

# Crosswoods News

## March 2024



The board has been busy this past year with some major improvements to the subdivision. This year we have:

### Entranceways

- I want to thank my wife, Brenda, for all the hard work she put in last year planting flowers and pulling weeds at the three entranceways. In addition, we both spent time decorating those areas with Christmas lights, which we hope enhanced your holiday season.
- All entrance signs have been beautifully repainted thanks to a Crosswoods resident.
- New shrubs were planted last fall. Mulch was also completed in the fall. Next, we will be planting the seasonal flowers. Anyone that would like to volunteer to help with the planting, please reach out to [crosswoodsna@gmail.com](mailto:crosswoodsna@gmail.com). Assistance is always appreciated.

### Repairs

- Electrical repairs were done to the Crosswoods II entranceway last summer. Currently we are trying to get the light repaired at the Crosswoods I entrance at Summertree and should be fixed soon.
- The fence on the north side of Crosswoods II entrance was replaced last summer. The south side will be replaced this spring.
- Due to a communication error, only one of the signs for Woodbriar Ct. was replaced last month. This was due to a spelling error that was never noticed until it was brought to my attention. The other should be done shortly.
- Street signs and stop signs will get a fresh paint job this summer.
- Also, Jessamine County installed 5 new sirens around the county. They are also upgrading others. Please check the county website for more information.

### Picnic

There were several complaints that we did not have a fall picnic. I made that decision for a couple of reasons. The weather was predicted to be rainy the weekend it was planned. In order to keep our deposits, it needed to be cancelled by the Tuesday before, so that's what I did. Additionally, we had about 15% of the dues paying residents RSVP. I could not justify spending money on a picnic that only 15% attended. This year we are shooting for August, and we really hope for a large turnout.

### Yard sale

The spring yard sale will be in the second half of May. Once we nail that date down, we will post it.

### Annual Meeting

We will be having the annual meeting on **Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. It will be held at the Crosswoods Baptist Church this year as will our bi-monthly meetings. Check the Facebook page and website.

## **Membership Drive**

- The 2024 Membership Drive begins with this newsletter. Even though we are seeing continued increases in lawn care and utility costs, the annual dues are again **\$75**. We hope to see an increase in participation so the association can stay funded in case we have anything major come up over the course of the year. **Dues can be submitted using the enclosed envelope.**
- We get complaints that we have too much money in the fund and that we do not spend it, so last year we made improvements, and we will again this year. Now, there are some who feel we do not have enough in the fund. It's hard to please everyone. Please plan on participating.
- Roughly 40% of households do not donate to the membership. Not sure the reason behind this, but for those of you that do, we greatly appreciate it. Attached is a list of donors and we give our deepest thanks to those of you that support the subdivision. Those of us on the board volunteer our time to try and keep this neighborhood the great neighborhood that it is. Brenda and I personally donated all the Christmas lights/garland, as well as my time to try and fix what I am capable of fixing. We just need the funds to keep the lights on, get mowing done, and repairs as they come up. I am sure the Brannon Rd entranceways will need some work, once the widening project kicks in.

## **Please Be Aware of Your Neighbors**

- **Dogs:** It seems that more and more people are getting dogs, which I think is great. Please take into consideration a few things regarding your furry friends. When walking your dogs, please pick up after them. Barking is also an issue that has been brought to our attention more than once. If there are issues regarding a barking dog, please talk it out. Most times the issue can be resolved.
- **Storm drains:** Mowing season has begun. Please keep storm drains clear of lawn clippings and debris. If you have a lawn service, please share this concern with them.
- **Burning:** Please follow county burn laws and be aware that smoke travels.
- **Remodeling and other construction projects.** If you need to have a dumpster in front of your home, or pieces of equipment, please think about both your neighbors and the safety of road traffic. We ask that long-term items be placed in the driveway and short-term items in the street, but with careful consideration

## **Closing notes**

- There was an incident at a home on Lantern Way last summer. The homeowner noticed what looked like a spy cam in the tree outside the kitchen window. When the police arrived the next day, it was removed. I went to the Sheriff's office to discuss it last fall and I was told an actual police report was never made because they saw cobwebs. That tells me they brushed it off. Please look out for anything out of the ordinary, especially with those neighbors that are elderly or living alone.
- Recently there was also a break-in at another home on Lantern Way. Someone broke a back bedroom window and entered when the house was empty. Please, if you ever see something fishy, especially someone in a backyard, report it to the police.
- We have very little update on the Brannon Road expansion, other than the State anticipates construction to start early 2025. One Summertree resident close to Brannon Rd expressed concerns about flooding when heavy rains happen in a short time frame. This issue has much to do with the developer's design but could get worse depending on the road expansion and construction. Please let me know if you notice any impacts from this development project.

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