

# HAMILTON HILLS NEWS

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<https://www.hamiltonhillshoa.com>

## Board Business

### City Ordinances

As a reminder, the City of Savage has several ordinances in place with which homeowners must comply, including those regarding garbage, parking, sidewalk maintenance, and weed height. The Board is not responsible for enforcement of city ordinances. Please report any observed violations directly to the city. A list of ordinances, as well as a link to online reporting, is available at: <https://www.cityofsavage.com/government/city-code-and-ordinances>.

### Take our Survey!

We invite you to participate in an optional, anonymous survey **by February 15, 2023**. The goal of the survey is to assess how we are doing as a Board and identify opportunities to better serve you. We value your input! Survey link here:

<https://forms.gle/NSkzuzeGEbuFzmeBA>

## Mailbox Stand Replacement

We are pleased to share that the mailbox stand replacement project was successfully completed by Outdoor Designs as of July 21, 2022. We want to express our sincere gratitude to all of the homeowners for your patience with this project and for your cooperation with the special assessment to ensure its timely completion.

Also, special thanks to those homeowners who assisted with staining of the mailbox stands. During the staining of the mailbox stands, a few minor cracks and other imperfections in the wood were identified. If you come across an area of concern on one of the newly installed mailbox stands, please notify a Board member for review and follow up or fill out a comment form on our website.

Homeowners have expressed interest in installation of weed whip guards around the base of the mailbox stands to protect against damage caused by weed whips. The guards are made of metal and need to be custom made to fit the width of the stand posts. The Board has received a quote for completion of this project. Review is ongoing and will continue in the spring. It is anticipated that normal wear and tear on the mailbox stands will be minimal throughout the first few seasons as long as adequate care is taken around the stands. In the meantime, we ask that all homeowners refrain from weed whipping against the base of the mailbox stands in an effort to preserve their integrity and appearance.

Finally, if you have a concern related to the function of your mailbox (not closing, etc.), please reach out to a Board member. The mailboxes will be replaced individually on an as-needed basis.

***Thank you again to all homeowners!***

## Monument Landscaping

Grounds Control has been providing monument landscaping services over the past year, and a contract has been renewed for 2023. Special thanks to the homeowners adjacent to the monuments for your assistance with watering.

## Dues for 2023

The Hamilton Hills Board of Directors met recently and have agreed that dues will **not be increased** for 2023 and will remain at the current annual rate of \$138. Due to ongoing inflation and the rising cost of services, the Board has determined that discretionary spending will need to be kept low for 2023, and a dues increase may need to be considered in future years.

## Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting was held in the Hamilton Hills Park on May 22, 2022. The meeting was well attended. The key area of discussion was approval of the special assessment for completion of the Phase 3 mailbox stand installation. Look for an announcement of a date in the summer of 2023.

## Covenant and Bylaws

As a reminder, all members of the Hamilton Hills Homeowners Association are required to follow the bylaws and covenants of the HOA. If you don't have a copy or are unfamiliar with the covenants, you can view or download them at [hamiltonhillshoa.com/resources](http://hamiltonhillshoa.com/resources).

The covenants include restrictions and requirements for Architectural review by the Board for new or changes to the exterior of your property including any building, fence, wall, or other structure such as a deck. Plans must be submitted to the Board and receive their approval before work commences. The covenants also have restrictions on property usage such as some types of business, sub-leasing, hoteling, time shares, etc.

## Homeowners Association Board

At the Annual Meeting, the following Members were elected or re-elected to serve on the Hamilton Hills Association Board of Directors. Be sure to reach out to any Director if you have questions or concerns.

Patti Arntz, President  
Daran Adair, Vice-President  
Ralph Loehr, Treasurer  
Sarah Bellefeuille, Secretary  
Anne Frattare, Member at Large

A special thank you to Aaron Prokop and Jean Bringgold-Pro for serving on the board in 2022.

## Hamilton Hills Directory

Thanks to Anne Frattare and Kay Dunning for their work on updating the Hamilton Hills Directory. There have been many new additions to our Association since the previous publication. We welcome all of our new members.