

# TUSCAN RIDGE NEWS

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**SAVE THE DATE.....JANUARY 9, 2018....7PM.** FOR OUR ANNUAL HOA MEETING. DETAILS LATER THIS YEAR.

## HOA Work-in-progress

### In collaboration with Omaha:

The city improved the appearance of the circle at HWS Cleveland and Blue Sage and the Centennial entrance promptly after Susan contacted the Mayor's hotline.

### In collaboration with our SID:

The conversion of the well based irrigation water for the entry green space to city water is completed. The vintage well pump system had broken late spring

Entry landscaping and replacement trees along Pacific street are to be planted this fall.

LED Lighting to the center of the front sign and up into the entry landscape bed trees was completed. Several HOA members suggested the illumination to center of the sign. Great suggestion and check that off as done!

The placement of and landscaping to the neighborhood monument sign at HWS Cleveland and Blue Sage occurred this summer.

## Interested in becoming a HOA board member?

Contact Susan to learn more or to submit your name for the ballot (Yep, election at the January meeting.)

FAQs: This year we met every other month for 1.5 hour each meeting.

A term is 3 years.

There are 5 board members with staggered terms.

We discuss, take actions to help our neighborhood, and laugh a bit. True, we can be the first or the last to hear grapevine information.

## Tuscan Ridge vs. Emerald Ash Borer

The tightest density of ash trees are along the back lot lines of our homes between 200th Street & 199th Street and 199th street & HWS Cleveland(the villa area). Carol Davis, Jane Gauger, and Mike Ancona organized the Villa homes in an focused effort to minimize the loss of trees due to the EAB and to maintain the desirability of healthy trees. Through education, information, and effort, the Villa residents developed a comprehensive program of treatment and tree replacement approaches and gained group purchasing discounts for these updates. Congrats to the Villa group for their proactive action!

While tree maintenance at our homes is an individual responsibility, if another cluster of homes-with-ash owners wish to team together, the Villa folks are willing to share their experiences. Additionally, while supplies last, they have few packets of information on trees and the EAB approaches.

### Commercial Zone Update

Building in the commercial zone west of our homes is advancing on a daily basis. Most proximate to our homes will be a church-now in the design phase and the existing Family Fare. The HOA did meet with the developer for the plot south of Pacific. This will be a child care center and small professional strip mall. The meeting developed ideas to more promote the esthetics of the long expected commercial-residential interface.

### Burglars Avoid Attention

An attempted burglary occurred here at the end of August on a weekday, mid morning. Entry was through the front door. The security system prevented the time needed for theft and property damage.

*How to help? Watch for unusual cars cruising or parked.*

*Odd? Call 911.*

### BOARD MEMBERS

- Susan McGough, President [s.mcgough1@gmail.com](mailto:s.mcgough1@gmail.com)
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### AD HOC MEMBERS

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### TR End-of-Summer Social Event

This year's debut block party event featured a Grilling & Chilling in the 200ths Green Space. Burgers, hot dogs, games, tattoos, and snow cones served a the backdrop for relaxed visiting amongst 80-90 neighbors. True, the tattoos were temporary!

Heartfelt thanks and cheers to the social committee: Jodi, Debbie, Kayla, Brooke, Lisa & Julie.



### A Tuscan Ridge Safety Backstory:

**Those speed tables added to Cleveland and Blue Sage bumped into existence due to the concern of neighbors and local government over speeding at these locations. Let's do our part and slow it down to 25mph!**



### Burned-Out? Flickering?

Report at [OPPD.com](http://OPPD.com)...OR...use the phone app!