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elcome to the new look of the Springhurst newsletter! It is hoped that you will find the new, out-sourced newsletter, professionally designed with a more modern appearance, more pleasing and helpful.

As the time seems to fly almost without notice, the work to keep Springhurst on the forefront of desirable places to live in the city is a constant reality for our board leaders. Our members serve faithfully and tirelessly to protect and increase the property values in the community. This year we will reluctantly say farewell from the board to Dan Cantrell, lyybridge; Susan Ladd, Springmeadows; and Chris Block, representing Springhurst Gardens as substitute at-large director for that village. Please take time to thank these great volunteers for their time, hard work, and dedication to the success of our community over the past four years!

After fourteen years, I will relinquish the pleasure of working in this community as a member of the SCA Board in February. This is a time that I shall remember with great fondness and appreciation for all of you—board and committee members, AND homeowners—that I have had the privilege to know. Please accept my sincere thanks for your support and friendship over these many years. Simply - Thank you.

> Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season, Brenda Harral, SCA President

Treasurer's Report

he draft budgets for 2024 were approved by the SCA at the October 16th board meeting. The **Common** area assessment will increase by \$20 to \$940 annually which is an increase of 2.2%. The 2024 budget reflects known and projected increases for 2024 in all expenses including General Administrative, Communications, Grounds, and Utility categories.

The SCA Board also approved the 2024 budget for the Pool and Clubhouse membership assessments. The Pool and Clubhouse fees for 2024 will remain unchanged from 2023 at \$430 per year.

The road assessments for Ivybridge for 2024 will increase 2.6% over 2023 which will be \$280 per year. The road assessment for Springhurst Gardens will not increase over 2023 and will be \$90 per year.

The finance committee has reviewed the 2024 budget on a line- item basis. Based on prior year actual costs and projected changes for 2024 the goal was to come up with a budget that would cover our annual costs that would keep our neighborhood in good condition and up to date. In addition, the finance committee strived to keep our annual assessments as low as possible.

Invoices for assessments will be mailed no later than the first week of January

2024. The first payments are due by February 1, 2024 and the second by April 1, 2024. Please pay on time to avoid any late charges.

Interest will be charged for late payments in accordance with the Rules for Assessments and Collections.

Please make your payments by mail to the SCA Office at the clubhouse, 4200 Springhurst Blvd. or place your checks in the black mailbox at the front door. Registered users to the association's website at springhurstvillages.com may also pay by credit card. Please sign in and go to the "Homeowner" tab to pay. Note: a service fee (to the bank) will be added.

Thank You. Dan Cantrell, Treasurer SCA





- · Website update, modernization, or complete redesign
- Update Reserve Study
- · Replace trees and shrubs removed due to disease and storms as needed
- · Continue phased landscape enhancements slowed in 2023 due to storm damage
- Encourage homeowner property maintenance
- · Update organization's Bylaws





Closed December 22 - January 1 Reopen January 2 Voice mail will not be monitored Email urgent needs to SCAmanager@outlook.com

Grounds Committee

s we entered 2023, we got off to a Avery frigid start with the unusually severe winter cold and wind. Many of the plant varieties that normally survive a very cold winter season did not survive the extreme winter-burn condition we all encountered. Working with our landscape maintenance company, APHIX, we were able, through late spring, to remove the severely damaged shrubs and most have been replaced. We still have some shrubs we are watching through next spring to determine if additional replacements will be needed. We also went through two severe spring wind events causing the community to lose more trees.

The renovation project at the SCA entrance at Highway 22 and Hurstbourne Parkway was completed. The stone walls were pressure washed, Springhurst signage freshly painted and new LED lighting was installed to highlight the stone walls, the new shrubs and redesigned flower beds. New fencing was installed along the entire length of Goose Creek Road bordering the Villages of Springmont and Felsmere and also installed along Springhurst Boulevard bordering the Village of lvybridge.

We believe you will see further improvements in the community in the spring of 2024 as we have plans to increase the number of flowers to be planted in the common areas. We are looking at adding some flower varieties we haven't had before. We are also returning

to using grade A cedar mulch, replacing the brown hardwood mulch we tried for a couple of years. In addition, we will be looking at replacing some common area trees, in certain areas, that have been impacted by the loss of trees due to wind storms and natural decline and disease.

