Quarterly Newsletter
December 2024 (Q4 Recap)

Happy Holidays and Thank You!

The board would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season. Reflecting on 2024, this past year was quite eventful for the association, as we pushed forward an unprecedented assessment vote. Thank you for the dialogue, engagement, and participation from everyone over that 10ish month span. Between the amazing turnout at the vote(s) and mostly great feedback received throughout, we are grateful for our Sierra residents.

Rest assured, the board will continue our dual focus on the present and future as we hope to continue making Sierra the best neighborhood in Waconia for current residents, as well as the most desirable one for potential buyers. More on that below…

Park and Mailbox Update

With our continued focus on transparency, the board would like to share the plan for next steps on managing the mailboxes and park in light of the vote results.

On the park: We completed a safety assessment during the planning stages of the assessment. However, we simply received a recommendation to replace without any estimation of remaining useful life. Given the vote results, we want to understand how long we have with the current structure and/or if we can do anything to stabilize the structure long-term. The board plans on engaging with a structural engineer, adding more certainty to the park life. If anyone has any recommendations, please email the board (board@sierraassociation.org).

For the mailboxes: We began engaging with a contractor on a replacement plan that will occur over time. In the immediate, we are building a design that we will share with the contractor to build out a cost per unit estimates. Once finalized, replacement will begin with broken and damaged units along with a tbd phasing of rolling replacement and consolidation across Sierra.

From the Board

1. The 2025 dues letter will be sent out soon. The continued inflationary pressures coupled with building our capital reserve, dues will increase by $16 a household to $185.
2. Keep an eye out for communications for the two open board seats, annual meeting date, and dates for our two annual events (egg hunt and picnic).
3. Trash collection has been paused at the park for the winter. Please do not use receptacles.
4. All plans for fences, sheds, and other exterior improvements require architectural approval prior to construction. This includes a visual of the design prior to construction and pictures upon completion that acknowledge the final build is in compliance.