

Innsbruck in Aurora



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Why aren't you on NextDoor.com?

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According to this website, 47% of Innsbruck residents are signed up to be a part of NextDoor.com. Why don't we have 97%?

This is a secure, free website to keep track of Innsbruck happenings as well as other neighborhood information and is promoted by the Aurora Police Department. In some cases, it is the only communication tool I have for letting residents know what is going on. I seldom create a message but I will remind you of events and let you know of any emergencies that effect everyone (ex: when water gets turned off). You will need to give your address and choose how many of the categories you are interested in signing up to get their information. [I felt overwhelmed initially, and now only have signed up for the police/safety category.]

The mission of NextDoor.com is to provide a trusted platform where neighbors work together to build stronger, safer, happier communities. There are guidelines and they can be summarized by a simple statement: "Everyone here is your neighbor. Please treat each other with respect." They rely on the Nextdoor community to report content that violates the guidelines and thus, someone's ad or statement may be taken off or have a suspension of posting privileges or even a permanent ban from posting. The guidelines prohibit posts and replies that discriminate against, attack insult, shame, bully, or belittle others. You should be helpful, not hurtful. You are not to use Nextdoor as a soapbox. The post may be reported if others are over-posting, campaigning, ranting about controversial, non-local issues. This venue supports favorite local businesses and services and encourages neighbors to buy, sell, and give things away. This is a network for you and the people who live in your local community. Using your true identity and honestly representing yourself are key parts of being a Nextdoor member. You would need to keep all content and activity family friendly and legal and adhere to the rules about regulated goods and services.

This website is an opportunity for you to be aware of police activity in the area, to promote your business, sell furniture, look for play dates for your young children, find someone to do construction work, find a recommended restaurant, someone to babysit, or maybe just get together for a knitting group. There are endless things in which to use the site.

You may look for other neighborhood items and happenings or you may state you only want information from Innsbruck. The choice is always yours- you get as many or as few emails as you want. Since it doesn't cost you any additional money, is private, and sometimes very important- why aren't you signed up?



Board Bytes

The scheduled Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. on January 7, 2019. All board members were present except Martin. Our property manager and our attorney were also present. The November, 2018's minutes were approved.

Business

- The board's attorney submitted and explained a new insurance claims policy. Kittie moved and Lynnell seconded a motion to accept- passed. Everyone will be notified of the clarified policy.
- The landscape contract for 2019 was accepted and approved.
- A letter was created and delivered to each renter that explained the reason we believe that they had not been receiving our newsletters based on advice from the letter carrier.
- The crack seal project was completed. The first time it was done incorrectly and they returned and redid the job at no cost to the HOA. An explanation was given on exactly what crack seal does and why it seems not all cracks were sealed.
- Earl and a rep. from the landscape company have walked the property and decided on work that needed to be done. The west and middle sections are complete and the east will be done when weather permits.
- Lynnell moved and Kittie seconded a motion to remove three ponderosa pines on the west side of Innsbruck. The motion passed.
- An updated list of board and home owners was passed out to those in attendance.

Financial Report

As of December 31, 2018, we were pretty much on budget. In addition, we ended the year with \$49,455.84 in reserves. One residence makes up the majority of the delinquencies and they have been served papers.

President's Report

Due to the time spent on discussions, the president chose not to add to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and we will meet again on March 4th at 4 p.m.

Things to Never Put Down Your Drain or Toilets

- egg shells
- grease
- flour
- medications
- produce stickers
- coffee grounds
- products claiming to be 'flushable' (cat litter, wipes, etc.)
- condoms
- cleaning products that contain phosphates, antibacterial agents

[next issue will have recipe to unclog drains]

Remember, if a drain slows down, pay attention and clear it yourself or call a plumber.

President's Pen.....



I'm sure you have noticed that landscape crews had been working before the snows came. Some of you are concerned that the bushes have been pruned too much and that "these guys don't know what they are doing". I'm guessing that the great majority of you are not gardeners and don't understand that every so often a major pruning adds to the wellness of the bush. Trust me, they will come back (just like your hair grows back when you've had more cut than intended). Also, some junipers were removed and we will replace them with a different kind of bush. You may not be aware that about half way through the summer, our landscaper sold his company to someone else and most of that crew from the previously owned company has remained. The Board has met with our new owner and he has been very attentive to our wishes and seems very sincere in doing a great job. We will be doing work that has been neglected for a while and I am pleased with what has been done so far. Remember, the board was looking for more water conservative grass? Bluegrass never belonged in our semi-arid climate and our new man has suggested we look at a 'hybrid' of bluegrass that doesn't need as much water (he uses it on his personal lawn and says it's great). So, we will be using this in some areas that need replacing because of weeds, etc. when spring arrives.

The landscape company has also met since their last snow removal to discuss things that they needed to improve upon the next time. Remember, sidewalks are not shoveled until there is 2" or more. Driveways cannot be plowed if any vehicles are parked in the driveway because of liability issues. That means if you park your vehicle in the driveway and your neighbor doesn't, they must wait until the crews come to shovel by hand. That may be considered by some as a punishment. I'm seeing plenty of cars parked in driveways (understand some trucks are too tall to fit in the garage) and wonder why you choose to do that when, if you parked in the garage you wouldn't have to spend time taking off snow and frost on the windows of your car. Why do you think we have a garage sale every year (hint: to make room in your garage for your vehicles)!

Also, new motion detector solar lighting has been installed in the commons area south of the pool. The east side is done and if it isn't already, the west side will also have an installation. We are thinking that we will use the solar panels on the north end as well but may need to put it on poles so the sun will reach the panels to be charged. In addition, the pool now has a new furnace so we should not have any further issues concerning water temperature.

Please notice on the back of this newsletter are dates for this year's garage sale, annual picnic, and the annual meeting. How about you put those on your calendar now so you can plan around those dates.

I really don't like being disparaging of people in these newsletters but sometimes I wonder if anyone **READS** anymore. Certainly, we could avoid conflicts with the Board and neighbors if you would just read our covenants/rules and regulations. It's like someone who buys a grill and doesn't read directions about where to place that grill while using it- you know, having it so many feet from the garage or the fence so you don't burn the place down. Placing next to the fence when not in use is fine, but, when you use it, put it closer to the middle of the patio. Or, making changes to the height of the fence or changing a deck without going through architectural control committee first. When starting a project check to see if you need permission to do that. You also need to keep in mind the times you work with saws and hammers. We follow Aurora's quiet time policy that puts a time frame on when you need to think of your neighbor and their rights. It reminds me of Netflix having to tell people not to imitate the situations in the movie Birdbox-really folks? Have we lost all common sense?

Winter is just getting started. For those with north facing driveways, let Earl know if your bucket of ice melt is empty so it can be refilled. Otherwise, enjoy the quiet times. Stay safe-----Maria Baker

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Important Dates:



June 14th, 2019



September 8, 2019



October 9, 2019

