

New Mark First Pool Association

2016 Spring Newsletter



Spring Announcements

- ❖ **Pool Management** – The board voted to contract with Northland Pools, Inc. for full operation and staffing of life guards for the pool this summer. NPI will be handling all maintenance and operations of the pool including opening this spring and closing next fall. They will also be providing one life guard during the weekdays and two life guards on the weekends. Hours will be the same as in years past, 11am – 9pm 7 days a week (weather permitting) until school starts in August. School hours will be 4pm – 8pm during the week and normal hours on weekends through the Monday of Labor Day. Anyone interested in viewing the contract agreement with NPI is welcome to contact the board and request a copy. Anyone interested in being a life guard this summer should contact the board or NPI as well.
- ❖ **Key Card Activation** – The board has purchased all new key cards this year, so everyone will be getting a new card. You must present your old card to receive a new card; otherwise you will be charged the \$25.00 replacement fee. If you recently purchased a home in the neighborhood and the previous owner did not leave the pool card please bring a copy of your purchase agreement and you will be issued a new card at no charge. Key card activate dates are listed below;

Saturday, May 13 th - 10am – 12pm	Tuesday, May 24 th 6:30pm - 8pm
Thursday, May 26 th 6:30pm - 8pm	Saturday, May 28 th 10am - 12pm
Monday, May 30 th 12pm - 2pm	Thursday, June 2 nd 6:30pm - 8pm

 - Key card activation will be held in the office in the lower level of the club house. Only board members will be able to issue key cards this year, life guards will no longer be able to issue cards. If you are unable to make the times above please contact the board to set up a time to active your card.
 - In order to receive an activated key card association members must not have any outstanding balances. The board now has a PayPal account, and along with that we are pleased to offer the ability to accept immediate credit card payments for dues, late fee, or card replacement fees during the times noted above. If you have a balance and plan to pay with a check you will be required to wait for the check to clear before having the key card activated.
- ❖ **Swim Team** – The board has reached an agreement with the New Mark Swim Team to use the pool for practice during the week from 7am-10am before regular pool hours. The Stingrays are the 2016 district champions, and the board looks forward to our new partnership with them.
- ❖ **Lawn Care** – The board voted to contract with All Season Lawn and Landscaping to provide the grounds keeping and mowing around the clubhouse and the greenway for 2016.
- ❖ **Accountant** – The board has hired Dominic Quisimano, CPA as the new accountant for the HOA. Dominic has been handling all accounting responsibilities since January of this year. The board has been very pleased with the work Dominic has done so far and is looking forward to continuing to improve the accounting and record keeping for the HOA.
- ❖ **2016 Dues** – 2016 dues were due on January 1st, 2016. Any properties with outstanding balances should have received a statement in March indicated the balance due. If there are any questions about an outstanding balance please contact the board to discuss.
- ❖ **Tree clean up** – Just a reminder to please take time to clean up the tree debris (including leaves and the wonderful “gumballs”) around and along the curb of your property. Debris that is not cleaned up can clog the storm water drains or end up in the pond.
- ❖ **Garage Sale** – The neighborhood garage sale is currently planned for May 13th and 14th. Some signs will be posted about a week before the sale, and anyone interested in holding a sale is encourage to participate.

- ❖ **Dumpster** – The board has been allowing residents to use the dumpster by the pool this spring and so far it has worked out well. This will continue until pool season starts, at which time the dumpster will be closed until this fall. Please do not discard yard waste in the dumpster or place anything in the dumpster if it is already filled to capacity.
- ❖ **Board Meeting** – The board encourages anyone who has not attended a board meeting to stop by during a meeting this summer. The meeting is a good opportunity to get updates on what is going on in our neighborhood, and an open forum is held during each meeting for any resident to bring questions or other topics to the board for discussion. We enjoy meeting with our neighbors and your input is always appreciated.
- ❖ **Tennis Courts** – Seeing as the tennis courts are in need of repairs which are not currently in the board budget the board has decided to open the tennis court area this summer as a common area open to all residents. The gate will be removed and nets taken down, and the space will be open to anyone during daylight hours.

