

Somerset Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting of the Membership
February 2022
President's Report

Our Association has had a very busy year. Thank you to all of our residents for putting their trust in us as volunteers to manage the maintenance of our neighborhood.

On an ongoing basis, our Association:

1. Administers SPOA property owner database
2. Collects dues and administers our budget
3. Contracts and manages lawn mowing and maintenance of all common areas
4. Contracts and manages snow removal for our common areas and alleys
5. Maintains the pond and pavilion
6. Empties and maintains garbage cans in parks
7. Maintains and monitors playground equipment in parks
8. Communicates and enforces restrictive covenants
9. Maintains SPOA website and digital media
10. Monitors changes from the City of Ames that affect HOAs across the city
11. Addresses homeowner issues and concerns as they arise

In addition to regular, ongoing maintenance, we also select and implement larger improvement projects around Somerset. In 2021, we had a very busy and productive year. Your Board has initiated several major improvements and lots of minor improvements around Somerset.

These improvements include:

1. Pivoted to live online Board Meetings due to COVID
2. Researched and planned action to update Proxies section of our By-Laws
3. Purchased and installed an upgraded lighted fountain on our pond
4. Purchased, planted, and maintained 12 new trees in common areas near parks and paths
5. Purchased, planted, and maintained 2 additional trees near Kingston Drive
6. Purchased, planted and maintained a new tree at the request of Richard Olson, on Somerset Drive
7. Board members volunteered to pick up trash in the Stormwater Retention area along 24th Street
8. Repaired/replaced spotlights at the main entrance of Somerset, 24th and Stange Road
9. Repaired pedestal street lights at Kingston Dr/Stange Road and Northridge Parkway/GW Carver
10. Replaced photo cells in lighting controls for the Pavillion
11. Established and maintained an SPOA Facebook page for regular communication with members
12. Trimmed shrubbery near park signs in all parks
13. Reviewed and advised on several members' yard fence replacement designs and inquiries
14. Established new cost share arrangement with THRH Association for mowing near the pond
15. Addressed noxious weeds in ditch along GW Carver
16. Maintained and upgraded perennial plants in raised beds near Pavilion
17. Addressed the majority of unpaid or delinquent members accounts

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As we look forward to 2022, our Board needs your input into priorities and focus for maintenance and improvements of our common areas. Ideas we are considering:

1. Establish a maintenance check of all spotlights and floodlights in Somerset
2. Replace our park signs in Crescent Lawn and The Grove
3. Add as many as 12 trees in our common areas on path north of Kingston Dr, from Stange Road to GW Carver; collaborate with City of Ames Forester
4. Ask City of Ames to collaborate on clean up/clearing volunteer trees in stormwater retention area along 24th street
5. Repair soft spot in decking of the Pavillion
6. Acquire and install play equipment in Somerset Law
7. Repair and/or resurface additional bike paths

Thank you for your continued support of our work. If you would like to be more involved, please contact us somersetames@gmail.com

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