PRAIRIE EAST NEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2020

From the President

By Cory Miller



Hopefully all of you are weathering through the COVID-19 situation, which no one forecasted to happen. It may take a while and this too shall pass as we adjust.

Attendance at the Association's Annual meeting this year was reasonable and held via a Zoom meeting due to the requirements of COVID-19. Vita Peterson and Denis Petrenko were elected to the Board. Both are new Board members and I look forward to working with them. The homeowner input was shared at the meeting.

The annual walk through of the property was held June 13th with discovery of some violations to the Rules and Regulations (R&R) as well as maintenance issues the unit owners need to address. If you received a notice, it is recommended you address it promptly. In terms of violations notices, 43 violation letters were sent in 2019 compared to 44 in 2018. To avoid receiving a letter, and possibly a fine, READ

the Rules & Regulations document and stay aware to be in compliance.

Most violations involve improper parking. Cars are being parked in the driveway, not parked close to the garage door, parked between the garages, and residents, or visitors do not keep the wheels of their car on the hard surface driveway, thus parking on the grass. Another area of concern are cases where the wheels cut the corner of a driveway, or end of the driveway and drive on the grass. This situation causes extra repair costs to the driveways, irrigation heads and creates a less appealing look.

Any homeowner can report a violation by taking a photo and sending it to the property manager by email or by mail. Both mailing and email addresses are listed to the right on this newsletter.

The Board works hard to keep the property in good condition. Please do your part to help the process.

Enjoy your summer.....

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Rules and Regulations

Living in an association requires you to follow the declarations, bylaws, and rules/regulations. The rules were updated in 2019 and a new copy was mailed to all homeowners.

Any changes that affect the exterior of the unit require prior approval by the board. An architectural change form must be submitted for board review. Approval is required before any work begins. A copy of the architectural change form was included with the rules.

If you need another copy of the rules or an architectural change form or if you are unsure if you need a form for improvements, please contact Lori Waltzer at info@waltzermanagement.com or call (952) 513-4709.

Dryer Vents

During the spring walk around every year, the board notices many homeowners need to clean their dryer vents. On the outside of your home you will see a vent similar to the pic-



ture here. That vent and the pipe running from your dryer can get clogged with lint. Once clogged, your clothes do not dry as fast—you will notice your dryer takes longer to dry clothes. The heat from the dryer can ignite the material in your vents and cause a fire. It is important that you clean the vent and pipe each year. Dryer vent cleaning kits can be purchased from most hardware stores. Or there are professional companies who can perform this service for you.

Don't forget to clean your fresh air vents as well, They are needed to run your furnace efficiently.

Parking Rules

Parking continues to be a problem at some of our townhomes. Remember, parking is limited to your garage and the **two** spaces **directly** in front of your garage. All other parking must be on the street. Please do not park in the common area of the driveways.

Please be careful when entering or exiting your driveway to or from the street. Cutting the corner means you are driving on the lawn and damaging the lawn areas. It also damages the driveway and we are seeing some driveway edges deteriorating from this abuse. Sprinkler heads are also located along the ends and edges of the driveways. Parking or driving your vehicle par-

tially on the lawn causes damage.

Letters are going out to those offenders and fines will be issued.



TRASH REMINDER

If you do any spring/summer cleaning, you might accumulate more trash than what will fit in your container. If you have extra trash, **DO NOT** place it alongside your container; it will not be picked up. You must call Republic Services at (952) 941-5174 and arrange for a special pickup.



Trash containers should be placed at the curb **NO EARLIER THAN 6 pm** on Sunday evenings. Do not put containers on the grass or sprinkler heads.

After trash pickup on Mondays, all trash containers must be returned to your unit by the end of the day.

If you will be out of town, please ask a neighbor to move your trash container for you.

Check out our Neighborhood Link!



You can see what is happening at Prairie East by going to: http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Prairie East

Newsletters (past and present) and the minutes for board meetings are posted on the site.

If you create a user ID, you can post items to this page, add comments, start a discussion or add pictures. This can be your forum to use. Remember that this is public information so be mindful of what you post.