

## RHHA NEWS

### RICHMOND HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

#### Spring Forward With Gratitude...

It feels like spring has come to Richmond Hill. As I walk through our lovely neighborhood, I see people working on their yards, washing cars, walking dogs, playing in the park or carrying groceries from Metro. Yes, Wisconsinites are passionate about many things, Badger basketball (aren't we all proud as can be!), Green Bay Packers, "up north" fishing, and getting a big bang for our buck. Richmond Hill folk are no different. These days, I am so grateful that I live in a neighborhood filled with friendly people who may argue passionately with each other but then come together as good neighbors and friends.



I want to express a more specific note about our community—a gift of generosity. The fence is no longer an issue and, whether you were "for it" or "against it", we have come to appreciate the discourse and effort that has made it, ultimately, more positive than not. However, my gratitude does not stop there. We thank all of the many people in this community who gave gifts of money to support us in our effort to make our common areas more beautiful. We received enough donations so that we can reconfigure our entrances with new lighting and new

landscaping. Thank YOU! We hope to have most of this work done before our annual meeting, **Monday, May 18--7pm** at the **Great Dane**. We hope that you will be proud of how we look as a neighborhood.

I also call your attention to a NEW event that I hope will re-invigorate Richmond Hill. **Earth Day, April 22**, was established by Gaylord Nelson. This year, working in cooperation with Metro Market, we will be hosting a Richmond Hill Earth Day Celebration. In the past when this neighborhood was in its infancy, many people picked up trash in our park, sidewalks, and along the fence line. It's time to do that again. So... on **April 22 from 5:30 to 7:30** we ask you to bring your significant other, children and friends to pick up garbage as you walk from your home to Metro Market. Once you arrive, your trash can be placed into a designated dumpster. What is your prize besides a grateful community? A free recycle bag and a feast of treats supplied by Metro. Yippee!

I AM SO ENTHUSED BY THE PROSPECT OF SEEING SO MANY RICHMOND HILL NEIGHBORS ENJOYING OUR COMMUNITY AND ONE ANOTHER.

Please come and join in GRATITUDE for all we have and who we are.

Maria Hanson, Your RHHA President

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **RHHA Annual Meeting:**

Monday May 18th 7pm  
@ Great Dane East

**Ladies Luncheon:** 2nd Friday 11:30-1  
at various local restaurants (see Joan's note in  
the newsletter)

#### **Richmond Hill Annual Garage Sale:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

**Earth Day:** April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Membership Drive:** May 19-May 28



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**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION  
APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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If the trash has already been picked up please still join us and receive a FREE recycle bag and food supplied by

Metro Market.

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## Attention Richmond Hill Homeowners

With our annual Richmond Hill Homeowners Association meeting coming up, we want you to be aware that the Board is recommending raising the annual dues to \$50 from the current \$35.

We have not raised the dues in more than a decade and our reserve funds have been declining quickly in recent years.

While we still have volunteers doing great things for our neighborhood, we have moved to using primarily contract help to maintain the common areas. While we appreciate the volunteer work we get, fewer homeowners have time to help out. We need to utilize contracted help to step in when needed.

A dues increase is needed to keep pace with these additional expenses. Lawn mowing our half-mile entrance by itself takes up over 2/3 of our budget and as with all services, prices increase each year. We held off mulching the garden areas last year due to low funds in our treasury. Additionally, we would like to improve our reserve fund to account for unexpected expenses, such as vandalism or accidents to any of our common areas.

As we have stated in the past, nearly all of your annual dues are used for maintenance of common areas in the neighborhood. We have ended the subsidies for the holiday party and the summer picnic, making those self-supporting.

We hope you understand the need to raise the annual dues and support this recommendation.

RHHA Board



Richmond Hill Homeowners Association has a long tradition of bringing the neighborhood women together to enjoy a friendly luncheon. Incepted and carried out by Alice Rottier since 1996, the luncheon is a wonderful way to establish new relationships in a casual environment. The luncheon is hosted at a variety of local establishments- suggestions are welcome! Please join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 11:30-12:30. Bring a neighbor! Look for Joan Dickrell's email each month or contact her directly [jdickrell@charter.net](mailto:jdickrell@charter.net) for more information.

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<https://richmondhillhoa.nextdoor.com>

Be sure to check back with our website over the next few months as we revise to make sure all the neighborhood information is at your fingertips. We will have a FAQ on the fence up this week.

<http://www.richmondhillmadison.net>

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2 **SOLD** Homes in RHHA  
Average Sold Price:  
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Low List Price: \$329,900  
High List Price: \$399,900  
Average List Price:  
\$354,814



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