

March 30, 2016

Neighbors: April is dues renewal month. Dues remain at \$50, as they have been for many years. You will find the renewal form below.

MEMBERSHIPS -- Of our total 155 households, I've included a list of 108 dues-paying members for last year. If you believe you've been omitted, please let me know and we'll look into it.

There are a couple of reasons, why 47 homes may not have paid dues:

- There may be homes presently vacant or in the process of being sold/bought,
- We've had a number of families move in last year, and they may have missed last year's renewal,
- We have at least 6 homes who paid two years ago, but missed last year (forgot?)
- We, of course, have a some homeowners who just don't contribute

Please try to renew your dues in the month of April.

E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION -- We also have more people on the e-mail distribution list than have paid their dues. Some of the same reasons apply:

- We've had people move in late last year, and I told them to just wait until 2016
- Others just don't contribute

When I first started as NECA President, I put anyone on the e-mail list who asked for it, even if they were not members in good standing. My philosophy was: if we started communicating well to each other, perhaps they would come to believe we are trying to add value to our community. I'm afraid two years seems like a very reasonable trial period. So, anyone who has not paid dues for 2016 by May 31st, will be deleted from the e-mail distribution list.

IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP DUES -- You've seen from the minutes of our Annual Meeting, that we have been working on a number of projects and activities which help keep Northville Estates a great place to live. The ones which require membership financial support to keep doing are:

- We continue to do a good job of landscaping the front entrance island
- We've started a nice tradition with the Annual Picnic
- We'd like to set a solid plan this year for a sign for the front entrance
- We're working to add one, or more, social events for everyone to join in
- We want to do more to help maintain our five commons areas

OK – enough said. Looking forward to a great year. Chuck M.

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