

Spring Issue 2024



Autumn Glen HOA Newsletter

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Community News/Announcements

Annual Sub-Wide Garage Sale

The sub-wide garage sale is held annually **on the first Thursday/Friday/Saturday of June** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **The garage sale will be June 6th, 7th and 8th.**

Rules, Guidelines and Violation Policies

As residents, we all agree to follow the community rules and guidelines outlined in our Declarations and Bylaws. Doing so helps maintain property values and keeps our neighborhood looking neat and attractive.

Please remember:

- No House Trailers, Commercial Vehicles, Boat Trailers, Boats, Camping Vehicles or Camping Trailers may be parked on or stored in the front or side yard of any Lot.
- Seasonal toys, plastic pools, projects, sports nets, etc., should not be stored at the top of driveways or in public view. **When not in use, these temporary items must be stored in a garage or outside of public view.**
- Dogs must be on a leash when beyond your yard. Please be courteous and always clean up after your dog during walks. Please be mindful of your dog and prevent wandering into your neighbor's yard. If your dog is outside barking, please address the issue promptly.

Following these simple rules shows consideration for your fellow homeowners. Your cooperation is appreciated!

The HOA is conducting periodic inspections for any violations. You will receive notification if an issue needs to be resolved by a certain date. **Please be proactive - violations can result in fines or legal remedies if unaddressed.**

Housekeeping Notes

Upcoming Neighborhood Projects

To maintain our community's appearance and amenities, the HOA has several larger projects scheduled this year. These improvements will help preserve our property values and keep our neighborhood looking its best:

- **Tree Trimming-** We will have professional arborists providing trimming and pruning street trees at entrance and boulevard. This will improve lines of sight, prevent damage from overgrown branches, and give our trees a healthy shape and size.
- **Crack Sealing-** Certain areas on our streets will need to undergo thorough crack sealing. This is a future project that the HOA is current quoting. By filling and sealing cracks and potholes now, we can extend the life of our roads and avoid more disruptive and expensive repaving.
- **Curb Rust Removal-** You may have noticed rust stains at the entrance into our sub and on the common areas on the boulevard. We are working with a contractor who will work to remove those rust stains.
- **Pond Maintenance-** Our community pond provides beauty as well as drainage. To keep it clear and balanced, it requires scheduled treatments, aeration, and occasional repairs to the fountain. The HOA is looking at companies to assess and recommend maintenance and repairs.

These projects are all vital to keeping our neighborhood attractive, functional, and competitive with other developments in the area. Let us know if you have any other questions.

Spring Clean Up Time!

As the weather warms up, it's the perfect opportunity to spruce up our neighborhood for spring. Here are some areas to focus on:

- **Landscaping & Tree Trimming-** Homeowners are responsible for maintaining trees, shrubs and landscaping on their property year-round. Take advantage of spring's arrival to trim overgrown bushes, replace mulch, pull weeds, and cut back dead branches and plants. Keeping yards neat goes a long way in preserving our community's beauty.
- **Sidewalks & Street Trees-** Please keep sidewalks and areas around street trees free of debris, overgrowth, and obstacles. Trim any bushes or trees encroaching on sidewalks, as pedestrians require a clear path. Remove fallen leaves, branches or rocks from sidewalks for safety.
- **Mailboxes-** With new growth emerging, mailboxes can easily become obscured by vegetation. Take a look at your mailbox area and prune back any plants that are covering it from the street. Don't forget to repaint or replace mailboxes that are looking worn to keep up curb appeal.
- **Storm Drains-** With spring showers and summer storms approaching, it's important we keep our neighborhood storm drains clear of debris to prevent flooding. Clogged storm drains can cause water to back up onto streets and yards. As a homeowner, you are responsible for maintaining the storm drains located along the street in front of your property.

Let's all do our part over the next few weeks to get yards, sidewalks and common areas looking their best for spring. Reach out if you need assistance locating approved vendors for any major landscaping or cleanup projects.

Yard Upkeep Expectations

Here are some tips for keeping up your yard:

- Mow regularly. Mow weekly or bi-weekly during peak growing seasons.
- Edge and trim. Use an edger or trimmer to create crisp edges where your lawn meets sidewalks, driveways, etc. Trim areas the mower can't reach.
- Treat weeds and pests. Apply weed control products and treat for insects/pests as needed to maintain a healthy, weed-free lawn.
- Water and fertilize appropriately. Make sure your lawn gets enough water and fertilize a few times per year per recommendations for your grass type.
- Remove debris. Regularly rake up fallen leaves, sticks, etc. to keep your yard tidy.
- Maintain beds. Keep planting beds weeded, edged, and mulched attractively. Prune shrubs as needed.
- Make repairs. Fix anything broken or in disrepair like trellises, decking, etc.

