Quarterly Newsletter
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Sierra

2024 Annual Picnic

The 2024 picnic will be held on Thursday July 11th at the Park. We are excited to be grilling again with a slightly modified menu. There will be burgers, hot dogs, and for the first time, a vegetarian option. Plentiful sides and beverages will be provided. For entertainment, we will have a face paint / balloon / henna stand, llamas, live music, yard games, and we are finalizing the details on touch a truck options. We can't wait to see everyone there! Hoping for a break from the rain!!

Park Upgrade Proposal Update

After reviewing a few different bids, the board decided to work with Landscape Structures on a park design. This is the same vendor that built the inclusive park down the road. We met in mid-June to review their latest park design. We are currently awaiting on final edits and pricing. Once that is available, we will distribute a mailing with pictures, cost, and plan for a townhall. We are tentatively scheduling the townhall for Tuesday July 23rd.

Additionally, given the declining wooden mailbox structures throughout the neighborhood, we are investigating the cost of full replacement. This cost may end up being part of the assessment, meaning the vote will be to approve a park and mailbox structure upgrade. More to come.

From the Board

Some information we want to share with everyone:

1. Thank you to everyone that attended the annual meeting on April 9th, both in-person and virtually. It is our privilege to serve our neighborhood and we appreciate the engagement.
2. As noted in the March newsletter, the City of Waconia installed a water meter reading tower this spring in the park on the city's utility easement. The pole houses a gateway antenna providing communication for water meter reading for usage and billing purposes filling in a network weak spot.
3. The board is currently obtaining bids for a major irrigation replacement, as the RPZ/Backflow valves need to be replaced. We anticipate this will not be a cheap and is an unexpected expense for the year. We would gladly take any referrals from the neighborhood if you have any.
4. We ask for neighborhood engagement in taking care of our park. So far this summer, we've replaced broken benches, erased inappropriate graffiti, cleaned up an egging incident, and picked up broken glass. This park is our #1 asset and it takes all of us to keep it that way.
5. Please drive slowly through the neighborhood and obey all traffic signs.