



SOMMERSET ASSOCIATION The News

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Welcome New Residents!

A special welcome to all the new residents
of Sommerset!

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A Message from the President

In the newsletter, you will note we try to address the various issues and questions that are asked from time to time. This month, Tom Soucy looks at, "What are our dues used for." Tom will show projects that the board is involved in as well as expenses that occur. As always, if you have questions or need clarification to anything involving Sommerset, please look to the website or contact a board member. The website is www.sommersetonline.com

The Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except December) at the West Fargo City Hall. You are always welcome to attend. If you wish to be on the agenda, contact me one week prior. If you are interested in running for a board position, elections are held in May. What are board members paid? Nothing, these are service positions. Board members can vote to maintain, change, or uphold policy and see that the covenants are upheld.

Thank you to those who participated in the "spruce up your mailbox" contest. The winner is listed in this newsletter and has received the \$100. Prize.

This year we are running a second contest. It involves holiday decor. The details are also found in this newsletter. I personally have always felt Sommerset has some of the best holiday light displays in West Fargo. Now you can win prize money for your efforts.

There are a number of new residents to Sommerset. You will find their names and addresses are noted in the newsletter. I would like to extend a warm welcome from myself and the rest of the board to all of you. I hope you enjoy Sommerset as much as I do.

Have a great holiday season,
Jack Fuller

A Community within
a Community

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Holiday Lights Contest



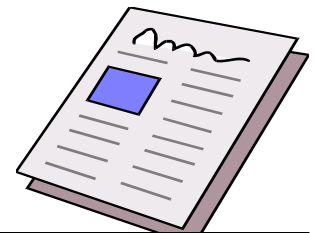
Sommerset will be having their first ever Holiday Light Contest. Any home in Sommerset can enter, except for the board member homes. Holiday lights must be up by December 15th. They will be judged by a 5 member outside panel group. The group will not be residents of Sommerset. 3 winners will be chosen. If you have any questions, please call Jack Fuller at 492-0861.



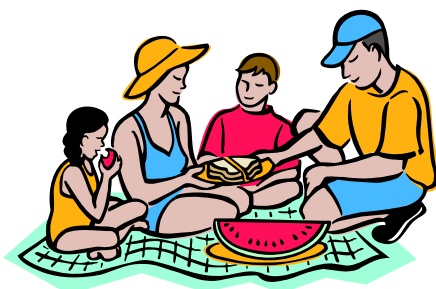
- 1st place receives \$150.00
- 2nd place receives \$100.00
- 3rd place receives \$50.00

GOOD LUCK!

If you have anything that you would like to see in upcoming newsletters, please email the board at board@sommersetonline.com.



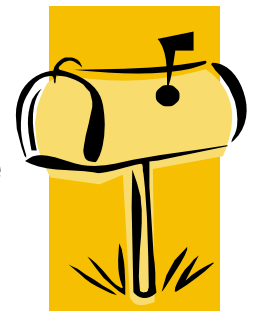
Annual Picnic



Our annual picnic was held on August 16. We had a good turnout. The Red River Zoo, Zazi the clown, West Fargo Police and Fire Department also came. We had a lot of good food and conversation. Thank you to Larry Cody, Carol Schmidt, and Pam Nikle for organizing the picnic. We appreciate your time and all you have done to make Sommerset a better community.

Spruce Up Your Mailbox Contest

Congratulations to Julie Stearns for winning the \$100 Spruce Up Your Mailbox Contest. Her name was randomly drawn out of all the entries.



Past & Future Potential Improvement Projects

A few years ago the board has made some drainage improvements to the park area. Drains were added dirt was moved to eliminate the standing water problems. For those of you who may not be familiar with the location of the park; it is located behind the backyards of 4th Avenue, 12th Street, and Sommerset Drive. There is more work to do with this area; the board is open to any ideas as to what should be done. Some possibilities are; planting trees, landscaping to the mounds of dirt, a path or sidewalk connecting the three entrance locations. There is one entrance in the Northwest corner along 4th Avenue, and the other two in the Southeast and Southwest along Sommerset Drive.



Work has been done to the West entrance planters at 9th Street; additional rock and new plantings. Another potential project would be to elevate the Sommerset entrance planter signs with additional brick work. The board has also discussed enhancing the entrance by the addition of an archway spanning Sommerset Drive. If you have any comments concerning either of these improvements, you can either talk to a board member or you can email the board at board@sommersetonline.com.

Treasurer’s Financial Statement

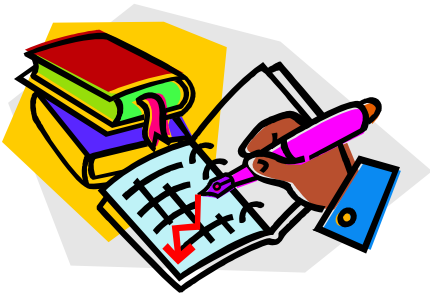
The following statement shows a summary of the annual income and expenditures the Sommerset Board reviews and approves at the monthly meetings. Tom Soucy

Income:

Assessments	\$8,940.00
Interest	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	\$8,990.00

Expenditures:

Administrative Expenses	\$1,200.00
(Postage, Paper, Software, & Tax Review)	
Liability & Board Insurance	\$1,800.00
Park & Entrance Maintenance	\$2,900.00
(Mowing, Fertilizer, Weed Control, & Snow Removal)	
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 50.00
Block Party	\$ 300.00
Power & Water Utilities	\$ 250.00
Website Maintenance	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
	\$6,800.00



The Sommerset board will have openings on their board in May. If you are interested or would just like more information, please contact any board member or email the board at board@sommersetonline.com.

Welcome New Residents:



Dwayne & Jimie Jean Miraldi, 1120 Sommerset Place
Shannon & April Kasin, 1104 Sommerset Place
Lawrence & Diane Miller, 520 17th St. East
Tim & Jan Moen, 1021 Sommerset Drive
Ruksana Haque, 642 17th St East

Helpful Winter Tips

Brrrrrr! Can you feel the temperature change? Cold weather is here in the Red River Valley and according to the Energy Information Administration, we could be in for a rise in heating expenses. Don't get caught out in the cold! Now's the time to button down the hatch and keep the warm air in and the cold air out! These great tips can help you stay warm and save money on heating.

Check for leaks.

Add or replace worn weather stripping around doors and windows.

Caulk gaps where necessary.

Use caulking and weather stripping around entry points for all pipes and ducts that travel through an exterior wall.

Install insulating kits behind electrical plugs that are on a wall with an exterior side.

Replace worn door stops at the bottom of doors.

If you have them, install storm doors and windows. Don't forget to winterize basement windows.

Replace old windows with energy efficient windows.

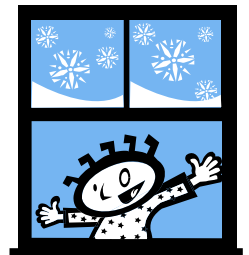
Check the heating system.

Have a heating professional do a routine check.

Vacuum the vents and other heating components.

If it has one, replace the furnace filter. Make future replacements as needed.

Consider installing a setback thermostat. It regulates the temperature, allowing the home to be cooler when you are away or asleep.



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For \$15.00, you can also place an ad in the next newsletter. Please contact any board member.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

