

Jackson Oaks Neighborhood Association Important Update October 2022

Jackson Oaks Neighbors,

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of Summer. This was the Board's first Summer managing the common areas and it was a learning experience for us. One of the biggest surprises was the huge number of broken pop-up sprinklers. The tree roots have bent many of the sprinklers enough that the head will pop up but they will not go back down. This has resulted in the heads being hit and damaged. We paid our landscaping company to replace dozens of these broken heads. To address this issue, we have put out a solicitation to have all of the sprinkler heads replaced over the next three years. We will be installing a new system which will be more durable and will conserve precious water.

I am happy to report that our water bill is ½ of what it was last year (\$5,000 versus \$10,000). I credit this to line repairs and fast actions taken to replace sprinkler heads when they break. The reaction time has been possible due to all of you reporting issues through the web site as you see them. Thank you very much for your help!

Fall is the time of year for tree replacements and we are soliciting Tree Services for the removal and replacement of 10 trees which pose the greatest issues to the common areas. Replacement trees will be drought resistant, slow growing, pose minimal threat to property, and be smaller in stature upon maturity.

Much of our focus is on water conservation and damage reduction. The new increased HOA dues which are in effect starting this month will be used to fund these improvements. Once this is accomplished rates will be evaluated and adjusted to cover regular costs. This means that rates may reduce in the future if costs remain constant.

The Twin Creeks Retirement Center has historically been the meeting location for the Board. The location is still not available to us due to Covid concerns. The Board continues to meet via Zoom and operate through the new web site jonatwincreeks.com.

We are being urged by many of our members to take a more aggressive approach to HOA CC&R compliance while we are also being met with oppositional home owners who are slow to cooperate and comply with requested corrections. It is a difficult situation for a group of volunteers and we are still navigating the tools in place to work with everyone.

Please read the reverse side of this notice so you can learn about the upcoming board elections. The process will be conducted online to greatly simplify the effort. I hope everyone is enjoying our neighborhood's safety, beauty, and civility.

Happy Fall!

Royce Chambers, Pam Edwards, Kaylea Jackson, Richard Simpson, Jason West

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November Elections

The Board is currently made up of 5 members. None of these individuals were duly elected as there was insufficient interest from neighbors to exercise an election process. Based on my interpretation of the By-Laws, all current members should be considered elected for only a one-year term. This means that those of us currently on the Board will be up for re-election if we choose to volunteer again.

The Board must consist of 3 – 7 members, and it is the current Board's desire to increase the Board to a full 7-member group. This year the Board is seeking to fill all 7 of these positions.

We are looking for home owners who can help. It is important to note that if you are not listed as the legal owner of your residence, you **do not** qualify to participate.

New Board members may perform neighborhood inspections, contractor oversight, grounds inspections, regular meetings (currently conducted online), and other administrative requirements. We have adapted interactions with Home Owner away from a person-to-person system to a written system. This was done to reduce disease transmission and to limit exposure to any hostile or oppositional confrontations. As a member you will not be asked to confront home owners.

If you enjoy our neighborhood, take pride in your home, and are willing to volunteer, I urge you to nominate yourself for consideration. Nominating yourself can be done by going to our website at jonatwincreeks.com, clicking on the "Contact" Link, entering your contact information, and entering 2 pieces of information in the message section:

1. Your JONA Address
2. "I would like to join the Board"

We will then place you in the list of active candidates. Only 1 legal home owner, per home, can serve on the Board at any given time.

The **list of candidates** will be presented on our Home Page at jonatwincreeks.com on October 22.

We ask all home owners to review the list of candidates in order to choose who they will vote for.

To vote, go to jonatwincreeks.com, go to the contact link, enter your contact information and in the "message" section provide 2 pieces of information:

3. Your JONA Address
4. Person you are voting for

The deadline for voting will be October 31st. Remember, each home owner may only vote one time and for only one person.

I sincerely hope that homeowners will participate in these elections. Our HOA was based on the idea of volunteerism and it is every homeowner's responsibility to support our small collective. I am hopeful we will preserve the community values that make our little neighborhood so special.

Your neighbor,
Rick Simpson; Board President
Jackson Oaks Neighborhood Association