

Swiss Village East Property Owners Association 2020 End of Year Letter

Dear SVE property owners,

2020 has certainly been a challenging year for all of us. I am personally looking forward to 2021 and hopeful this will be a much better year as we will get many of the COVID-19 challenges behind us. I hope you have stayed healthy. SVE community is a great place to socially isolate or visit depending on your situation. I hope you have enjoyed what the community has to offer.

The SVE board has gone through some transitions this past year. Heidi Shaffer and Rob Poupard have recently moved out of the community so are no longer board members. At the end of this year, Bob Durga's term will expire. Please join me in thanking Bob, Heidi, and Rob for their service to the SVE community. We will miss them. Ralph Crosslin has volunteered to serve the balance of Rob's term so he will be on the board through 2021. Ryan McCauley was elected to begin serving a full term beginning in 2021.

As mentioned last year, the board transitioned to a committee structure that was highly effective. All the committee leaders and teams were fully engaged. This has helped promote more participation and ownership. Along with electing officers, we will also assign committee ownership in the January board meeting. Please let a board member know if you are willing to join a committee this coming year. The standing committees are: Social and Communication, Architectural, Maintenance, and Finance. We welcome participation. You do not need to be a board member to join a committee.

Board members and property owners have been active in improving the community and the beauty of SVE. If you are a resident or regular visitor, I am sure you have noticed some of the positive changes. Thanks to all who have contributed their time and energy.

Improvements to Children's'/Community Park – the improvements to the park include paving of the pavilion floor, adding picnic tables, and improving disabled access. The park is much more user friendly. We encourage you to use this area for outdoor gatherings in the future.

Entry Gardens and mailboxes- the flowers that were added and faithfully maintained this year have been beautiful. I want to thank all of those who have been part of this process. The daily watering of the hanging baskets is a lot of work and very much appreciated.

Managing the ITC easement cutting – This past year, ITC (due to federal mandates) cut trees along their powerline easement. Nobody is happy about this and it was out of our control. ITC, working closely with the board, was able to minimize the impact. We are still working with them as they plan to change power poles and hopefully regrade the slopes.

Added Signage to slopes – In an effort to prevent soil erosion, the board is asking that we keep wheeled vehicles off the park area slopes. Today's high powered 4 x 4's are damaging the slopes causing soil erosion and damage to the park areas. Please be considerate of others in using SVE park property.

Riverside Park – clean-up from the storm damage in 2018 was finalized along with improving the road shoulder adjacent to the park. The park is looking good again!

More improvements are being considered for 2021. Please share any ideas you might have on improving our community for the coming year. All ideas are welcome.

During the October annual meeting, the board decided to begin the process of updating the governing documents. This will be a major and necessary undertaking for 2021. Please see the accompanying letter for more information. We are just getting the process started. A good place to start is for all property owners update their contact information. Future communication to property owners will be via email so please take this opportunity to update your contact information.

Update your directory information (email, physical address, telephone number). Please send this to Swissvillageeast@gmail.com. Help us to maintain effective communication by updating your contact information.

Sincerely,

Mark Berghoef