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FINANCE TRUSTEE

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IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT MEETING

September or October

NEXT BULK PICKUP

April 8, 2025
September 9, 2025

Look for signs posted
at subdivision entrances
a week in advance as a
reminder

Also listed on
NEXTDOOR.COM
NET WEBSITE



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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FINANCE TRUSTEE REPORT – SUE KNIERIM SUBDIVISION NEWS

Starting in 2025, meetings will be scaled back to one per year. This was voted on at the Winter 2024 meeting. The meeting will be in September or October and will be posted on NET Website as soon as it is booked at Cliff Cave Library. We can't book the meeting room until April 2025. Additionally, signs will be posted at the subdivision entrances as a reminder of place and time.

FINANCE TRUSTEE REPORT – SUE KNIERIM

We are required to approve a budget at the subdivision meeting. At the meeting time, our trash service had not set their rates for 2025 as they were still negotiating their dumping fees. They did communicate that the rate increase would be either \$1 or \$2 per resident per month. With a lot of discussion and much input from former finance trustee, Jim Flowers, we decided to set the assessment at \$540. per residence. This accounted for a \$2 rate increase in trash. In 2023 the rate increase of \$2 (\$10,608) was paid for by our reserves and we couldn't pay trash again from reserves. Additionally, we have at least four big dead trees on common grounds property that we need to address now. The discussion was if the extra is not needed for trash, it will be for trees. (We do not address dead trees in wooded areas.)

We finally got our trash increase and it is \$1 per resident per month. So, our assessment breakdown is \$300 Subdivision and \$240 Trash. It's billed for a total of \$540. This payment needs to be sent to City and Village Tax Office or you can pay on their app, and I believe they take credit card payments over the phone but charge a small fee for that. Any payments sent to the PO BOX made out to the NET Trustees will be return to you so you can send it to the management company. Thank you for sending it to C&V for handling and credit to your account.

Below is a breakdown of our Midwest Bank account only. Monthly Financials of expenses paid through City and Village can be viewed on the NET Website listed above. We will have an independent review of the Midwest account for the 2024 calendar year done early next year. We also plan to transfer funds from City and Village to Midwest Bank next year.

Midwest Balance on 12/31/2023	\$50,597.27
Midwest Balance on 10/30/2024	<u>28,154.98</u>
Difference	\$22,442.29

Finance	\$ 5,437.59
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P.O. Box	222.00
Recorder of Deeds	738.50
Attorney	175.00
Insurance	3,708.00
Copies	594.09

Ground	\$ 4,375.99
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Borders for Volleyball Court and Tot Lot	3,493.85
Misc. hardware store purchases and expenses related to installing borders	882.14

Pool and Social Activities	\$12,628.00
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Fence	5,100.00
Camera's/gate control system	4,026.58
Attendant/Cleaning	195.00
Supplies/Tables/Internet	1,777.78
Permits/Easter Supplies	1,529.35

Note: Savings from lifeguard paid for offset expenses of setting up new systems. There are more requirements for government compliance that are being reviewed for next season.

GROUNDS TRUSTEE REPORT – DAVID GREEN - FORMER

My term for the Grounds Trustee has come to an end. I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped make NET The Best Subdivision in the surrounding area to live in these past 4 years.

My replacement is Erin Weber. She grew up in NET and now lives here. Please give her as much help as you have given me to keep NET beautiful.

Listed below are the beautifications projects we have accomplished in the past four years.

Main playground border installed and kiddie mulch installed, Volleyball net poles were replaced, entrance light replaced, pool parking lot restriped, hop scotch painted on the concrete next to pool and swing set. Basketball court restriped with new net installed, swing set border installed and kiddie mulch installed, Olde Winery playground installed kiddie mulch and having more mulch added ASAP. England Town Road playground installed border and having kiddie mulch installed ASAP. Smoking table at the pool area replace the wood.

Common ground at the front of subdivision and the main common ground were sprayed for clover, and several dead trees throughout the subdivision were cut down .

