

THE BENA BULLETIN

A quarterly newsletter from the Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association

Winter 2019



New Bookkeeper!

The BENA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of a new bookkeeping firm for 2019. **Grafton & Associates** will be handling the dues this year. The Board contacted numerous bookkeeping firms, and we are confident Grafton & Associates will meet the needs of Bicentennial Estates. Their firm is familiar with neighborhood associations in Lincoln, including some of the associations neighboring Bicentennial Estates.

Please note that your dues statement will be coming from Grafton & Associates, so watch for it in the mail. They handle the dues directly, so your payment will go to a different address than previous years. Your payment still needs to be made out to BENA. You will need to contact Grafton & Associates with questions regarding payment. Contact information, including their address and phone number, will be on your statement from them.

If you need your statement sent to an alternative address, please email BENA and we will get that resolved for you.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact BENA. We understand this first year will be a learning curve for everyone and we are here to help.

Holiday Lights Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Lights Contest! Our neighborhood was very festive this year! All homes with a lighting display were posted on the BENA Facebook page, and many of you Liked and Shared your favorites to vote.

At the time of the December Board Meeting, there was a tie for third place. The Board voted to award all four winners with a \$25 gift card.

Our \$25 Hy-Vee Gift Card Winners are:

5240 N. 25th Street – 74 likes
5035 Bunker Hill Road – 67 likes
5032 Valley Forge Road – 57 likes
2213 Old Glory Road – 57 likes

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for participating! We can't wait to see your lighting displays next year.



Commons Courtesy

There have been many misconceptions regarding our Commons and we have had problems with people dumping brush into the commons. If you have made piles of brush in the commons, please dispose of it properly. We ask you to be familiar with this small list of Commons Courtesy Rules.

- No dumping brush of any kind. This costs the association money to remove it. The only brush piles allowed on the commons are from Commons trees that have been trimmed.
- No driving on Commons without board approval. This includes commercial companies you hire.
- If you planted trees on the commons, you must have board approval to remove them.
- City of Lincoln Pet Laws apply. (Leashes, pick up poop, etc.)
- Please pick up your trash. There is a trash bin located by the playground.

Please be respectful and help keep our commons beautiful.

Remember dues increase in 2019 to \$100.

* With the dues increase, we have added a "Tree Removal" section to the 2019 Operating Budget.

Board Meetings

- We are in need of Board members for 2019.

Attend our Annual Meeting this spring.

Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. The meetings are typically held at Goodrich Middle School in the media center (4600 Lewis Avenue, door #18). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Keep In Touch

- Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association Board can be reached anytime with questions, comments, or concerns at our *NEW* email address: BicentennialEstates.board@gmail.com.
- Stay up to date with our neighborhood on our website at www.BicentennialEstates.info.
- Like us on Facebook to watch for announcements and event information at [Facebook.com/BicentennialEstatesNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/BicentennialEstatesNeighborhoodAssociation).

2019 Operating Budget

Federal/State Income Taxes	\$75
Bookkeeping	\$4,600
Lien Filing Fees	\$150
Commons Improvements	\$1,500
<i>(playground/basketball court maint.)</i>	
Insurance	\$550
Mowing, Trimming, Trash, Snow	\$10,000
Office/Newsletter Supplies	\$300
Postage	\$300
Rental Expenses	\$625
<i>(storage unit and PO Box)</i>	
Printing Expenses	\$200
<i>(including bulk mailing)</i>	
Resident Activities	\$800
<i>(4th of July, Easter egg hunt, holiday lights)</i>	
* Tree Removal	\$10,000
<i>(preventative removal of Ash/problem trees)</i>	
Tree Maintenance <i>(trimming)</i>	\$3,000
Technology – Website Domain	\$75
Utilities	\$300
Total 2019 Expenditures	\$32,475
Projected Dues Revenue 2019	\$36,900
Variance Revenue Minus Expenses	\$4,425

Treasurer's Report

Date	Description	Check	Deposit	Balance
10/01/18	Balance Forward			37,017.67
10/16/18	T & D Mowing	1010.00		
10/16/18	Bonnie Isom <i>(Yearly Review)</i>	100.00		
10/23/18	Cornhusker Bank <i>(Checks)</i>	28.75		
10/23/18	LES	31.38		
10/26/18	Dues Deposit		140.31	
10/31/18	Interest		3.34	
11/20/18	LES	28.97		
11/20/18	Acme Tree Service	800.00		
11/20/18	T & D Mowing	920.00		
11/30/18	Interest		2.96	
12/18/18	T & D Mowing	410.00		
12/18/18	Kent Pierce <i>(2018 Easter egg candy)</i>	152.96		
12/18/18	Century Sales <i>(Storage Unit)</i>	360.00		
12/21/18	Lancaster County <i>(2018 Liens)</i>	52.00		
12/21/18	Hy-Vee <i>(Holiday Light Winners)</i>	100.00		
12/26/18	LES	29.74		
12/27/18	Menards <i>(Trash can supplies)</i>	33.14		
12/28/18	Ace Hardware <i>(Trash can supplies)</i>	22.58		
12/31/18	Interest		2.91	
12/31/18	Ending Balance			33,087.67
<i>*Please be aware of the requirement to keep one year's operating expenses in reserve.</i>				

Board of Directors

Cory Williamson <i>President</i>	5042 N. 25 th St (308) 529-2627
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