

The Greens Townhome Association FLASH
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NEW BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

Due to a resignation, we have an opening for a Board Member. If you want to help keep The Greens a great place to live, please consider applying. The Board meets monthly, for about 2 hours. There may be additional time involved for projects as they come up. If you have special interests or skills that you would like to put to good use, this could be for you. Feel free to contact any of the Board members for questions. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 18 at 2:00pm. You're welcome to join us if you want to see what it's like.

GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWSBITS AND TIPS

Many of us have lived in the Greens since its beginning. We've also seen new neighbors take the place of others who have left. One thing hasn't changed: our need for good handymen, painters, plumbers and other capable craftsmen and service suppliers. Unfortunately, not all these suppliers we once counted on are still available. Some neighbors brought it to our attention that it might be time to learn about recent positive experiences with vendors.

Is there someone you would like to recommend?

Painters, Electricians, Handymen/General Work, Plumbers, Carpenters, Garage Door Service, Window Cleaning & Care/Pressure Washing, Shrub Care, Additional Services

Please note:

- *Recommendations will be accepted from individual residents who have had positive experiences with these independent contractors and are in no way endorsed by the Greens Board.*
- *Please contact the vendor to **get their permission before recommending** their name to be added to our list, which will be provided to all residents as a public service.*
- *It is up to the individual homeowner who hires them to inquire about their license and liability insurance, if they are so inclined.*

E-mail your recommendations (name and contact information) to Gail Welsh (gaph14@charter.net) or Sandy Everett (deltadesign@aol.com)

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT

You may have received a letter from City of Rochester Public Works regarding their new Sidewalk Improvement Program. Board Secretary Bruce Snyder investigated and found out the following from city council member Norman Wahl (nwahl@rochestermn.gov):

The City of Rochester has been divided into 5 districts. We are in District NW-1. A sidewalk project will occur in the NW-1 district every 5 years, the first one being this year, 2025. All Greens properties will have the designation of Residential without abutting pedestrian facilities. This means we will be assessed at the lowest fee, currently estimated at \$33.12. This cost is only an estimate. It will show up on your property tax bill beginning in 2026.

More information is available on the City of Rochester website for the Department of Public Works. <https://www.rochestermn.gov/departments/public-works/streets-paths-sidewalks/sidewalks-paths/sidewalk-improvement-districts>

If anyone wants to comment on this, they can attend the City Council Meeting on March 17.

CLOGGED DRAIN PREVENTION

A seriously clogged drain can be an inconvenience which could turn into a big expense to get cleaned out.

Key steps for cleaning a home drain:

- **Preventative measures:**
 - **Use a strainer:** Always use a sink strainer to catch food particles before they go down the drain.
 - **NEVER pour grease down:** Avoid pouring cooking oil or grease directly into the drain as it can solidify and clog the pipes.
 - **Regular hot water flush:** Periodically pour boiling water down the drain to help melt and flush away grease buildup.
- **Cleaning with baking soda and vinegar:**
 - **Pour baking soda:** Put about half a cup of baking soda down the drain.
 - **Add vinegar:** Immediately follow the baking soda with a cup of white vinegar.
 - **Let it fizz:** Allow the mixture to sit for a few minutes, letting the fizzing action work on the grease and grime.
 - **Flush with hot water:** Run hot tap water down the drain to rinse away the loosened debris.