Future items that need addressing are as follows:

We need to increase the budget to 10K – 15K for cutting down the Ash trees that are dying throughout subdivision. We need to have an expert on Erosion Control take a look at the erosion taking place behind the houses on Olde Winery and formulate a plan to take care of the erosion. We also need a new bid for grass cutting throughout the subdivision.

In closing, I'd like to thank all volunteers that have helped throughout these last four years.

Sincerely,
David Green

GROUNDS TRUSTEE REPORT – ERIN WEBER – NEW

Hello neighbors ! My name is Erin Weber, and I am the new grounds trustee. I live on Pierport Circle.

My husband, Scott, and I have been in Net and raised our 5 children in our home since 2003. Prior to that I lived with my parents from 79-89 on Cavendish Lane. I am excited to assist with the caretaking of the 13 acres of common ground that we have in our subdivision.

There are 10 trees on common property that will need to be removed and about 6 that need some pruning. I am currently awaiting bids for this work to be completed. I am also awaiting a competing bid for grass cutting for the 2025 season.

Currently the Emerald Ash Borer has been wreaking havoc on many of our ash trees that line our picturesque streets. St. Louis County has marked many of the trees in the easement for removal. This work will be completed as their schedules permit. I will be looking to plant new trees in the common areas to replace the dead and dying.

POOL TRUSTEE – DAWN DAVIS POOL NEWS

We hope everyone enjoyed the 2024 pool season. We were able to keep the pool open through September, due to the heat.

The gate system worked great this year with the access cards. Remember to keep your pool passes. New ones will not be issued in the Spring.

Pro Pool did an excellent job maintaining the pool. The water was perfect all summer long.

Thank you to everyone that helped take care of the pool. It was greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful winter and think spring !!

HALLOWEEN NEWS

Our annual Halloween Parade and Celebration took place on Saturday, October 27th. We had a great turn out.

The kids looked so good in all the costumes. They enjoyed games, prizes, candy, snacks, and drinks.

Thank you, Dave and Debbie for leading the parade and for the fun hayrides. The kids had so much fun.

Thank you, Linda, Ashley, Tina, Michael, Denise, Betty, Larry, Kelly and Brandon for all your help. I really appreciate it.

BOB STUCKMEYER - WEBMASTER

How To Reach the Website

Residents who haven't already done so, are encouraged to visit our NET HOA website. The site can be reached by typing the following address in your web browser's address bar:

<https://nethoa.wixsite.com/net-hoa>

Alternatively, scan this QR code with your smart phone's camera app and then click on the link that appears.

After the site opens in your browser, you might want to add it as a favorite or bookmark for future visits.



Our Website Host

Our website is currently hosted for free by a company name Wix. In exchange for free hosting, Wix inserts a banner on the top of each of our web pages. If you access the website from a computer or tablet, the banner looks like this:

This site was designed with the **Wix**.com website builder. Create your website today. [Start Now](#)

If you access the banner from a mobile phone, the banner looks like this:

Join us on the **Wix**app 

Clicking on either banner opens a new tab in your browser that takes you to a Wix web page. Additionally, clicking on the mobile banner opens an option to download a Wix app (that you do not need) to your mobile phone. Unless you are a website developer who wants Wix to host your site, you are **strongly** encouraged to avoid clicking on either banner.

Web Page Navigation

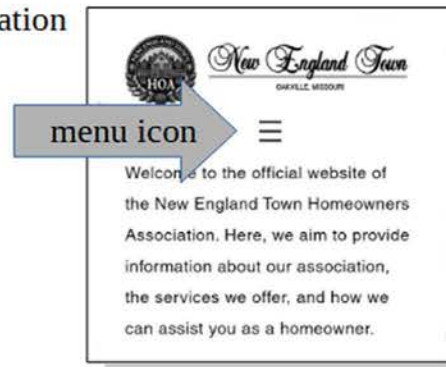
The NET website currently consists of the following pages: *Home*, *News & Events*, *Pool Info*, *Governance*, *Subscribe*, *Contact Us*, and *Helpful Resources*. The method for navigating from one page to another differs depending on whether you are accessing the website from a computer/tablet or a mobile phone.