The SCA landscape maintenance contract with APHIX will expire at the end of 2023. After going through the required bid process, your SCA board of directors unanimously approved a new two-year contract with APHIX. The new contract maintenance expense amount is less than the previous contract amount, allowing, in part, for the very reasonable increase in our resident SCA dues for 2024.

-Mike Merrifield, Grounds Committee Chairman

FEBRUARY

Annual Meeting of the Association

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Springhurst
community will take place in accordance with the Bylaws of
the Association on **February 27, 2024**, at the Westport Road
Baptist Church. An official notification will be printed and
mailed to each property owner in January. Meeting and election
rules and details are available on the Association's website.

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The director election will take place **entirely** at the annual meeting. Six directors have terms that expire this year, and elections will be held for director positions listed. Incumbents who will seek reelection are indicated.

Moorfield, Chris Utter Springmeadows, Vacant Ivybridge, Vacant At-large, Vacant Springhurst Gardens, Vacant Hartwick, Rudy Rodriguez While the village director vacancies should be filled by a resident from each of those villages, the at-large director position may be filled by any Springhurst resident who is in good standing. This is the perfect opportunity for an individual who would like to serve the Springhurst community but their village already has a representative in place. Candidates for all director positions listed above may either be nominated by another resident or self-nominated at the meeting.

The election results will be posted and available to registered users on the Association's website at springhurstvillages.com. Please MAKE SURE that you are a registered user and signed up to receive email notifications from the Association!

Clubhouse Rentals

The Springhurst Clubhouse can be rented for your private party, reunion, shower, business meeting or whatever gathering you are planning. The rental fee is \$190 (+tax) for pool and clubhouse members and \$275 (+tax) for nonmembers.

Rental forms, calendar showing availability and other information can be found on the website at <u>springhurstvillages</u>. <u>com</u>, or contact the SCA property manager at 425-4672.

Tennis Courts and Playground

The code to the gate is **532** and should not be shared with non-residents. Email springhurstvillages@gmail.com if you have difficulty. Please make sure the tennis court gate is closed and locked when leaving the court. And remember, pets are not allowed inside the fenced area of the tennis courts.

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste

A II Republic Services pickups will be one day late during Christmas and New Year's holiday weeks.

Yard waste will be picked up on Tuesdays; recycling and regular trash collection, on Thursdays during both weeks.

Community Yard Sale Dates 2024

8 JUNE 2024 SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER 2024 SATURDAY

Bulk Junk Pickup

13 JUNE 2024 THURSDAY

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SEPTEMBER 2024 THURSDAY

Please do not tape any signs to the light posts or street signs!

Communication Updates

ne of our biggest changes in 2023 was outsourcing the newsletter, resulting in a redesign which is more modern and appealing. We hope you all are enjoying the new look!

Plans for 2024 include updating the Association's existing website or possibly a complete redesign. We are still exploring options. With the cost of printing and mailing continuing to go up, we are looking to utilize the website more in the future to reach homeowners with important news and announcements. We want the website to be user-friendly and easy to navigate.

Like so many other organizations, our goal is to eventually go as paperless as possible. As an example, this year we will be posting the director election results from the Annual Meeting on the Association's website. Homeowners will be notified by email when the results have been posted. We will not be mailing the results via USPS this year.

At the present time, less than half of Springhurst homeowners are registered users of the Associations website. If you aren't already registered, we encourage you to go to springhurstvillages.com and sign up immediately. An added benefit to signing up and furnishing your email address is receiving regular email announcements from the Association.

As a registered user, you will have access to important Springhurst information and the ability to pay your annual assessment online by credit card, a feature we were able to add in

If you need assistance registering or do not have email but wish to be notified of community news and events, please contact the SCA office at 425-4672. Please be assured that the Association will never share your email address or any personal information.

-Anna Rosing, Communications Chairman



Call **Metro 3-1-1** to report such things as potholes, MSD drainage issues, breaks in sidewalks that present a fall hazard, obstruction of right-of-way, or an item in the road or sidewalk that is hazardous to drivers, bikers or pedestrians!

