

HVHA

HIGHLAND VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

2025 NEWSLETTER

Annual Meeting | Wed, April 30th at 7:00 PM

The HVHA annual meeting will be held virtually on April 30th at 7 PM.

Please use the following link to access the meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/HVHA2025>

Google Meet will be used to conduct the meeting.

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!

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.

Join us on Nextdoor!

Nextdoor is a social platform that connects neighbors based on their location, and Highland Village is there! Join your neighbors:
<https://tinyurl.com/HVHAnextdoor>.

HVHA Yearly Dues

This year the HVHA dues were \$550 for the year. The dues are very low for the services we receive.

Just like your household expenses increase each year, the association expenses also increase. Your board works very hard to manage these expenses. The major expense is for snow plowing. More information about the budget will be presented at the annual meeting.

Updated Website

Our website has received a much needed update! We hope this allows residents to navigate the site easier to look up information. We will be utilizing the site for timely news updates, and announcing meeting dates. The biggest feature we are working on is to allow homeowners to pay their dues online! This feature will be available in the near future.

Want to get the annual newsletter via email? Subscribe by entering your email address at the bottom of the website!

Changes to Property

Looking to make changes or improvements to your property?
To start the process, reach out to the ACC!

The goal of the ACC is to maintain the value of the properties in our neighborhood, following the rules of the HVHA Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CCR). We work to ensure that all your changes use the correct quality materials, workmanship and safety for our projects.

An application is needed if you want to:

- plant or remove any trees or shrubs
- add or remove existing fences or walls
- change driveway materials
 - Note: Only cement and asphalt are allowed – no pavers or bricks.)
- additions or changes to gardens, landscaping, patios or decks
- 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 provided when you purchased your house, and a copy is also available on our website:
<http://highlandvillagemadison.com/>

If you would like to make any significant changes to the exterior appearance of your house or yard, please let Jan Gehrke and the Architectural Control Committee know at acc@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.

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 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.

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 neighbors, shoveled around mailboxes and unclogged storm sewer drains!

TRASH

The City picks up our trash every Wednesday and recyclables every other week. A pickup chart is available on the City of Madison's website here: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm

YARD WASTE

Spring set-out dates for yard waste this year are: 4/13 and 5/4. Do not place yard waste on the curb after the last collection date. 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, residents can elect to use the drop-off sites. Additional details can be found here: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/yardWaste/leaf/

Common Area Maintenance (cont.)

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/. 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 from your pile as brush collection crews cannot feed yard waste safely into the wood chippers. You may also take brush to the drop off site at *402 S Point Rd.*

BUILDING MATERIALS

The City does not pick up building materials, so please do not put them out to be collected. The city has previously issued a citation to the association for building materials that had been put out by the street.

You can find information on how to dispose of building materials on the City of Madison website: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/buildingMaterial.cfm

LARGE ITEMS

Large items require a work order to be submitted to the city for them to be picked up. If you have large items, including furniture or appliances, please do not leave them out on the curb hoping someone else wants your discarded items. Some large 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. You can also submit work orders using the following link: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeItems.cfm

Thanks for being a good neighbor!



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