

Fall 2023 Newsletter Items

Notes from the President of the Board

Well, it has certainly been an interesting year. We have been able to enjoy a return to normalcy. It was wonderful to spend time with our families and friends again. Many of our homeowners have really taken pride in their yards and gardens. It is awesome to ride through our neighborhood and see the greenery and flowers brightening our homes and streets. It makes our subdivision feel more welcoming. It is the responsibility of all of us 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.

Christmas Decoration Contest

We will have our 10th annual Christmas Decorating Contest with the 1st place prize being \$100 and 2nd place prize \$50 this year. Judging will take place during the week of December 18th. **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

The sale occurred June 15-17. We had several more homeowners participate this year. It was not quite as large as in years past, but we are still planning on having it again in June 2024.

Lights on for Safety and Security

We encourage all homeowners to leave their outside lights on during the evening / overnight hours. LED lightbulbs (also available with photo cell for automatic dusk to dawn operation) have very low energy consumption and coupled with making sure your doors and windows are locked, will increase your home's security. If you notice a **streetlight** out near your home, please visit the ComEd website and do a search for streetlight outage.

Website (<http://belvidereprairieplace.com>)

We found a website maintenance group to maintain and update our website. We are very excited to bring this service online as our website was very out of date.

Board of Directors

We still have a couple of open seats on our board and encourage you to consider joining us. We are a volunteer board and are required to pay our dues just like you. Our goal is to have a nice, safe neighborhood to live in and keep our property values from deteriorating.

