



Manager's Message

Lights Against Crime:

Experts tell us that lighted areas have less crime than those that are not lighted. With this in mind we are interested in instituting a "lighting program" at Hanover Square. We believe if we would light our porch and outside garage lights at night, we could reduce the amount of vandalism and other crimes in the complex.

For \$2.10 a month you can run a 27 inch television for 8 hours a day. A 60 watt light bulb cost \$1.26 per month to light and a 40 watt bulb cost \$0.84. Fluorescent lights cost even less to operate, a 15 watt (60 watt equivalent) cost \$0.32 and an 11 watt (40 watt equivalent) cost \$0.23).

A 60 watt light bulb or 15 watt fluorescent is recommended for your front porch light and a 40 watt incandescent or 11 watt fluorescent is recommended for your garage light.

Screw in style fluorescent light bulbs cost between \$5 and \$8 dollars at Menards and they last 5 to 7 times longer than standard bulbs, so over their life their cost is comparable to regular bulbs. When you consider the operating savings, they pay for themselves in a matter of months.

A couple of caveats about fluorescent bulbs, they may not work in all motion or "Dusk to Dawn" sensing fixtures and extreme cold temperatures can affect their performance. Generally extreme cold also deters outside crime as well so this issue may not be critical.

Today's screw-in style fluorescent lights operate at higher frequencies than past bulbs and are easier on the eyes and they generate much less heat.

One other issue is that when you turn on the outside garage light the interior light also comes on because both lights are connected to the same switch. For less than \$20 in parts and a few hours of labor you can put your inside and outside garage lights on a separate switches.

What do you think, would it be worth \$0.028 per day to light these areas for 8 hours each day to help protect our homes, property and living environment?

Dave Banister

Member Feedback:

Just a quick note to say "Thanks". After the snow storm of Wednesday night / Thursday

morning, we were anticipating a repeat of last years problems with snow removal. You remember what a nightmare that was.

Well.....this year was a world of difference. The crews were out by 11:00 pm Wednesday night doing the sidewalks and starting the driveways. They got enough done so the residents could get out to get to work. By Thursday noon, they were back to finish. At 2:30 Cindy informed me that the plows were out back.

By 4:30 or so, the drive aprons were cleared. Not only that, but the driver was very careful to push the snow passed the side walkway. Today they were back, giving the finishing touches.

Please let the crews know how much the residents of 1313 and 1314 Kingsbury Drive appreciate the nice job that they did. And to you and the board, a well deserved

"Atta Boy"

Thanks again
Rick & Cindy Zochowski 1313 B

Obstacles in Our Path:

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock.

Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Tom

Keep your fingers crossed, it looks like we have survived the worst of winter. Chicagoland normally has an average of ten snowfalls accumulating approximately 45 inches of snow throughout the winter. So far this winter, we have had only four snowfalls that have accumulated approximately 24.5 inches of snow.

Now here it is March and the thermometer has dropped to record the coldest temperature of the winter. Hopefully this is winters last gasp, I am hoping that spring is just around the corner and we can look forward to the flowers blooming and tree's budding.

We have received compliments on the snow removal for the first time in several years. Usually the correspondence is limited to complaints, so it is nice to get some positive feedback. I have forwarded these compliments to the Board and Environmental Care (snow removal company). This is the same company that the Board has hired to provide the landscape services, so if all goes well we may get some positive comments about this in the spring and summer.

We still have several people backing their vehicles into the parking stalls. Please don't do this, it is against the rules which were put in place to help keep carbon monoxide from entering the houses and to keep soot off the garage doors.

Valerie

On the Move

Welcome to
the Rojas' 7607A Bristol,
the Martinez's 1309E Kingsbury,
the Soteld's 7608E Bristol.

Goodbye and good luck to
the Rizzi's 7607A Bristol,
the Juarez's 1309E Kingsbury,
the Garcia's 7608E Bristol.

Final Thought:

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principle difference between a dog and a man.

Mark Twain