



BELMONT VILLAGE  
MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

# Belmont Village Maintenance Association

## Winter 2020 Newsletter

### Notes from the President

As we close out 2020, there are some important highlights from this year that are worth talking about. The board has begun replacing lamp posts, we have replaced about 50 so far and the remaining 50 should be completed this winter through next summer. This is a huge accomplishment and a costly endeavor. There have been conversations about why are they not being replaced in sequence? Or why the lights by the Arlington Storage complex were put in before the rest of the lamppost heads were replaced? Here are a few answers: the lamp post heads have been replaced from the worst to best, meaning if it was falling apart or the wiring was bad they went first. We also tried to accommodate those of you that had requested yours be changed. We will continue to replace them. It has been a tedious task to complete but we are pushing forward as these lamp posts provide us with some security at night.

Security leads me to the next answer: this year much like last year there has been an increase in suspicious activity happening behind the townhouses on Candlelight, in the parking lot that we lease from Arlington Storage. The sheriffs have been at my door asking about incidents that have taken place and always ask me why there are no lights over there. The board recognized that the security of our neighborhood was important and the residents that park their second cars in that lot deserve some peace of mind. The sheriffs have since thanked us for acting on the need for lights in that area and in the last 30 days have not been called to that area.

Sidewalks continue to be a hot topic, and I completely understand. It looked like we would have them completed this fall, but the construction of the Amazon facility is taking all of the concrete in our area. The contractor has reached out many times letting us know that trying to secure concrete trucks has been very difficult. The board is now hoping for the spring.

The board has also focused on providing local businesses with our business, keeping our money in our communities as the pandemic continues. We are focused on keeping local businesses in business. From the signs we order, to the concrete, even the electricians we use.

Lastly, everyone wants to know about landscaping. It is the email topic of the year. This October we signed a new agreement with the landscaping contractor for next year. The price has increased as we would expect but it includes some great things that we have requested by our members. Next year we will see our public sidewalks edged, 2 leaf clean ups, a spring clean up from the snow plows and reseeding, along with weed prevention and fertilization. We also added that all sloped driveways be salted when needed and a pet friendly salt be used on our sidewalks.

I want to thank our community and the Board of Directors for continuing to find ways to hold meetings and make progress. The achievements that we made this year were solely based on board members that truly care about what our community looks like and feels like.

**I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!**

**Robert Foster**

BVMA - President

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## **Holiday Decorating**

You have noticed that the members of the Board of Directors have purchased and placed wreaths on every other lamp post in the community. In order to show signs of appreciation for all religious and seasonal holidays this time of the year the Board has chosen a Wreath. Wreaths are defined as: together, the circular shape and the evergreen material are a representation of eternal life, a symbol of joy and victory in classical times. Please decorate your wreath as you feel fit. If you do not have a wreath please decorate your lamp post as you feel fit, if you need a plug please email [general@belmont-village.com](mailto:general@belmont-village.com) and we will install the plug for you. Add the things that represent you. While many of us are planning our holidays at home, these wreaths are meant to symbolize that we are together in this moment; this time in history in which we must be apart to keep each other safe.

## **Snow Removal**

Snow Removal time is here! Please remove any door mats that you have on your porches or landings, it will make the contractors job that much easier. If you see the plows in the neighborhood working, we encourage you to move your car from the spot for a few minutes so that the plows can clear the parking areas. All sidewalks will be salted with pet friendly salt. It is the owner's responsibility to salt steps and porches, the contractors will not do this.

## **Need to Know**

The BVMA Board of Directors is working on a 2021 wish list. If you have an item you would like added to the 2021 wish list please email us at [general@belmont-village.com](mailto:general@belmont-village.com).

## **Notice of Violations**

Violation notices will still be mailed to the property owner. We have received a few emails from residents about being approached by a community member stating that their property was in violation and that they needed to take steps to fix whatever the problem is. This will not happen. Notices of violation will be mailed by a member of the Board of Directors, no one will knock on your door or tell you in person until the pandemic is over. Additionally, if you are speaking with a member of the community that is telling you that the Board has directed them to tell you to clean something or remove something, this information is false. Only a member of the Board of Directors listed on the website has the authority to tell you to clean something or remove something, it will be in writing and mailed to your home address.

## **Garbage Collection**

Garbage collection is on Monday, per the Rules and Regulations you should not place your garbage to the curb until Sunday evening and garbage cans should be removed by Monday evening.

## **Membership Dues**

Membership dues remain the same for 2021 at \$70.00 per month per unit and are due before the end of each month. The board will be imposing late fees in 2021, we relaxed our policies for 2020 because of the pandemic.

## **Community Cleanliness**

We are asking for everyone's assistance in keeping our community clean. If you have litter in your yard or notice some in your neighbors yard please help clean it up. The wind moves a lot of litter around our community.

## **Contact Us**

As Always if you have questions and concerns about the business of BVMA please contact the Board of Directors at [general@belmont-village.com](mailto:general@belmont-village.com). If you have a question about dues or financials please email [financial@belmont-village.com](mailto:financial@belmont-village.com). If you have any questions about landscaping or snow removal please email [grounds@belmont-village.com](mailto:grounds@belmont-village.com). Look for our newsletters and important updates in your email, add us to your safe sender list.