

## Spring 2021 News Letter Items

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Well, it has certainly been a trying year. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic we had to forgo our annual “in-person” meeting last November and conduct our quarterly board of directors meetings via Zoom. We continue to monitor email and calls to the association phone to stay current on all needed business.

It is all of our responsibility to act as good neighbors - keeping our grass cut, our homes and lots clean and clutter free and obeying all the local ordinances for Boone County and the City of Belvidere.

Please continue to be safe and healthy as the warm weather arrives and we all want to get out.

**Christmas Decoration winners** were First Place was 4100 Hearthstone Lane and Second Place went to 4164 Fallen Oak. We will have our 7th annual Christmas Decorating Contest with the 1<sup>st</sup> place prize being a \$50 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant again this year. You must be in good standing with your dues current to win. Also to make the contest more competitive, the same home cannot win the 1st place prize in 2 consecutive years. If you are not decorating your house and would like to be on the judging committee, please contact us. Prizes will be awarded for the most appealing lighting display. As a reminder, please make sure that your lighting and displays are removed after the Holidays as soon as weather permits.

**The Annual Community Garage Sale Weekend** will occur June 17-19. This is a great opportunity to turn those unneeded items into cash and have some fun doing it. We will advertise in the Boone County Shopper.

**Neighborhood Watch** - we are still looking for a coordinator and street captains to work with the Community Officer from the Belvidere Police Department- Officer Blankenship. It is a proven fact that this program reduces crime and vandalism in communities that have an active Neighborhood Watch program. Please send us an email or call if you would be willing to participate in our program.

**Lights on for Safety and Security** - we encourage all homeowners to leave their outside lights on during the evening / overnight hours. LED lightbulbs have very low energy consumption and coupled with making sure your doors and windows are locked, will increase your homes security. We will also continue to have the 24/7 video monitoring of our entrance by the FLOCK camera system we had installed. If you notice a street light out near your home, please visit the ComEd website and do a search for street light outage.

We are going to look for a company to replace or refurbish the sign at the entrance. It has been in place for approximately 7 years and is becoming very weathered.

We want to make sure that all the homeowners realize that we are a volunteer board. We are all still required to pay our dues just like all of you. We donate a lot of time each week and month having board meetings, working with real estate agents & attorneys when properties are sold, filing out various forms and IRS tax returns, keeping track of all the finances and paying invoices for various services, writing newsletters and going to the printer, stuffing envelopes, answering emails and phone calls from homeowners and working with our association attorney to name but a few of the tasks we perform. Our goal is to have a nice, safe neighborhood to live in and keep our property values from deteriorating. We still have 1 voting vacancy on our board of directors. This is your chance to have a voice and make a difference in our neighborhood.