



July 1, 2024

Happy Summer!

This August, HMRNA will once again be hosting the Hellgate Meadows Summer Picnic on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 PM at the small park on Dublin & O'Leary. Hotdogs, hamburgers, buns and condiments will be provided. Neighbors are asked to bring lawn chairs, whatever they would like to drink and something to share (salad, dessert, chips, etc). If you would like to come and meet some neighbors, please RSVP by August 15 at this link (all lowercase letters): <https://bit.ly/hmrna-summer-picnic> or with the QR code to the right.



The following are notes from the first half of 2024 and things to come for the rest of the year.

Dues for 2024 were set at \$378 per year to be paid in two installments of \$189, due 30 days after receiving the dues letters in January and July. Please be sure your dues are paid on time to avoid late fees.

**New this month! Paying dues digitally may be done without additional fees.
*PayPal payments will no longer be accepted.***

The HMRNA has moved to an online accounting system. All owners who have an email address on file will get an invoice in the next few days via email. In the email, there will be a link to pay directly. Payments can be made with a credit/debit card, ApplePay, or a bank transfer. If you don't receive an invoice and wish to pay online, please fill out the form at this link (all lowercase letters): <https://bit.ly/hmrna-invoice> or use the QR code to the right and an invoice will be emailed to you with a link to pay.



As always, owners are also welcome to mail a check to HMRNA at 2625 Dublin Street. Please be sure to include your name, phone number, and the address of the Hellgate Meadows property for which you are paying.

HMRNA board meetings are at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We currently have three vacancies to fill on the board. Please reach out to board@hmrna.org if you are interested in volunteering!

Please remember the landscaping expectations at HMRNA. Keep lawns trimmed neatly, weeds kept to a minimum, and any dead landscaping removed. See guidelines here: <https://www.hmrna.org/upkeep.html>. The board is working on trying to get the owners of the vacant lots around Connery Way to maintain those spaces. While they do not belong to our association, we are trying to appeal to them to get the work done.

The north side of the Mail House sidewalk is uneven and is set to be repaired this summer.

The dead streetlights on O'Shaughnessey and O'Leary are an ongoing issue. In 2022, the board began investigating the problem, which appears to be underground wiring which has been severed. Our research suggests that the cost of repairing the severed wires would be prohibitive. The board is now researching solar options. Although solar does not require digging, it is still a significant cost. It does require the inoperable light to be removed and disposed of, a new pedestal to be installed, a light, batteries, and solar panel to be purchased, and the new system to be installed at the cost of approximately \$13,000 per light. The board plans to install ONE solar light as soon as possible to see if it meets our needs. Once that has been done, we will look at how to fund replacing the others. **If anyone knows of any grant opportunities that may cover something like neighborhood lighting (specifically SOLAR lighting), please contact us at board@hmrna.org!**

As always, until resolved, we encourage homeowners to leave porch lights on to assist with lighting at night.

Boulevard trees were injected with the Aphid treatment in early April. Unfortunately this spring's weather created just the "right" conditions for a big hatch as opposed to last year when we had a hard freeze in March. The way the injections work is that once the aphids suck juice out of the leaves, they are supposed to be killed by the solution injected into the trees. Which means with the size of the hatch that happened in late May and June, there will be some damaged leaves before the poison kicks in. If the injections work, the later leaves that come out should not have damage. Fingers crossed.

Finally, please remember to use the parking spots in front of your house and driveway/garage, leaving the parking spots in front of your neighbors' houses for their guests.

Please feel free to contact us at board@hmrna.org if you have questions or concerns throughout the year.

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