating schedule, in order to provide continuity from year to year in the best interests of Sunflower Gardens Homeowners, with implementation as follows:

“In even numbered years, beginning with elections at the Fall Annual Meeting in 2015, two members will be elected to take office in 2016, and three members from the existing board will continue in office for a second year. In odd numbered years, beginning with elections at the Fall Annual Meeting in 2016, three members will be elected to take office in 2017, and two members from the existing board will continue in office for a second year. (Show date adopted here)

“Activities of the SGHOA Board:

The Board will meet quarterly, unless a need arises requiring a special meeting. All homeowners will be notified in advance of all meetings.

The Board provides oversight of all activities of the Management Company contracted by the SGHOA to handle its business arrangements, including collection of HOA dues, billing for insurance, and liaison with the lawn care company, the city and other professionals as needed.

The person elected president of the SGHOA Board by other directors will have one year of SGHOA Board experience.

The Board President will be in regular contact with the management company between quarterly Board meetings and will report any issues from homeowners to the management company and from the management company to the entire Board.

It is important for the SGHOA Board to honor the history of the community by making decisions consistent with the mission of the SGHOA, with the intent of the Association By-laws, and with previous decisions of the Board and Association.

The management company, on behalf of the Board, will keep and maintain in hard copy and/or electronic files, a complete historical record of official documents of the Association and of Board decisions and meeting minutes, and make available to both old and new, homeowners, when requested.

Maintenance Reminders

Weeding. Help keep our community beautiful! While the HOA is responsible for mowing and fertilizing the lawns, individual homeowners are responsible for trimming bushes and removing weeds from the mulched areas.

Mold/Mildew. Homeowners are also responsible for removing any mold/mildew growing on the siding of the homes.

SECOND ANNUAL SUNFLOWER GARDEN BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, Sept. 13, from 4 – 6 p.m. The party will be held in the side yard at Lynn/Dot Hufford’s home, 2576 Sunflower Dr/W Petal Court. Cups, paper plates, plastic ware and napkins will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, your beverage of choice, meat to grill and table/chairs. Chuck Malooley and Lynn Hufford will fire up their grills for you to cook your meat on.

If it should rain, Greg and Donna Lobdell will host the party at 1566 W Petal Court. Please RSVP Anita, anitawesterhaus@msn.com or Donna, dlobdell1@frontier.com All family members are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE!



Moles. Also, please notify Jamar if you see active mole tunnels in your yard. In 2014, the HOA purchased mole traps to share among our neighborhood and they are available for your use.

Street Trees. Please remember that the street trees are the homeowner’s responsibility. Please help to make sure trees are watered. Please follow guidelines on the City’s website:

http://issuu.com/bloomingtonparks/docs/tree_care_manual_third_edition_0218



Thank you for your help!!

The SGHOA Board Needs You

If you enjoy life in Sunflower Gardens and take pride in your home, you might consider serving as an SG Board member. The Sunflower Gardens Board of Directors is tasked with maintaining and improving the quality of life and property values of all the residents of our neighborhood. The Board hires and reviews the management company and lawn care contractor, collects and disburses homeowner dues, evaluates and procures an insurance provider, and performs other duties related to the overall betterment of the community. The time requirement of membership is minimal—the Board will meet four times a year in addition to the annual homeowners meeting. Interested homeowners should contact any of the current Board members.

The Five –Foot Strip

Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R) require that landscaping outside the By-laws required “five-foot strip” next to your home or general maintenance of your unit’s exterior must have the prior approval of the SG Board’s “Design Committee”. Approval request forms are available from Jamar Property Management via e-mail at jamarproperties@yahoo.com, Attention: Leasa, phone 812-330-8655; or from Tim Callahan, Design Committee Chairman, at tim.calla@gmail.com or 812-333-8854. Decisions of the Committee will be returned within 15 days or less. If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please contact Tim.

Oops, There Was No 2015 Survey

A survey from the 2014 SGHOA Board was inadvertently sent out. Please disregard. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact one of your 2015 Board Members. If you have specific concerns regarding the care of your lawn by Greenscapers, please contact Jamar (812) 330-8655.

How to Contact the 2015 BOARD MEMBERS/Jamar Property Management:

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