Garbage Info

- When putting recycling bins out, please keep in mind that it can sometimes get extremely windy in our subdivision. Make sure all items and papers are secured inside the bin. When it is not garbage day/recycling day, please remember that containers must be “properly concealed from public view”.
- 2024 Yard waste pick-up runs from Monday, April 1 - Friday, December 6th.
- Recycling Guidelines: Pizza Boxes must be clean (not greasy), Flatten Cardboard Boxes, Empty & Rinse Containers, Leave caps on Plastic Bottles, Plastics #1-7 are accepted, NO plastic bags, NO shredded paper, NO wire hangers, NO Paperboard Boxes designed for Freezer Food, NO Styrofoam. Additional garbage & recycling information can be found at: whitelaketwp.com

Safety Reminders

- Lights On- For your safety and security, please leave exterior lights on at night. Well-lit homes and streets help deter crime and allow neighbors to better see anyone suspicious.
- Garage Door- Never leave your garage door open when not in use. An open garage door is an open invitation for burglars and trespassers.
- Street Parking- **Be courteous when parking on neighborhood streets.** Never block driveways, fire hydrants, or intersections. Park close to the curb and keep vehicles off sidewalks which need to remain clear for pedestrians and strollers.
- Drive Slowly-The speed limit in our community is 25 mph for a reason - to keep our streets safe, especially for children playing and pedestrians. Put away distractions and stay alert when driving through our neighborhood.

We all play a part in keeping our community secure. Please follow these simple reminders to promote safety for everyone's peace of mind. Report any suspicious activity to the police right away.

Playground and Gazebo Area:

Our community playground and gazebo are excellent amenities for residents to enjoy. However, we need everyone's cooperation in following a few basic guidelines:

- Noise Levels- Please keep noise to a reasonable level and be mindful of surrounding homes. The gazebo and play structure must be vacated by 9pm weeknights and 10pm weekends.
- Cutting Through Yards- Do not cut through neighboring yards as a shortcut to the playground or gazebo. This is considered trespassing. Please stick to marked community pathways and sidewalks.
- Supervision Required- Parents/guardians are responsible for children's behavior and safety.
- Report Suspicious Activity- If you notice any concerning, illegal or unauthorized behavior in these areas, notify the police non-emergency line right away.

These spaces are great assets, but only when maintained responsibly by all. Following basic guidelines around noise, trespassing, supervision and security allows everyone to enjoy them safely and without disturbing residents nearby. Thank you for your cooperation!

Architectural Improvement Committee

- Are you planning any exterior remodeling, additions or improvements to your property this year? This includes projects such as: painting/re-siding home, building a deck, patio or porch, replacing roof shingles or gutters or adding an in-ground pool, hot tub or play equipment.
- Before any work can begin, you must first submit an **Architectural Improvement Application** and receive approval from the HOA Architectural Control Committee. Form can be found at www.aghoa.org

The architectural approval process is in place to protect our community's property values, appearance and aesthetics. It ensures all homeowner projects meet established guidelines. Fines may be levied for any non-approved or non-compliant exterior work.

Social Events

- We are thrilled to revive our Social Committee. The HOA is already hard at work planning a variety of fun community events for the coming months.
- It has been quite some time since our neighborhood hosted regular social gatherings, more details on specific events will be provided once dates, times and activities are finalized.
- The goal is to provide a variety of fun get-togethers that appeal to our community's residents. Bringing everyone together helps create that friendly, neighborhood feel we all value.

In the meantime, be sure to follow the HOA website and Facebook page for the latest updates on social happenings. We hope you'll mark your calendars and participate!

If you have any suggestions for community events or would like to volunteer with the Social Committee, please reach out to aghoa10@hotmail.com or reach out via Facebook.

Stay Connected

- Join our 'Autumn Glen Homeowners' Facebook Page!
 - Stay up-to-date by liking our Facebook page! We post regular community updates, event reminders, and more.
 - **Please note that our Facebook page is not to be used to file a complaint to the Board. If you would like to join this private Facebook group, please e-mail us at: aghoa10@hotmail.com.**
- Website: www.aghoa.org
 - Visit our website for access to online resources like architectural request forms, deed restriction details, and bylaws.
- HOA Documentation- All current bylaws, covenants, deed restrictions and rules can be found on the HOA website under the "Governing Documents" section.
- Your HOA Board
 - President – Jared Gruber
 - Vice President – Steve Guerra
 - Treasurer – Vicki Iagnemma
 - Secretary – Jodi McClure
 - Social Committee Chair- Brittany Parks

For general inquiries, violations, or to update your contact information, please email aghoa10@hotmail.com.

Together we can maintain a beautiful and safe neighborhood we're proud to call home!

Get Involved

One of the best ways to maintain a thriving neighborhood is through resident participation. There are many ways to get more engaged in our HOA this year:

- Volunteer on a Committee- Our committees drive neighborhood initiatives and projects. Joining a committee allows you to share your talents while giving back.
- Provide Feedback and Ideas- We want to hear from you! The HOA is always open to homeowner feedback, suggestions and fresh perspectives. Send comments to aghoa10@hotmail.com
- Volunteer for Events- Our association is planning to host several neighborhood events each year. Volunteering is a great way to meet neighbors while helping make these events successful. More to come in coming months.