

Highland Meadows Homeowners Association

Colleyville, Texas

Spring 2023 Newsletter



President's Corner: Presidents Corner – Spring 2023

As I write this, the winter has thankfully been light, with the exception of a couple of days of ice. In this HM HOA quarterly President Corner there are only the seasonal reminders and an update or two.

From the seasonal reminder point of view please keep in mind Bennett's Flag Service is seeking subscribers for the upcoming Holidays this year. His contact information is included in this newsletter. I urge everyone to consider this service as it brightens up Highland Meadows. If you're considering a new roof this year, take a look at the HMHOA web site for the latest in approved shingles.

From the more consistent seasonal reminders standpoint, we are in need of volunteers for our social activities. We consistently hear how our residents enjoy the activities put on by our Social Committee. They have been doing a great job, but they need help, in ideas, organization, and execution. Some of these activities can be very labor intensive and others not as much. But we must be careful not to burn our volunteers out. The last couple years we have enjoyed new activities, and we look forward to new ones this year including repeats of those enjoyed by so many. This year we have met with Ross Downs and are exploring joint events. If you have a couple hours a month, please reach out to Jessica Gettig to let her know of your availability. We are seeing an increase in children in the neighborhood and are hearing from the parents. Please share your time, if possible; there is much to do and enjoy doing it.

As far as updates go, we have resubmitted our plans for the beautification of our Hall Johnson perimeter to the City of Colleyville. They are evaluating our proposal. We hope to have responses in time to meet our spring planting time frame objectives..... Stu Gardener, President stu@sgaconsulting.net

HOA Meeting Calendar:

March 20, 2023- HMHOA Board meeting at Market Street at 7 pm

July 17, 2023 – HMHOA Board meeting at Market Street at 7 pm

September 18, 2023- HMHOA Board meeting at Market Street at 7 pm

Week of October 16, 2023- Annual HOA meeting, TBA

November 13, 2023 – Board meeting at Market Street at 7 pm

Please help us!

One of our 2023 Goals is to improve our communication and increase participation in our sponsored social events, your Highland Meadow Homeowners Association Board is making some changes. We have created a short survey, and we would love to hear from you on what you would like our quarterly newsletters to include. In addition, the Social Committee will be sending quarterly postcards with QR codes to keep you apprised of our sponsored events in the hopes that you will join us for more activities! Please respond to this survey by April 1. Thank you for your participation!!! Here is the link for the survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ThxU2OG4Bg3OC8Qh2eUozdAnaum27YoHFr5EUrT6rao/edit>



SOCIAL NEWS!



Volunteers Needed!

WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Social committee volunteers to help with planning and events
- Block captains to help deliver our quarterly newsletters (kids are welcome to sign-up!)

If interested please call/text/email:
Jessica Gettig
817-308-4895
highlandmeadowssocial@gmail.com

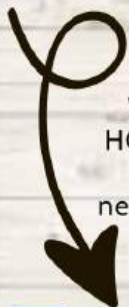
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT!

Bring your Easter baskets and join us for our annual Easter egg hunt! 1956 Pizza Truck will be on-site at 5:30pm so you can eat dinner at the park or grab a pizza to go! (self-pay, not covered by HOA). \$4/slice or \$20/whole pizza. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin around 6:30pm.

And be on the lookout for the Easter Bunny, he may just make an appearance!

Sponsored by Highland Meadows & Ross Downs HOAs!

**April 6th 5:30pm
at Kimzey Park**



GET CONNECTED!

We have a new, resident's only, HOA Facebook page that is used to share important neighborhood news and social event information.

Please join and invite your neighbors to do the same!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/highlandmeadowshoa>

You can also scan the QR code or visit <https://linktr.ee/hmhoa>. There you'll be able to find a direct link to our facebook group, a link to our website, and a google form to add or update contact information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

DON'T miss it!

Our neighborhood **GARAGE SALE** will be:
APRIL 15th
8am-2pm

JULY

Our 4th of July parade will be back! Please keep an eye out for details in our next newsletter.



SOCIAL RECAP



OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN PARADE
AT THE PARK WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!
THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT WERE ABLE TO
JOIN US AND HOPEFULLY THE ONES THAT
MISSED IT CAN PARTAKE NEXT YEAR!



