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*Is there a business that you would recommend to your neighbors?*

Contact the Secretary, Candice  
candice.rio@icloud.com

## FROM THE BOARD

Happy 2017 everyone!! The time passes so fast and here we are into a new year and the start of spring is upon us. This year, the Board has taken on the task of more neighborhood involvement. What does that mean, you may ask. Well, we would like to have more neighbor activities like Movie Night starting in May. It is a means of meeting your new and old neighbors and sharing thoughts and ideas that could benefit everyone. It is also a way to be of assistance to one another in the case of an emergency. Knowing who lives next door and their habits might be enough for you to notice something out of the ordinary thus being able to call for help if needed. It also makes our neighbors more ready to call us for assistance. We are all responsible for one another. If any of you have ideas for future activities that would bring us all together, please don't hesitate to contact the Board.

As in the past, we have the Easter Egg Hunt planned for April. Participation in the past has been good and everyone has had a good time. This year will be no different. We will have to pray for good weather since we no longer have a backup location if the weather is bad. Then in May, we have the annual Neighborhood Garage Sale. This is an opportunity to clean out your garage and the kid's rooms and turn what is not longer used into \$\$\$\$\$. The more participants we have, the more traffic, and that is good for everyone.

The other thing that this time of year brings is planning for the outdoors. With all of the bad ice storms we have experienced in the past several years, it is a good time to assess our yards. What do we need to take out? What do we need to trim back? What do we need to plant? Sometimes it is the smallest things that makes the biggest impact! There are lots of places to go for ideas, nurseries, magazines, Spring Homes Shows and even Pinterest. The sky is the limit. For those of you that need help, maybe asking your neighbor is they know someone that has kids that want to earn a little money would be a good idea. The simple things often cause the most muscle pain so having someone younger carrying the mulch or dirt is a good solution.

So, remember our 2017 neighborhood theme... get together, be aware. If we don't do this for and with one another, then we lose the comfort of being a "village". If you see someone who needs assistance, respond. If you have a question, ask. If you have an idea, offer it.

As always, remember to be neighbor friendly!

## STAY CONNECTED

### Drakestone Website

Get links for the current covenants, past newsletter, and more!

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/Drakestone](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Drakestone)



Together we can use nextdoor to find lost pets, share babysitters, stop break-ins, and share events.

There are already 100+ Drakestone neighbors online.

We hope you will join us!

[www.drakestone.nextdoor.com](http://www.drakestone.nextdoor.com)



Like our facebook page!

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### Monthly E-Newsletter

Have you been missing out on the E-Newsletter? Drakestone HOA now has a monthly newsletter filled with current events, stories from your neighbors, contest winners, surveys and more! Enter the link below or use the QR Code and fill-in the form to sign up for the Drakestone HOA Monthly E-Newsletter.

<http://eepurl.com/cvARu1>



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## 2016 CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS

This year we had a three-way tie! We would like to congratulate the winners, each won \$50. We would also like to thank everyone that decorated this year! Keep it up, there's always next year to be a contest winner!



**612 WICKET**



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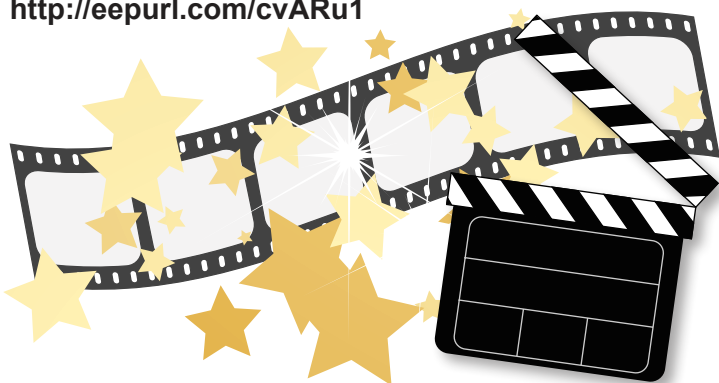
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**A Friendly Reminder**  
If you haven't removed your Christmas Decorations yet, please do.