Pool and Clubhouse



hat a great year! The pool was well staffed with guards, and events were well attended and very successful. The "night swims" added this year earned a resounding "YES" from our members. More are definitely planned for next year.

Congratulations to the **Springhurst Sharks swim** team! We are proud of our team for placing third in the Louisville Swim Association Championships (Division 2) this year. "SWIM FAST, AND HAVE FUN!" they say. And they did!



Thanks largely to an increase in investment revenue and a reduction in contracted landscape pricing, the amount of the Pool and Clubhouse assessment will not increase for the first time in five years. Another factor is proper maintenance and repair of equipment and facilities by the Pool and Clubhouse Committee and the manager that helps prevent (but not avoid) unexpected expenses and any need for increased expense and special assessments.

Clubhouse rentals during the year continue to be popular and are enjoyed for a variety of events and meetings. Please book early if you have plans to rent the facility!

SCA Board of Directors

President, Brenda Harral, At-Large Vice-President, Ben Jenkins, Wynbrooke Secretary, Nadine Deaton, Springbrooke Treasurer, Dan Cantrell, Ivybridge Grea Troutman, Abbeywood John Olash, White Blossom Joshua Rose, White Blossom Jim Burd, At-Large Erik Samaro, Felsmere Chris Utter, Moorfield Anna Rosing, Springmont Rudy Rodriguez, Hartwick Susan Ladd, Springmeadows Mike Merrifield, Tuxford Norman Stiefler, Valencia Casey Cline, At-Large Chris Block, Springhurst Gardens Substitute At-Large

Cheryl Shontz, Property Manager Debbie Graham, Assistant Property Manager scamanager@outlook.com

The SCA Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7PM, at the clubhouse. Exceptions may be made at the board's discretion. Meetings are open to all residents. Contact the board's secretary at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to request time on the agenda.

Declaration of Covenants Conditions & **Restrictions:**

Your DCCRs

re you familiar with your DCCRs? A These are important restrictions that apply to your property and they must be observed when you move to a deed-restricted community such as Springhurst. A full set of the DCCRs for your village may be accessed at the community website Springhurstvillages.com. Remember that many people bought their homes within Springhurst because of our strict covenant rules. Please abide by them.



** Attention IVYBRIDGE, SPRINGHURST GARDENS, & SPRINGMEADOWS!

As you may know, the board currently has vacancies for director representation in your village. It is absolutely vital that an owner step up and volunteer to represent your village on the SCA Board of Directors otherwise, you will have no voice on the decisions made by the board.

In the event that a director cannot be elected from a particular village, the Board

of Directors will select a "Substitute Atlarge Director" from another village to fill that vacancy. This is in accordance with the Bylaws of SCA.

Every single village in Springhurst must have a representative so that your ideas and feelings on board actions can be heard AND considered when decisions are made that impact you.

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Important Numbers

Animal Services: 473-7387 Jefferson County Clerk: 574-5700

LG&E: 589-1444

Louisville Water: 583-6610 8th Division LMPD: 574-2258

Non-Emergency Police: 574-2111, Option 5 Anonymous Tip Line LMPD: 574-5673, Option 1 Make Incident Report LMPD: 574-5673, Option 3 Markus Winkler, Metro Council District 17: 574-1117 Before You Dig: 800-752-6007 (kentucky811.org or Dial 811) Repair or Replace Mailbox: 966-5774 (sales@dugginsco.com)

SCA Manager: 425-4672



Metro Ordinance 72.035 states that you may be given a citation by Metro Police for parking -

- · within 30 feet of an intersection or STOP sign. This includes while waiting in your car for a school bus.
- · with the vehicle's wheels on the grass.
- with the vehicle facing the wrong direction.
- on a private or public driveway within four feet of the sidewalk.

ALWAYS STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES LOADING AND UNLOADING **CHILDREN!**



Christmas Tree Pickup R epublic Services, up Christmas trees for epublic Services will pick those who subscribe to yard waste on January 2, 8, and 15 and no additional charge. The trees must be cut to lengths no longer than three and a half feet and have all decorations and lights removed.

Those who are not yard waste subscribers may call Republic Services at 502-638-9000, pay a \$35 fee, and arrange Christmas tree pickup.