

Tollgate Fare

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Brick Re-pointing

Masonry Specialists have re-pointed the brick walls at the front entrance of Tollgate and along the adjacent rear wall. The mortar in these walls has deteriorated badly and this is not the first time we have re-pointed this area. Unfortunately, it appears that either the walls were built on poor foundations or the mortar did not cure properly due to freezing or poor mixture.

The Board solicited 3 bids for the re-pointing work and selected Masonry Specialists due to their low cost and previous good work in the community. The final cost was \$4,200. Many thanks to Tom Smolinski for obtaining these bids and to Bob Donaldson who did the power-washing, thus saving us \$700.

Sidewalk Repair

Garry Sauner has done a great job working with the City on a number of issues, including the sidewalk work that was done last year. You may have noticed that there remains a low spot along Broad Street that collects water and ice during inclement weather. This becomes a real problem in winter when it turns into an ice rink. Garry has received a commitment from the City to replace that section of sidewalk sometime in late spring.

Street Repaving

Again, Garry has been successful in pleading our case with the City for repaving of our street. Last year Garry got them to move Tollgate from a priority 3 to a priority 4 and has recently been told that we are tentatively scheduled for repaving sometime between May and September of this year. Obviously, repaving Tollgate Way will be a logistical challenge. The Board will try to make alternative parking arrangements during the paving operations, perhaps with the Dulin church. Once we are notified of the date, we will have to remove all cars from the paved portion of the street and keep them off until the paving is done. If anyone is planning any vacations or long absences, please make sure your cars are parked in your garage, driveway or personal parking pad while you are gone, otherwise, we may have to tow your vehicle.

Parking

The Board would like to remind everyone to continue to follow the Tollgate Parking Policy: <http://tollgateway.org/tollgate/news/parking.htm>

As discussed at the Annual Meeting and in our January newsletter, the Board has asked the City to place No-Parking/Tow Away signs on the North side of Tollgate Way and restrict parking near the entrance to Tollgate. The City is studying the request and will make a recommendation to the City Manager in the future. In the meantime, please do not park along the curve or near the entrance to Tollgate. Please tell your visiting guests, repair contractors, cable TV technicians, etc. to park their vehicle(s) in your driveway/parking pad or direct them to park their vehicle(s) in community parking spaces, not on the street. Parents, please do not park your cars at the entrance while waiting for the bus and please advise your non-Tollgate friends to do the same.

Signage at Front Entrance

This past winter Eric Kirschner, with Board approval, purchased two accent lights for our front entrance. Eric and Bob Donaldson installed the lights; one highlights the Gazebo and the other shines on the Crepe Myrtle tree. We are now considering some signage to identify the Tollgate Community. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact a Board member or come to our 9 am April 11th Board meeting held at 108 Tollgate Way.

Street Light Fixtures

Some of you may have noticed that many of the streetlight fixtures are a bit wobbly. We have contacted the vendor who referred us to the manufacturer since the streetlights are out of warranty. The manufacturer has discontinued this particular light fixture, probably because of the design defect that is evident in these fixtures, and they will not help. So, we are on our own. We looked into welding the pieces together, but that was not feasible. The Maintenance Committee is working on another solution and will keep you advised.