

September 4, 2023

Hello Neighbors,

It is hard to believe summer is quickly coming to an end and fall will be here before we know it. That also means our annual Shires Homeowners meeting is right around the corner.

We have scheduled our annual meeting for Thursday, November 9, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Grandwood Park Community Center which is located at 36630 N. Hutchins Road. All homeowners are encouraged to attend, however if you are unable to attend, your Board has a favor to ask. Enclosed with this letter is a Proxy form and we respectfully request you complete and return this form to ensure we can hold the annual meeting. If we do not have at least 20% of the homeowners attend in person or provide the completed Proxy form, we will need to reschedule the meeting.

Also included in this mailing is the proposed 2024 annual budget. Your Board is pleased to announce we are able to keep the 2024 annual assessment flat for this year, but we are anticipating a potential increase for 2025. As a reminder, we plan on the annual assessment bill being mailed out in late January 2024 with a due date of April 1, 2024.

The final document in this mailing is the ballot for our Homeowners Board. Michael Darling, who has been on our Board for over 15 years, has decided not to seek re-election. On behalf of your fellow Board members, we thank you for all your hard work and dedication in serving our community Michael. Also, Mary Biagini stepped down for the Board earlier this year and we thank her for her contributions as well. We would like to welcome our newest member of the Board, Brian Maschek who joined earlier this year. With the addition of Brian, we still have one seat on the Board open and highly encourage you to consider joining the Board. As a reminder, our Shires HOA is a self-managed association which allows us to keep our assessments very reasonable. If we do not have enough volunteers, we will be forced to engage a professional management company and preliminary information leads us to believe our annual assessments may double or perhaps go even higher to pay for this service, so please consider joining the Board.

Finally, we have a couple of quick reminders regarding some rules, regulations and general information. The best way to contact your Board is via our website at [Shireshome.com](http://Shireshome.com), since we rarely use our P.O. Box outside of the annual assessment payment time. We have also been told the Lake County Sheriff's office has been ticketing cars parked overnight on the street because overnight parking is prohibited in our subdivision. Two other areas of note is a reminder that garbage and recycling cans are not to be visible from the street and commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, snow mobiles, boats, trailers or other similar vehicles may not be parked in driveways for more than twenty-four (24) hours at a time

Your Shires Homeowners Association Board looks forward to seeing you at our upcoming annual meeting.

Best regards,

Jerry Lindsey

Shires HOA Board President