*A special thanks to John Woelke for
capturing all the fun!*

<https://wstudios.zenfolio.com>

scan the QR code above for a direct link to all the pictures



**NEIGHBORHOOD
EASTER
EGG HUNT
& Food Truck**

April 6th 5:30pm

Kimzey Park

HOA Residents only

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE is on **Saturday, April 15**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



We'll bring you bargain hunters by posting an advertisement in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram, garage sale FB pages, and signs at each of the HM entrances. Please set-up your sale on your driveway where it is visible from the street. You may want to place a sign on the corner of your street to help publicize the event. If you are part of an online garage sale page, please be sure to add our Community Garage Sale!

Please put-up balloons or a sign at your mailbox or driveway to indicate that you are part of the community garage sale. In past years, we've spotted lemonade and popcorn stands set-up by enterprising young Highland Meadows residents!!!



Curb Appeal:

Congratulations to the Curb Appeal Winners Kristin and Brandon Powers of 2600 Whitehaven. The Powers' have lived in Highland Meadows for over 10 years! Whether you're entering or exiting Highland Meadows on Whitehaven, you are sure to notice the soaring Live Oaks that proudly stand guard in their front yard. It's these Live Oaks that encouraged the Powers family to seek more shade tolerant vegetation. They chose Beauty Bushes to highlight the landscape as they are native to Texas and bloom with a magnificent purple berry in the summer. To accentuate the overall look, the Powers' plan to add more exterior lighting that is sure to create a glowing ambiance. If you're in the area, take a moment to drive by, you won't be disappointed. Congrats on being the March 2023 Curb Appeal award winners and thank you for adding to our neighborhood aesthetic!



ACC REMINDER (Architectural Control Committee)

Spring is a great time to consider updating the exterior of your property. In order to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood, please don't start exterior home modifications without ACC approval; nor submit an ACC application with incomplete data – it will delay your project. File for ACC approval before you undertake projects on your property. Our CCRs require us to respond to ACC requests in 15 business days after we receive the ACC application and all documentation. Not sure if you need ACC approval? Contact CMA to verify before you begin work on your project... CMA Customer Care: (972) 943-2828. Here is additional information that might help in your planning:

HIGHLAND MEADOWS HOA – ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

ARCHITECTURAL FAQ'S

What projects need approval?

Any modifications or alterations to the exterior of your property. Submission for approval is always recommended.

Do I have to wait to start the project?

Yes, all projects must be submitted and approved prior to starting.

What if I did not obtain approval for my project? You will be asked to submit for approval. If your project is denied, you may be required to remove your project and restore the property to the previous condition.

My contractor does not provide drawings or brochures. What should I use instead?

A hand drawing of the project will be sufficient as long as it includes a plat map, dimensions, colors and materials.

If my project will not change from the original design, location, color or dimension, do I need to submit to the Committee?

Yes, please reach out to CMA or the ACC. We can let you know if ACC approval is needed or not.

Where can I obtain an ACC form?

You may submit your ACC request online. Log in at www.cmamanagement.com, and click on "ACC Request" in the Homeowner Toolbox." If you do not have a computer in order to submit your ACC request online, please contact CMA to obtain a paper form.

How will I be notified of the Committee's decision?

You will be notified by first class mail of the Committee's decision.

ACC APPLICATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED BY LOGGING ON TO

cmamanagement.com



2023 HIGHLAND MEADOWS HOA BOARD of DIRECTORS

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COMMITTEES:

ACC Committee:	MaryAnn Nicholson (chair), Dean Fittz, Kourtney Spilker, Al Voelkle and Ian Kelley
Curb Appeal:	Lee Spilker (Chair)
Landscape/Wall Committee:	Ray Allee (Chair), Joe Buchanan, MaryAnn Nicholson, Andrew Phelan, DeWayne Smart, Al Voelkle and Ron Ziolkowski
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If you would like to volunteer to help with the HOA please email the President and we'll add you to the list of volunteers. Likewise, if you have an idea for a social activity or one of the other committees, please let us know!



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK to "GET CONNECTED! –

We are switching to a private Facebook page for homeowners only. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://linktr.ee/hmhoa> . There you'll be able to find our new, residents only, Facebook group that we'll use to share neighborhood news and event information. We encourage everyone to join. You'll also find a google form to add or update your contact information." We will continue to host a Facebook page for external audiences so that those interested in our neighborhood can see what wonderful things we are doing here and what a great neighborhood this is!



