

Highwoods of Madison Homeowners Newsletter



ANNUAL MEETING

TUES FEBRUARY 28, 2023
6:00-7:00 pm

Our first in-person HOA meeting since before COVID! Updates and location will be announced in January.

ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

DUE JANUARY 31, 2023

\$245

Late fee of \$50 will be charged after January due date. Letters will be mailed December 31st.

ANNUAL RECRUITING

JOIN THE HOA BOARD

Interested in joining the board and being more involved in the neighborhood? Or maybe just decorating the entrance? Planning an event? Contact the current board for more info

Important HOA DOCUMENTS

Highwoods HOA covenants and architectural guidelines can be found on the HOA website:

www.highwoodsofmadison.com

or email highwoodsmadison@gmail.com

and request a digital copy

All homeowners should be familiar with both the covenants and architectural guidelines.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST NEIGHBORS

Jonathan and Jessica Van Hooser (5/2022)

Highwoods HOA Board of Directors 2022

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Message from the HOA President:

As we wrap up the 2022 calendar year and prepare for 2023, it is important to recognize past improvements and assess what we all can do to make our neighborhood a better place. The Board's major 2022 project was replacing all mailboxes and repairing all mailbox posts. This project provided immediate curb appeal to all homes that should last for years to come. The major 2023 project will be to replace/repair much of the wooden fence along Rice Road. Please let us know if you have any ideas or requests for future projects. We encourage all neighbors to think about what projects they can complete this coming year to make your home better. Remember to get approval from the ARC.

We anticipate performing semi-annual assessments of each home beginning in Spring 2023. Be on the lookout for an announcement on these assessments in the next few weeks.

At the upcoming 2023 Annual Meeting, we want to add an additional Board Member. Our HOA Board is comprised of volunteers who work full-time jobs and have many personal obligations. The time commitment for serving on the Board varies throughout the year and seldom is more than an hour of time. The term to be on our Board is 1 year beginning in February.

Whether you want to serve on the Board or simply get involved in projects like planning events or decorating the neighborhood, there will always be an opportunity to help out.

Email the HOA or call a board member to find out more about getting involved with your HOA or joining the Board in 2023. [Highwoodsmadison@gmail.com](mailto:highwoodsmadison@gmail.com)

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Street light out? Blinking? On during the day?

Report street light issues to Entergy
www.myentergy.com/s/reportoutage

Click "Report a Lighting Issue"
Click "Street Light"

Enter your information to report the outage or issue.

You can enter info as a guest if you do not have an online account set up but you will still be required to enter a name/phone.

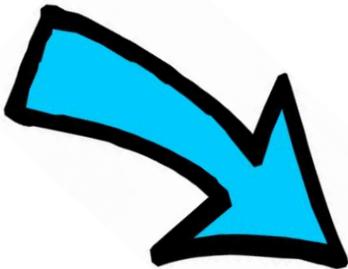
You can repost any street light outage not just one by your house on their website.

Generally, Entergy has the light working within a few days.



Trash Pickup

- Trash pickup days: Tuesday and Friday
- Recycle Pickup: Tuesday
- Yard waste can be placed at the curb with regular trash pickup but must be bagged no heavier than 75 lbs and branches can be no longer than 6 feet.
- Bulk items (appliances, furniture) must be scheduled with Waste Management in order to be picked up. 601-922-9647
- Hazardous waste (oil, paint, fuel etc) cannot be discarded in regular trash pickup. Contact Jackson Environmental Service Center at 601-960-0000 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m



What happens if a homeowner violates the HOA Covenants?

Violations are brought to the homeowner's attention with an email and letter. Occasionally, a Board member might stop by and talk to the homeowner in person. If no response is received to the initial contact, a second contact is made with another email / letter. Should the problem remain after the second letter, the HOA must then either fix the problem, contact City of Madison enforcement, or get the HOA attorney involved. Per our Covenants, the homeowner will be responsible for all fees and expenses incurred, including legal fees starting at \$200 per hour.

The Board prefers to avoid legal fees and expenses, so please respond to any letters/ emails promptly within the time frame on the letter. Extenuating circumstances (illness, injury, etc.) are dealt with on a case-by-case basis if the HOA is notified. Simply failing to acknowledge HOA correspondence in a timely manner does not eliminate a homeowner's obligation to comply with the Covenants / Architectural Guidelines.

Highlights of the HOA Covenants

otherwise known as

The most common violations in the neighborhood

- ❖ **ALL exterior changes** to your home/lot must be approved by the HOA / ARC. The ARC reviews all requests for compliance to the architectural guidelines and responds in writing (emails are preferred).
 - Exterior changes include but are not limited to:
 - Cutting down trees
 - Removing/changing landscaping
 - Changing paint colors
 - Replacing roof shingles
 - Fence repairs/replacement
 - General rule: If it can be seen from the street, it probably needs to be run by the HOA/ARC before making the change.
- ❖ Homeowners **cannot park vehicles on the street** overnight. Visitors are allowed to park on the street occasionally, but all homeowners should park in their driveway or garage.
- ❖ Storing trailers and recreational vehicles in your driveway is prohibited. If it can be seen from the street, it needs to be moved to a storage facility.
- ❖ Exterior home maintenance is required. This includes yard and exterior home maintenance: raking leaves, edging along the sidewalk, mowing, weeding, cleaning/maintaining gutters, painting/cleaning your home's exterior.
- ❖ All vehicles in your driveway should be registered and have a valid license plate. The city can issue tickets for non-compliance.
- ❖ Trash cans must be stored out of sight from the street. Trash should be put out no sooner than the evening before trash pick up and removed the evening after (Currently **Tuesday** and **Friday**.)
- ❖ Pets should be on a leash. Be considerate of your neighbors, if you walk your dog, clean up after it. If you can hear your dog barking, so can your neighbors.

