

Somerset Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting of the Membership
February 2023 – 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. Maintains trees in parks
9. Communicates and enforces restrictive covenants
10. Maintains SPOA website and digital media
11. Monitors changes from the City of Ames that affect HOAs across the city
12. 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 2022, 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. Planted and maintained 16 new trees along paths NW from Stange to GW Carver
2. Mowed and reconditioned the retention basins along 24th street
3. Ash borer mitigation along pond with THRH
4. Repaired landscape timber along playground equipment in Landons' Lawn
5. Bid and awarded a replacement lawn contractor mid-summer
6. Repair and sealing of over 1200 feet of bike path
7. Two new custom park signs in The Grove and Crescent Lawn
8. Updated database on Somerset Covenants and renewals through 2024
9. Surveyed neighbors around Somerset Lawn for potential park equipment

As we look forward to 2023, our Board needs your input into priorities and focus for maintenance and improvements of our common areas. Ideas we are considering:

1. Upgrades, repair, and sealant for more bike paths
2. Play equipment or structure addition to Somerset Lawn
3. Up to 12 trees for common areas
4. Mitigation and replacement of Ash trees around the Pond
5. Repair or replace flood lights and/or pedestal lights in feature areas
6. Other maintenance and upgrades as needed

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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