

New Mark First Pool Association

2021 Spring Newsletter

Spring Announcements

- ❖ **Dues & Collections** – Account statements are included with this newsletter. The executive board is continuing its efforts to collect delinquent dues and bring all properties into good standing. If you are an owner of a property with delinquent dues and/or special assessment and have not yet communicated with the board, we strongly encourage you to reach out so we can discuss your specific situation. The board continues to pursue liens and other collection measures for those properties with delinquent accounts.
- ❖ **Pool Management** – Our contract with Northland Pools, Inc. will continue again this year for full operation and staffing of lifeguards for the pool. NPI will be handling all maintenance and operations of the pool including opening in the spring and closing in the fall. They will be providing one lifeguard during all pool hours this year (including weekends), with the option to call in a second guard when needed. Pool 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 school week and normal hours on weekends through the Monday of Labor Day. Anyone interested in being a lifeguard this summer should contact the board or NPI for more information.
- ❖ **Pool Party Policy** – The board is continuing the pool party policy for the summer of 2019. Please refer to the website for more information.
- ❖ **Key Card Activation** – In order to use the pool your property must be in good standing with the HOA, which this year means having the 2021 dues and assessment paid in full. Key card activation dates are listed below, you must present your key card to receive a new sticker 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 activation dates are listed below;

Saturday, May 22 nd - 10 am – 12 pm	Tuesday, May 25 th - 6:30 pm – 8 pm
Thursday, May 27 th - 6:30 pm – 8 pm	Saturday, May 29 th - 10 am – 12 pm
Monday, May 31 st - 12 pm – 2 pm	Thursday, June 3 rd - 6:30 pm – 8 pm

 - 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, and life guards will not 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.
 - The board has a PayPal account for immediate credit card payments for dues, assessment, 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 New Mark Swim Team will not be using our pool this summer, but they plan to consider a return next summer.
- ❖ **Lawn Care** – The board voted to continue to contract with All Season Lawn and Landscaping to provide the grounds keeping and mowing around the clubhouse and the greenway for 2021.
- ❖ **2021 Dues** – 2021 dues of \$350.00 were due by February 1st, 2021. 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. The city provides a free disposal area for yard debris and branches at Cookingham and N. Main Street, which is free to use on Saturdays.
- ❖ **Garage Sale** – The neighborhood garage sale is currently planned for May 22nd and 23rd. Some signs will be posted about a week before the sale, and anyone interested in holding a sale is encouraged to participate. We have an agreement with Willow Farms and Willow Brooke to hold neighborhood sales the weekend before Memorial Day weekend in May and the first weekend after Labor Day in September each year.
- ❖ **Kansas City 311** – If you haven’t already, the board recommends everyone becomes familiar with the City of Kansas City 311 service. Contact 311 to report a problem, request a service, or ask a question about a city service. www.kcmo.org/311 Dial 311 or 816-513-1313
- ❖ **Club house rentals** – Club house rental remain at \$50.00 in an effort to encourage more use of the club house. Please send an email to clubhouse@newmarkhoa.org for more information or to make a reservation.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Communication** – The board has a website and email system which are monitored and updated on a regular basis and will continue to be improved. There is also a neighborhood Facebook page which is another great tool to get to know some of your neighbors. The executive board feels that communication is an important part of the HOA and will continue to build and improve upon the work that has been done. Please note that all the board members are volunteers doing this work in their spare time, so while every effort is made to respond to communications as soon as possible, sometimes it may take longer for a response.

Special Meeting - Annual Dues Increase

- ❖ The board is putting forward a vote at the July meeting to increase the annual dues in accordance with our bylaws and covenants. The proposed increase is to move to \$425 starting in Feb. 2022 and then move again to \$500 in 2024. The association has been running at a loss the past few years and utilizing our emergency/improvement fund to cover expenses. This is no longer a sustainable model, as expenses have continued to increase since the last annual dues increase in 2011. If it does not pass, amenities such as pool hours and greenway care will have to be reduced. Other capital improvement projects (tennis courts, parking lot, club house, pond) will continue to be put on hold if the HOA income is not increased. Voting can be done at pool key signups, by mail (ballot enclosed), or at the July HOA meeting.



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 which is 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

Please mail all dues payments to this address.

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 as soon as possible.



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Executive Board Meetings

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

Member Name	Service Term	Contact Email
Mike Thomas	2021-2022	president@newmarkhoa.org
Brian Bonebrake	2020-2021	vicepresident@newmarkhoa.org
Debbie Mitchell	2021-2022	secretary@newmarkhoa.org
Quinn Gregg	2020-2021	treasurer@newmarkhoa.org
Paul Hinson	2020-2022	board@newmarkhoa.org
Norma Sollman	2020-2021	board@newmarkhoa.org
Jai Pate	2020-2021	board@newmarkhoa.org
Karla Worthington	2020-2021	board@newmarkhoa.org
Lindsay Mrowinski	2020-2021	board@newmarkhoa.org
Steve Scheerer	2020-2021	board@newmarkhoa.org

Board of Directors	Service Term
Eliza Flores	2020-2021
Cheryl Edmondson	2020-2021
Steve Nechvatal	2021-2022
John Spottswood	2021-2022

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 are here so we can reach out to welcome you. If you have not attended a board meeting, we encourage everyone to try and make it out at least once or twice a year. These meetings provide valuable updates on the status of the HOA and input from residents is also welcome during each meeting.

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 homeowner's support, appreciation, and in many instances patience.

Remember, board members do not have careers in governing homeowner's 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 First Pool Association Board Members**



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