Executive Board Meetings

Monthly board meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at 7pm in the Executive Board office on the lower level of the clubhouse. Meeting postponements or cancellations will be posted on the website.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Office	Member Name	Service Term	Contact Email
President	Mike Thomas	2015-2016	president@newmarkhoa.org
Vice President	Brian Bcnebrake	2015-2016	vicepresident@newmarkhoa.org
Secretary	Tom O'Donnell	2016-2017	secretary@newmarkhoa.org
Treasurer	Open		treasurer@newmarkhoa.org
Member at Large	Pamela Smith	2016-2017	board@newmarkhoa.org
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors	Service Term
Louis Reale	2015-2016
Quinn Gregg	2016-2017
Open	2016-2017

The board is currently looking for neighborhood volunteers to fill the positions of Treasurer, Member at Large, and a Board of Director. If you are interested please contact the board to learn more.

Neighborhood Amenities

The following amenities are owned and maintained by the HOA:

- Pool (Open Memorial Day to Labor Day)
- Tennis Courts
- Clubhouse (Available for rent by all homeowners)
- Pond
- Greenway (Woods & Grassland extending from New Mark Drive to 96th street)

Homeowners Association Dues

General Information

- Yearly dues are \$350.00 and full payment deadline for dues is January 1st of each year.
- Payment shall be mailed to the HOA P.O. Box address (see contact information section).
 - Please be sure to include the property address with you payment.
 - Please do not mail payment directly to the accountant. Also the accountant is not able to accept payments in person so please send all payments through the mail.
 - Electronic payments are now being accepted through the HOA website.
- Late fee will be charged starting February 1st of each year if payment is not received in full. Late fees are \$15.00 per month and will be added the first day of each month not paid.
- If you are unable to pay by the deadline please contact the HOA Board to discuss the situation and available options.

Frequently Asked Questions

- The property owner is responsible for payment of the dues each year. Dues are not intended to be amenity usage fees but are required for all property owners to allow the HOA to maintain all of the property and amenities which are owned by the HOA and benefit the neighborhood.
- If a property is being rented it is still the responsibility of the property owner to pay the dues. If the property owner has not paid the dues the tenants will not be able to use the homeowners association's facilities until the payment has been made.
- If you are unsure of the status of your dues please contact the board.
- If you required a receipt for payment of your dues please contact the board.
- If a property is being sold then it is still the responsibility of the property owner on January 1st to pay the dues in full for the year. Typically the new buyer will then reimburse the seller a prorated amount to cover the dues for the remainder of the calendar year. These agreements are to be negotiated between the buyer and seller and not between the seller and homeowners association.
- If there is a lien on the property for delinquent dues and those dues have been paid in full please contact the board so the lien release process can be completed in a timely manner.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Web Address:

www.newmarkhoa.org

The website is the board's official message board to keep residents updated on current information. Announcements are posted on a regular basis and additional information continues to be added.

Information including the budget, meeting minutes, financial statements, bylaws, and covenant & restrictions are all posted on the website.

Email Addresses:

General Questions & Comments: board@newmarkhoa.org

Board of Directors: directors@newmarkhoa.org

Club House Reservations: clubhouse@newmarkhoa.org

Website & Email Issues or Comments: webmaster@newmarkhoa.org

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1503140259919231>

This is the neighborhood Facebook page is which managed by several residents. This is a closed page and only residents are allowed access. If you are new and would like to join please send a request to join along with your address to the site administrator. All residents are allowed to post comments on the page and this has been a good tool to meet others in the neighborhood and share information.

Mailing Address:

**New Mark First Pool Association
P.O. Box 10646 Kansas City, Missouri 64188-0646**

Phone Number:

816-734-2552

The board has set up phone message system for residents to call and leave messages. The messages are sent to the board for review and the board will do their best to respond to all calls within 48 hours.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE NEW RESIDENTS THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO LIVE AND BE PART OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY HERE AT NEW MARK.

We encourage residents to review all of the information about our community on our website. Please also contact us through the board email and let us know you here so we can reach out to welcome you.

Please note that the work that has been done in our community by this board has been done on a volunteer basis. Board members have chosen to take time away from work, family, and many other valuable occasions for the benefit of our community as a whole. With that said, we ask for the homeowners support, appreciation, and in many instances patience.

Remember, board members do not have careers in governing home owners associations. What we do have though, is a team of resident volunteers that make decisions based on what they believe the majority of home owners would want if they were as fully informed as we are in situations. The goals of this board are to maintain and improve the appearance of our community grounds which in turn will help improve the quality of life in our community and maintain or increase the values of our homes. We are willing to assist you with valid concerns and are open to positive, productive, and solution based suggestions for improvement.

Thank you for your time and attention.

-New Mark Brooking First Pool Association Board Members