FLAG Service:

Bennet Weitzer is keeping our neighborhood tradition alive. He is providing an American flag for your yard, curbside or other location by special request, on five US holidays. A 3 foot by 5 foot American flag will be hung on a 10 foot high metal pole. This is an annual lease service offering, and the flags and tools are properties of the business. The \$50.00 is for the service, not the purchase of the flag, pole or any accessories. He will store the flags after the annual year is complete. The 2023 dates for install/removal are as follows, subject to adjustments, based on weather or other conditions:

- ❖ Memorial Day (5/26-5/30)
- ❖ Flag Day (6/13-6/15)
- ❖ Independence Day (7/3-7/5)
- ❖ Labor Day (9/2-9/5)
- ❖ Veterans Day (11/8-11/12)

Preferred method to contact is email: Bxweitzer@yahoo.com or call 817-442-5553 for any questions regarding the service. Emails are checked weekly on Sundays. Please complete the Google form to complete your commitment and make a payment. (copy and paste into your server): https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-3D1jfSdxL9Ws_advX0ohpwC1z-CISbvzZosp2orPH8/viewform?edit_requested=true It is an inspiration to see our American flags lining our neighborhood streets so please consider signing up for this patriotic tradition!

Landscape Committee Update



The trees on Meadowhill between Hall Johnson and Ballantrae had branches growing over the street that were lower than 16 feet above the road. As a result, the Highland Meadows Homeowners Association received a code violation by the Colleyville code enforcement officer. HMHOA hired a tree care company, and we are now in compliance with the city code. HMHOA hired a company to repair the electrical problem at the north side of Highland Drive/Pool Road entrance. There appears to be a short under the street which requires a new electric wire to be run under the street. The company is working with the city to get permits, etc. so they can commence work.

Our landscaping company is removing/replacing dead and declining plants at all entrances.

They are also advising us on ornamental trees at Section 5 (East wall from Whitehaven/Hall Johnson intersection to end of the wall) to complement jasmine ground cover.

As homeowners, we know landscaping is an ongoing process which includes replacing dead/damaged/oversized plants, maintaining irrigation systems, and repairing of retaining walls. We certainly appreciate the diligence and efforts of our landscaping committee and are thankful that our HOA realizes the importance of maintaining appealing entrances and boundaries.

2023 Budget approved at Annual Meeting

Dues remain at \$400 per household

Balances as of 12/31/22

REVENUE

Simmons Bank (non-restrictive) \$43,385.32

Webster Bank (non-restrictive) \$40,493.30

North State Bank (restrictive) \$38,833.61

Assessment Revenues \$146,800.00 (based on (367) homeowners paying \$400)

Other Income \$20.88 (interest earned on invested funds)

Total Revenue \$146,820.88

EXPENSES

Administrative: \$42,879.64

Community Activities \$7,559.98

Landscape and Common Area Maintenance

Utilities \$9702.11

Maintenance \$79,739.76

Irrigation \$1500.00

Repairs and Replacement \$5439.39

Total Expenses \$146,820.88

Budget Balance (0.00)

Local Celebrity:

Congratulations to Highland Meadows resident, Sara Keleher, for being named Top Producer in real estate for Compass. Check out the article on page 72 of the November issue of the 360WEST magazine about our local resident!

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SARA KELEHER

Compass
Top Producer

Sara Keleher learned the real estate business early working in her family's brokerage and title offices during high school and college. As a little girl, she loved leafing through the old school MLS books in her mom's car, dreaming of the possibilities that each home presented. As a real estate agent with Compass, she still enjoys that process and takes every client's needs to heart. Her philosophy is simple and sincere – treat each client like family and friends and they will become just that.

A native of Dallas, her longtime familiarity with the area helps clients find the location that fits their lifestyle and needs. This is especially valued by clients who are relocating from other parts of the country.

Licensed since 2007, Sara is an expert in the real estate industry and attentively guides her clients through the process of buying or selling a home. Her clients appreciate Sara's professionalism and excellent negotiation and communication skills. Those characteristics and her up-to-the-minute knowledge of the current real estate market make Sara's clients confident in her ability to help them find their dream home or quickly sell the property they own for the highest price.

Call Sara for expert guidance and the results you want.

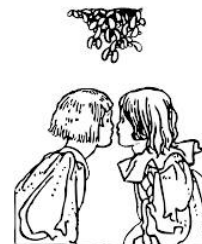
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MISTLETOE IN YOUR TREES?