### Lights, Camera, Action!

Starting this May through October Drakestone will be hosting a movie night at the 5th Street Entrance Commons on the second Saturday evening of the month! Bring a blanket or a chair and enjoy the show with friends and neighbors. Please no unattended children or trash. For more information about movies and times please sign up for the monthly e-newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/cvARu1>



## REFLECTIONS

### Annual Neighborhood Meeting

If you missed the Drakestone Annual Neighborhood Meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 7pm, we missed you! We didn't meet the quorum this year to make the meeting official. In order to vote on issues and make changes at least 63 homes must be accounted for at the meeting. This means either in person or via the proxy form that was mailed along with the notice about the meeting a few weeks prior to the meeting.

## EVENTS



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday April 8th, 2017 at  
1:00 PM

Bring the kids and join your neighbors at the Drakestone 5th Street Entrance Commons for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

**Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale**  
May 5th & 6th, 2017

The HOA will provide the advertising all you have to do is get the permit, clear out those closets, and make some money!



**Yard of the Month Contest**  
May - September, 2017

The HOA wants to reward you for your beautiful lawns. If you have a luscious lawn, you will be entered to win \$50 each month from May through September! So get ready this spring by trimming those hedges and pulling weeds. Must be current on dues to be eligible to win.

**Family Movie Night**  
Second Saturday  
May - October 2017

Drakestone will be hosting a family movie night at the 5th Street Entrance Commons on the second Saturday of the month starting this May through October. Bring a blanket or chair. Please no unattended children or trash.



See more each month in the e-newsletter  
<http://eepurl.com/cvARu1>

## FROM THE NEIGHBORS



Each month your neighbors submit an article for the e-newsletter. You may have missed out... Sign up for the e-newsletter and see what your neighbors have to say!

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**Have something you would like to share with the neighborhood?**

Send your ideas to the HOA Secretary, Candice - [candice.rio@icloud.com](mailto:candice.rio@icloud.com).

### Winter Lawn Care

By: Julie Martens Forney from [www.HGTV.com](http://www.HGTV.com)

Give your grass the royal treatment by providing a little winter lawn care. Your winter to-do list won't be as grueling as summer (mowing, weeding, watering), but steps you take during the frosty season help ensure that your lawn provides toe-tickling pleasure next spring and summer. What tasks you need to focus on depends on where you live and what kind of grass you grow.

In regions where lawns contain warm-season grasses and freezes occur regularly throughout winter, the turf goes dormant, forming a buff-colored swath. A dormant warm-season lawn calls for simple winter lawn care. You may choose to overseed with perennial or annual ryegrass if you want a green lawn all winter. This task is usually done before the first frost, making it more of a fall lawn care chore.

If you pass on overseeding, you can use winter's beige-tone grass to your advantage. In winter, cool-season weeds thrive. In dormant warm-season turf, anything green stands out like a sore thumb. If you only have a few broadleaf weeds, spot-treat them using an herbicide that kills weeds but not grass.

If your lawn has too many weeds to spot-treat, follow these winter lawn care steps. First, keep mowing your lawn through winter at the recommended height for your lawn grass. Most common winter weeds can't survive repeated mowing like this and will die. Use a bag attachment on your mower when mowing to catch seeds any of these weeds might manage to set. The final step in this eradication process is to flip your calendar to next September and mark it to apply a pre-emergent herbicide. You can eliminate many winter weeds with a fall herbicide application.

Winter lawn care for cool-season grasses involves simple activities. For instance, in areas where winter brings hard freezes and even snow cover, it's a good idea to stay off frozen lawns. Repeated walking or driving over frozen lawns can kill turfgrass crowns, which leads to spring bare spots.

If you didn't get all the autumn leaves removed from the lawn before snow arrived, tackle that task if there's a thaw at some point. Rake carefully, especially if soil is moist, because grass can pull up easily. Leaves that remain over grass through winter can kill turf crowns. They can also contribute to snow mold, which creates minor lawn damage.