

4 DOT SUBDIVISION



NEWSLETTER

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HOA Meeting: January/February:

In attendance: Larry Mason, Megan Hoover, Chris & Melis Edwards, Suzi Clark and Andrew Pitt

SNOW:

This has been one heavy snow year for 4-Dot. We have received many compliments on the job that DJ (with Earth Landscaping) is performing in our subdivision; many claiming that Earth Landscaping has been the best plower to date (with only one complaint), having to do the quantity of snow being pushed into the easement of a homeowners property. We thank you all for understanding that with the volume of snow we have experienced this year (and last year) and the fact that our subdivision does not have empty lots (which use to be used for snow mounds), that we may continue to experience high volumes of more snow in our lot easements (the first 12 feet in of each of our lots; just adjacent to the street)

Light at the Entrance:

Homeowners have questioned if the light works at the entrance is in proper working order. It is, but is affected by how much snow catches on the solar panel. As this has been a heavy snow year, the panel accumulated more snow which causes the panel to not absorb as much solar energy.

Dues

Notices were delivered in January. The HOA dues should be paid within 30 days of receipt; not at the end of the year. The treasurer position is volunteer; please keep this in mind when you do not pay within the first month as new invoices need to be generated and mailed out; requiring more unnecessary volunteer time and cost to the subdivision (printing/stamps). Several homes are in danger of having liens placed on their properties, so please pay your past and current HOA dues.

Board Positions: Calling all Homeowners!!!!

We need new 4-Dot Homeowners to step forward to fill the board positions. It doesn't take that much time, but it's time for the current board to step down and allow new homeowners to step into those roles.

Everything that is accomplished in our subdivision is on a VOLUNTEER basis, and the board is no exception!

The positions can be adapted to fit your abilities. For example, when Bert was our amazing President several years ago, he was also the treasurer (as he knew QuickBooks and taxes). Also know that the current board will provide guidance during the transition, many usually stay on the board as a committee member but not in an active role.

Being on the board means you learn a bit more about this micro government we call our 4-Dot HOA, but you also get to meet some of your amazing neighbors.

We are seeking the following:

- President: Takes notes, votes on board decisions, leads projects/delegates projects
- Secretary: Takes notes, votes on board decisions, develops the newsletter, etc.
- Treasurer: handles the dues and bills; taxes as well
- Vice President: Similar to President and secretary; able to step into those spots as needed.

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do good, feel good

Are you wondering: If you are you paid? How much time do you commit? What do you do if you take a position?

The duties are VOLUNTEER and require a few hours a month for the following:

1. Regular HOA meetings (monthly or every/other month)
2. Coordinate events, cleanups, discuss covenants, address emails, organize snow removal/mowing, and so forth.
3. The treasurer position requires the knowledge of QuickBooks as well as handling the taxes for the HOA.

BBQ

Claire Silvey has volunteered to orchestrate a 4-Dot BBQ this summer. Please watch for announcements and let us know if you would like to help out!



Volunteers

Summer is just around the corner and we'll need volunteers to lead projects in the East Park, West Park, newsletter delivering, park clean up in, 4-Dot Garage Sale in July. Volunteers should email the subdivision contact information.

Goals for the year:

- Dirt in west /east parks & possibly seeding,
- Replanting the front of the subdivision (removing leggy outgrown plant matter),
- Algae abatement (if necessary) in ponds,
- Fixing Paths around East Park
- Pruning/trimming trees/shrubs in both parks,
- Weed control in both parks and around subdivision.

How does the 4-Dot Subdivision maintains its Parks, Roads and More?

We received a complaint from a homeowner who stated the following:

“The HOA is responsible for maintaining the common areas, roads and parks, and the members, being the homeowners are assessed for the cost of the maintenance. Never have the linear parks been maintained....weeds or otherwise by the HOA as required by the covenants since we have been in the subdivision”

The HOA would like to remind all homeowners that the work performed in 4-Dot each year (outside of Plowing/mowing, not to mention saving a large percentage for future re-surfacing of our roads) happens through volunteer efforts.

We realize that many homeowners think that the HOA dues should pay for everything from weed control to HOA management, but if the subdivision HIRED these jobs out, our HOA dues would triple. We do not believe any of us want our HOA dues to rise to the levels paid by River Rock, Elk Grove, Baxter Meadows (\$750-1000 a year).

So your help is truly needed. Whatever and whenever you can give it. Please email the fourdotmeadows@hotmail.com email address to let us know what you have in mind. We want to be sure that no efforts are unnecessarily duplicated. Many of the board members serve on the board and an additional 20-40 hours volunteering in projects around the subdivision. It isn't much time in the grand scheme of the year; we all have our own homes, work, sporting events, kids; but a few hours of volunteer work can make a WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

So, make this year a year you will help with at least one subdivision project or consider volunteering to serve on the board. We REALLY appreciate your being will to work towards maintaining and improving the neighborhood that we love!