We are seeing a lot of mistletoe on trees throughout Highland Meadows. The HOA has recently hired a tree service to remove mistletoe from some of the trees on HOA maintained property. We'd like to share this article by Toni Morehead of Signature Gardens in dealing with mistletoe.



"Every Kiss Begins With... Mistletoe?"

And you thought Kay Jewelers had the corner on this market, didn't you?

There are several theories on the origin of the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe. One theory dates back to ancient Norse mythology. The Reader's Digest version is that the son of the goddess Frigg was killed with a spear made of mistletoe. When the son, Dadr, was brought back to life, Frigg declared that from that point on mistletoe would bring love rather than death into the world. People kissed under the mistletoe to remember Valdr's resurrection, bringing the promise of happiness and good luck in the following year.

Folklore abounds when it comes to mistletoe. Another legend dates back to the ancient Babylonian-Assyrian Empire where mistletoe was hung outside the temple for the goddess of beauty and love.

Mistletoe was also seen as a supernatural healing plant, and the Greeks believed it to be an aphrodisiac that promoted fertility. It was even put under the beds of newlywed couples to bring good luck.

In Scandinavia, mistletoe was considered a plant of peace. Under the peace-promoting plant, enemies could declare a truce or warring spouses would kiss and make up. In Europe, branches of mistletoe were hung from ceilings to ward off evil spirits.

In England young men would kiss women standing under the mistletoe and would pluck a berry from the bush after each kiss. After all the berries were gone, it was bad luck to continue kissing under that bush.

With all that love, peace, and kissing attributed to the mistletoe, you'd think everyone would be clamoring to have one or two. But this is where the romance ends, my friends.

The Old English (Anglo-Saxon) word for Mistletoe was *mistiltan* – "**Mistel**" meaning "dung" and "tan" meaning "twig", i.e., "**Dung-on-a-twig.**" Not so lovely anymore, is it?



Mistletoe produces a white berry that is part of the diet of many birds. The seeds are coated with a sticky gelatinous substance. When the seeds are excreted in bird droppings, the seeds stick like glue to twigs and limbs until they germinate.

When the mistletoe seeds germinate, root-like structures called haustoria penetrate the bark and grow into the xylem (the water conducting tissue of

the tree limb.) Mistletoe is a parasite that lives off the tree as its host. The water nutrients needed for its growth and development are taken from the tree's sap.

Small limbs infested with mistletoe can be pruned. Limbs must be cut at least 12 inches beyond where the mistletoe attaches to the limb in order to completely remove the embedded root system.

When mistletoe is growing on large limbs or on the tree's trunk, pruning is no longer practical.

Just cut the mistletoe off flush at the point it attaches to the limb or trunk. Only mature plants (2-3 years old) produce berries. You may reduce the spread of the plant if you can remove the mistletoe plant before it reaches maturity and produces seeds.

Another option is to cut off the mistletoe plant and then wrap the area with a few layers of black plastic for one to two years. This may be an effective control of the plant, since mistletoe also requires chlorophyll and sunlight in order to survive. Once again, the size of the tree and location of the mistletoe will determine how practical it is to try this technique. Safety first!



There is currently no herbicide recommended for the control of mistletoe in trees. Because the mistletoe's haustoria basically become intertwined with the tree's vascular system, chemical controls could cause injury to the tree.

Some trees seem to be more susceptible to mistletoe. Cedars, junipers, pecan, live oak, and magnolia trees are rarely infected with mistletoe. However, water oak, Spanish oak, elm and hackberry trees are frequently infested with this parasite.

So does having mistletoe mean the kiss of death for your tree? Not necessarily. Mistletoe may not kill a tree outright, but heavily infested limbs are stressed, and this can increase the tree's susceptibility to other problems.

Now that the trees have dropped their leaves this winter, the evergreen mistletoe will be very visible. Hopefully you can safely remove it, and you and your trees can kiss the parasite goodbye!

Toni Morehead, of Signature Gardens

Follow Toni Morehead's Facebook Page, "Signature Gardens," and blog, "Signaturegardens.blogspot.com", for tips on care for your plants and gardens. Toni is a Tarrant County Master Gardener, Texas Certified Landscape Professional, and owner of Signature Gardens. She has landscaped many of the gardens in our area and is a frequent speaker at Colleyville Garden Club.