



MOHAWK TRAILS HOA NEWSLETTER

WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Mohawk Trails Homeowners Association (MTHOA) was held on Wednesday, December 12 in Niskayuna Town Hall at 6:30. Many homeowners attended.

The dominant discussion was about the clean up/snow plowing service we received this fall from Grasdorf. There were areas on both Balltown and Nott Street where leaves remain. Kelly Wolfe, our Edgewater Representative stated the position of Edgewater. She also reported lack of response from Grasdorf to our concerns. Those present asked Kelly to pursue other vendors for our lawn care, summer 2019.

Minutes of the meeting are or will be available on our website: www.mohawktrailshoa@weebly.com

LAWN CARE AND SNOW REMOVAL

The two largest expenditures of your HOA fees is for Lawn Care and Snow Removal. The board requests proposals from many contractors. The contractors come before the board to “pitch” their service. The goal from the board’s point of view is to provide the best service possible, at best possible cost. Our community has many aspects that require multiple equipment use and a large work force. Small contractors are not suited to provide the service we need. Edgewater searches for contractors who can provide the service we need and meet our standards.

REMINDER:

Snow removal plans do not always coincide actual snowfall. Your patience is appreciated while waiting for snowfall to end and plowing to begin. If you feel there is a problem contact Edgewater. Remember Edgewater is not the problem. Edgewater’s job is not to justify the contractor but to pass on our complaints/ issues to the contractor. Your issues/complaints give Edgewater the facts they need to advise the contractor that our standards are not being met.

All vehicles must be removed from plow areas. If a vehicle is in area to be plowed the snow will be removed. The area around the vehicle will be the homeowner’s responsibility to remove the snow around those vehicles. The contractors will not stop to attempt contact with vehicle owners. This is time consuming and slows down a process that needs be done as quickly as possible. Help our contractors do their job by removing any vehicles not garaged. Help your neighbors by moving your vehicles.

EXTERIOR CHANGE REQUESTS

One of the most common issues in our community is the EXTERIOR CHANGE REQUEST. A copy of this is included in the Residents Guide and online: www.mohawktrailshoa@weebly.com As our community ages there is an increased need for exterior changes, this includes, windows, lampposts, decks, garage doors and plantings that have potential to grow taller than 3 feet (as well as large planting removal). This is not a complete list if you are not sure it is a good idea to submit an Exterior Change Request in order to avoid request for removal or a FINE.

The exterior standards are designed with a goal of maintaining property values, they are not intended to be punitive. Nor are they intended to pit neighbors against each other. Edgewater has been hired by MTHOA to make regular inspections to keep ahead of Exterior violation issues. These inspections will begin again in the Spring.

MTHOA BOARD MEMBERS

Two of our longstanding members Maria Guidarelli and Pam Garkowski have resigned from the board. The MTHOA thanks them for their many years of service to our community, working for the goal of preserving our community and our property value.

After the annual meeting two homeowners volunteered join the board: Keith Barney (a former member) and Sarah Witbeck (a new homeowner).

We still do not have a representative from Balltown Road. This lack makes it difficult for the board to make decisions on their behalf.

Any homeowners who are willing to join the board should contact:

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