

Maple Creek Association
c/o Highlander Group
3080 Orchard Lake Road, Suite J
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Dear Maple Creek Neighbor,

The Maple Creek Association board of directors consists of up to 5 of your neighbors who have agreed to volunteer their time to help maintain, with your cooperation, the high quality of our neighborhood. Some members of the board have served for over 15 years, while others have more recently joined the Board. The Board currently consists of Richard Barr (president), Bill Middlebrooks (vice president), Lori Simoes (treasurer) and Kate Browner (secretary).

BOARD VACANCY. The Board has one vacancy due to recent decisions by Mark Canvasser and Karl Senawi to step aside and create the opportunity for new volunteers to serve on the Board. All of Maple Creek owe their appreciation to Mark and Karl for their many years of contributions to Maple Creek, which I surely extend and encourage from you.

Pursuant to the Maple Creek bylaws, the Board recently appointed Bill Middlebrooks to the Board, bringing to the Board Bill's significant commitment to Maple Creek, including his recent work on the proposed repaving project.

The Board will vote at its July 19 evening meeting to appoint the 5th member of the Board. The Board will consider two residents who offered at the recent Annual Homeowners Meeting to serve on the Board, as well as anybody else who is interested in volunteering for the Board. Board members are expected to take lead responsibility for at least one committee or issue area such as the pool, landscaping, the proposed roads repaving project, association reserves and capital issues, architectural control and violations. Formal Board meetings are held several times per year but email discussions of issues are held regularly.

If you want to submit your name for consideration, please send an email to Sandra Hightower at the Highlander Group (the Maple Creek management company), by no later than 3:00 pm on **Wednesday, July 12, 2017** (shightower@highlandergroup.com). Please include a brief summary of why you are interested in being on the Board and any relevant experience that you want to describe, as well as your email address, phone number and home address. We may invite some or all of the volunteers to meet with the Board on July 19 before we make our decision. If so, we will contact you by July 17.

LANDSCAPE AND HOME MAINTENANCE ISSUES. The Board and Highlander Group strive to maintain the high standards of Maple Creek. Periodic inspections of Maple Creek have led to warning or violation letters being sent to dozens of Maple Creek residents, many more than we wish were necessary. However, we have found that an increasing number of residents don't pay as much attention to the upkeep of their yards and homes as was the case when Maple Creek was a new neighborhood.

A round of warning and violation letters was sent out recently and another round of letters may be sent later this year. The Maple Creek bylaws and Board resolutions provide for escalating fines that the Board doesn't want to impose on any of our neighbors. Please help us minimize these difficult decisions and the unhappiness of the violations process by considering whether your yard has any of the following conditions that have led to recent violation notices:

1. Significantly cracked driveways and sidewalks
2. Grass not cut weekly or more than 4" tall.
3. Excessive weeds. Weeds that are taller than shrubs and other landscaping, or are more than infrequent in landscape areas, have a negative impact on the appearance of Maple Creek.
4. Excessive weeds in pavers
5. Broken or poorly maintained landscape edging (plastic in particular) that isn't properly buried
6. Exposed landscape weed barrier material
7. Overgrown trees or bushes that are in need of trimming
8. Dead or dying street trees.
9. Parking of trailers or commercial trucks in driveway.
10. Trash cans stored outside.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Hightower (shightower@highlandergroup.net) or me (rbarrmich@gmail.com).

Richard Barr, Maple Creek Association President