



SRHOA SCOOP - DECEMBER 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Board would like to wish you and your family the warmest of greetings and best wishes during this holiday season. May you enjoy the company of the ones you love, and may you be blessed with peace and joy throughout the holiday season as well as the entire year.

2025 ASSESSMENT

The annual assessment of \$640 is due December 31. Delinquent fines are \$100/month.

HOLIDAY TRASH DATES

Due to Christmas, Constable Sanitation trash service will be on Thursday, December 26.

Due to New Year's, Constable Sanitation trash service will be on Thursday, January 2.

See <https://www.constablesanitation.com/> for more information on Constable Sanitation, our trash company.

2024 TRAFFIC STUDY MEETING UPDATE

On November 14 the Lee's Summit Public Works Traffic Group conducted a town hall with members of Savannah Ridge. A lot of the discussion was about what the traffic study does and doesn't do. The city uses national standards when doing the study. In short, our score wasn't high enough for the city to do anything at the moment. We can try again in 2026 if that's the direction the neighborhood wants to go. If you have any questions contact Board president Chris Ngar at cmngar@sbcglobal.net and he will try his best to answer.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TIPS

The holiday season is a festive occasion but also a time when homeowners should be aware of the increase in crime that occurs. A few suggestions are listed to help keep our neighborhood safe.

As our society has become more technologically advanced, criminals have capitalized on new opportunities to take advantage of unsuspecting law-abiding homeowners by re-inventing a few age-old scams:

- One is the Money Order or "Secret Shopper" Scam. In this scam, the homeowner receives a money order with a request that they deposit the money. The homeowner is offered a "deal" stating that they can keep some of the money if they forward the rest to an unknown person, business or organization. You should never accept money orders in these circumstances. The criminal is looking to trick you out of your money.
- Another is the "Grandchild in Trouble" Scam. This scam targets senior homeowners. The homeowner receives a phone call from someone who claims to be their grandchild. The caller says something like they're in jail, had an accident, or their money was lost or stolen. The caller tells the homeowner not to tell anyone, especially their parents, then requests the homeowner send them money.

General holiday & crime prevention tips

- Make sure all doors and windows have secondary locks (window pins, deadbolts dowels, etc.) and use them.
- Don't hide spare keys in planters or under doormats.
- Ensure that dark areas and entrances have outdoor lights that are turned on after dark or are sensor-activated.
- Place gifts where they can't be seen from the outside.
- Lock your vehicles and remove all valuables. Yes, even in the driveway.
- Use caution anytime there is a stranger at your door.
- Be suspicious of unexpected sales calls or deliveries. Ask for identification.
- Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to watch your home.
- Use timers for lights and radios while you're away.
- Remember to make arrangements for mail and newspapers.

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Common Grounds and Pool committees are in need of additional members. Please consider helping out.

HALLOWEEN COOKOUT THANKS

The Halloween cookout was a huge success and many scary costumes were seen. Special thanks goes to Alejandro Oyarzabal and his many helpers — Mark, Tami, Aaron & Miranda Buettgenbach, Sun Nicholson, Michelle Wells and Lee Anne Whitworth — and thanks to Gary Chullino for the firewood and water warmers.



THANK YOU

Thanks to the Common Grounds committee for decorating our entrance for the holidays. It really gives our neighborhood a festive look. The Board also wants to thank the Committee chairs and co-chairs as well as the Block Captains. Thanks for your time and dedication. Without you our neighborhood wouldn't be what it is.

BUNCO

Bunco needs a volunteer or two to organize and host our next Bunco. Janet Simonitsch has tables and chairs she can lend. Contact Lena Towler at lenatowler@comcast.net or 816-678-9870 if you're willing to host.

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A. Chris Ngar; B. Denise Hull; C. Kathy Rogers; D. Scott Barker; E. Rod Anderson; F. Lou Ellen Higgins; G. Laura Roberts; H. Amy Lane; I. Alejandro Oyarzabal; J. Sharon Scott Johnson; K. Brian Graham; L. Kerry Knepper; M. Wendy Greashaber

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