



Sagamore Forest / Worthington Hillside Community Association

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Dear Community Members,

After a particularly harsh, cold, snowy winter, it was a pleasure to welcome the arrival of spring and summer to our community. It has been wonderful to see so many residents out walking and enjoying our beautiful trees, lush landscape, and the colorful gardens that add so much character to our neighborhood. It's hard to believe we are beginning another school year, and Fall is just around the corner.

We hope you enjoyed the holiday decorations displayed at our seven entrances, as well as our seasonal celebratory wreaths (Valentine Day, St. Patrick Day, Easter and Memorial/July 4th). Your Board remains committed to enhancing the beauty of our community while fostering a strong sense of connection and camaraderie among our residents. We look forward to seeing neighbors gather, gardens flourish, and our community continue to thrive throughout the seasons.

Annual Contributions

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the many residents who supported our community through their \$120 annual voluntary contribution for 2026. Your generosity and continued commitment are greatly valued. Participation remained flat, with contributions received at approximately the same level as in 2025. Unfortunately, we have not even come close to 50% of the 279 homes in contributing to the annual dues campaign.

You requested to understand how these funds are utilized. The majority of contributions go toward our community lawn maintenance services, which represent the largest ongoing expense. In addition, the Board has been mindful and cost-conscious in purchasing seasonal decorations for our seven entrances. All 14 entrance wreaths are hand-decorated by volunteers, resulting in no additional cost to the community.

This year, contribution funds also enabled enhancements to the Bond and Timber Run entrance, including the addition of two Red Plum trees and three Gold Spirea shrubs. These improvements help maintain the attractive appearance of our neighborhood and contribute to

the welcoming environment we all enjoy. Again, we've posted a breakdown of planned 2026 expenses on our website under the **"Dues"** tab.

Communication

Keeping residents informed remains a priority for the Board. We currently share community news and updates through our website, **SFWHCA.com**, and our Facebook page, **Sagamore Forest/Worthington Hillside Homeowner Community**. In addition, our community newsletter is mailed to all 279 homes, ensuring that every household receives important information and updates. You can always reach your board by sending an email to SFWHCA@gmail.com

While printed newsletters remain the most reliable way to reach all residents, the cost of printing and mailing is approximately \$500 per issue. As part of our ongoing efforts to manage expenses responsibly, we continue to explore transitioning to an electronic newsletter.

To help make this possible, we encourage residents to provide their preferred email address. The Board is committed to protecting your privacy and will use email addresses solely for community communications. Expanding our email distribution list would help reduce the costs associated with publishing and mailing four newsletters each year, allowing more community resources to be directed toward neighborhood improvements and services.



New Residents

- Andile Sibiya and Raymond Mathews Sr. of 12 Timber Run Court
- Elysa Wolf Chao and Samuel Lederman of 3904 Log Trail Way

Our homes continue to maintain and improve in their market value, and our community is highly sought after by new home buyers.



- With summer waning and our leaves starting to fall, please take a little time to maintain your landscaping and help preserve our community's curb appeal. Keeping lawns mowed, shrubs and trees trimmed, and removing dead or damaged vegetation helps make our neighborhood an attractive place to live and supports home values.

- When placing trash and recycling at the curb, please use containers with secure lids or ensure items are properly bundled. This helps prevent wind and wildlife from scattering debris throughout the community.
- As a reminder, trash and recycling should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled collection day and containers removed same day after pick up.
- Please continue to be considerate of your neighbors by cleaning up after your pets whenever you are out walking them in the community. We continue to find small “poop” bags left curbside.
- Because our neighborhood's terrain is very hilly, heavy rain can sometimes contribute to erosion and water backup. If there is a storm drain near your property that becomes blocked by leaves, grass, or other debris, your assistance in clearing it can help improve drainage and reduce erosion throughout the community.

Community Fall Clean Up

Saturday October 24, 2026

7:30 am to 12 noon

General Refuse Only

Items **NOT** picked up as Recycled or Yard Waste

Dumpster Location:

- End turn around/cul de sac on 4000 block of Log Trail Way

Prohibited Items for Disposal

Explosives or flammables	Acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals
Medical/radioactive waste	Liquids/Liquid waste
Animal carcasses	Large stumps/wood greater than 6' or 8' in diameter
Large times that cannot be lifted manually	Tires
Refrigerator/air conditioner/freezers	Anything with freon

Thank you for helping keep our community clean, safe, and beautiful for everyone.

Larry Strassner, President
 Jackie Ovad, Vice President
 Amy Baker, Secretary
 Dave Reed, Treasurer