If you are accessing the website from a computer/tablet, navigation is via a horizontal menu bar:

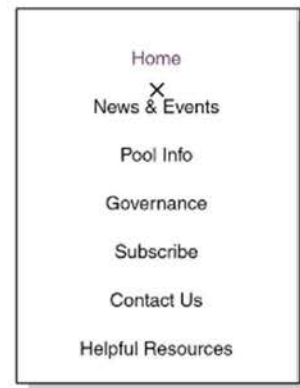


To navigate to another page, click (on a computer) or tap (on a tablet) the desired page's label on the menu bar.

If you are accessing the website from a mobile phone, navigation is via a menu icon. This example is from the home page.



To navigate to a different page, tap the menu icon. The adjacent vertical menu will appear. To navigate to another page, tap the desired page's name in the vertical menu. To return to the current page, close the menu by tapping the X.



How to Subscribe to the NET Website

The NET website is open to the public. Anyone who knows the website address can visit the site and view content. NET residents are encouraged (but are not required) to subscribe to the website. Subscribers will receive an email notification when the website is updated (e.g. posting of newsletters/meeting minutes, notification of upcoming events).

Subscribing is a multi step process. First, visit the NET website. Click on the “Subscribe” option on the horizontal menu bar (computer, tablet users) or tap the menu icon and then the “Subscribe” option on the vertical menu bar (mobile phone users). The adjacent form will appear.

Fill in your name, NET address, email ID in the website form and click the “subscribe” button. The site will then send you an email to confirm your subscription (also to verify your email is valid). Open your email and look for a message with the subject “Confirm Your Subscription – New England Town HOA.” If you don’t see the message in your inbox check your spam, junk or bulk mail folders. Open the message and click the “confirm subscription” link to complete the process.

If you **are** a New England Town resident and would like to receive email notification of website updates (e.g. subdivision newsletters, upcoming events), fill in the form below and click on the subscribe button. In the form below * designates a required field.

Join our mailing list

First Name *

Last Name *

House Number *

Street Name *

Email *

Phone

Website Questions or Comments?

Questions or comments can be sent via email to: **nethoawebmaster@gmail.com**

What's Your NET Q-Score ?

Probably because I never scored particularly high on them, I have always considered IQ test scores to be very subjective and not a very reliable indicator of a person's down-to-earth SMARTS or what I like to call "practical intelligence." Likewise, how high or low on a scale of 1 to 10 you and I as homeowners in our NET subdivision would rate over quality of life is also very subjective. So, bear with me as I share with you some of the reasons I would give it a **NET Q-SCORE** of NINE.

No, the quality of life here in New England Town is not perfect. Not everyone is always friendly. Not every dog walker always picks up their animal's offerings. Not everyone maintains or upgrades their property like I do or I think they should. But, I love the location of our neighborhood. I love the way the value of my home continues to grow and how quickly for sale homes here sell. I love my neighbors both new and longtime. I love the joyful noise I hear the increasing number of younger children make on my frequent strolls around the neighborhood on our paved and lighted walkways. I love the pool (even though I'm not a swimmer) and the tennis courts (which I'm too old to use now) and the playgrounds and activities my grandchildren enjoy when they come for a visit. I appreciate the reasonable annual assessments (which I wish didn't go up every year like everything else does). And, I have enjoyed getting to know and work with our trustees and can't thank them enough for volunteering to do such an important and "thankless" job simply because they too would give it a high Q-SCORE and want to keep it that way.

How about you ? What would your NET Q-SCORE be and why? And, why not let our NET Trustees know what it is ? And, please be a good neighbor and come to our NET meetings.

Ken Sievers

**HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND BE SAFE !