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JONATHAN  
*Neighbors*  
FALL/WINTER 2022

Brandon Johnson stands by a new monument in Autumn Woods.





## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The summer months were filled with so many highlights, this year. Despite a morning storm, we had an incredible turnout for the annual July 4th celebration. It was wonderful to host the event at Lake Grace Pavilion, once again, and to see neighbors engaging with each other. August brought nearly 30 neighborhoods, facilitating their own gatherings for Nite to Unite festivities. Having three retired fire trucks allowed each party to have a little more time for pictures with the kids (and a few kids at heart).

Capital improvements included new monuments for Tuscany Hills, Autumn Woods South and Autumn Woods East. Park renovations wrapped up in September, at Juliette Park, in Clover Field. Work continues, replacing mail pavilions with cluster mailbox units, located on the boulevards, near the homes they serve.

The agreement was finalized, with DR Horton, to add the new Oak Creek development at Clover Ridge to the association. This neighborhood will add over 100 members to the association, in the years to come. For existing members in Clover Ridge, there are plan changes, to secure existing roads that terminate in cul-de-sacs with expanded trail connectivity. In nearby Clover Field, developers are nearing completion on the remaining single-family lots and the final 17 townhomes of Arbor Fields. This development and Reserve at Autumn Woods will expand our amenities and strengthen the collective financial position.

The financial health of the association remains one of the greatest responsibilities of the board. At a recent state of the industry meeting, with FirstService Residential, professional grounds contract services were projected to increase 20%, in 2023. The continued impact of inflation also adds to an overall increase in our operating expenses. The management team and finance committee have worked, tirelessly, over the last month, to balance the budget. Combining the fall newsletter with the annual mailer is an example of their efforts. Together with the board, management will continue to seek opportunities to reduce costs, with minimal impact on the members.

In closing, as always, I encourage each of you to think of one way that you can positively impact the association, over these winter months. Whether it's running for a board seat, volunteering on a committee or random acts of kindness, like shoveling a neighbor's driveway, we are better because we are together. Take the best care of yourself and each other. I look forward to seeing you, all, at the annual meeting.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy".

Jeremy Landkammer Ely

*President, Jonathan Association Board of Directors*



# JONATHAN PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

All shutterbugs and photography enthusiasts, here is your opportunity to show off your talents and maybe win a prize.

The Jonathan Association is having a photography contest. Take pictures of things around Jonathan and submit them to [info@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:info@jonathaninchaska.com). Each entrant can submit as many pictures as they like. There will be 3 winners. Those pictures will be put

in the next newsletter and on the Jonathan website. Even if your picture is not selected for a prize, it may be posted on the website, for others to appreciate.

**Please submit your pictures by February 20, 2023.**

Winners will be notified by February 24, 2023.

All pictures submitted will become the property of The Jonathan Association



Photo by Jessica Favaro on Unsplash



# SERVICE REQUESTS

## FirstService Residential Connect Adds New Service Request Feature

Every member of The Jonathan Association is highly encouraged to activate their FirstService Residential Connect account.

Once the account is live, there is direct access to everything needed. Existing features include paying annual assessments and accessing documents/information about each neighborhood. FirstService Residential Connect is available via the web or the app, on a mobile device. Members can submit service requests for common area maintenance issues and violation concerns, without having to call management.

There is real-time tracking of the ticket, through completion. Using this process puts members in direct contact with the on-site team and provides accountability, that all issues are resolved in a timely manner. Simply click the service request button on the dashboard to get started. This does not replace existing systems for work performed by sub-associations.

### CUSTOMER CARE CENTER: 952-277-2716

The customer care center is open 24/7, to ensure someone can be reached, at any time. Fully integrated with the technology platform, the customer care agents promptly assist with answers to common questions, such as account balances.

### FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL CONNECT:

[www.portal.residentconnect.com](http://www.portal.residentconnect.com)

Access and pay account balances. Submit and track service request orders. Maintain personal contact information and preferences.

### THE JONATHAN ASSOCIATION:

[www.jonathaninchaska.com](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com)

Trail Maps, ARC Guidelines, Board Documents, Declarations, FirstService Residential Links and more.

Sign in to the FirstService Residential Connect portal from The Jonathan Association homepage by clicking the 'connect' button in the resident portal section.

#### Resident Portal

- Check your account status or pay your bill online
- Attend board meetings via a Zoom link or review past meeting minutes
- Access documents regarding the Jonathan such as sub-association by-laws, ARC Guidelines, etc
- Communicate with your management team
- Download forms and documents

CONNECT



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The Jonathan

#### My Account

View your account activity

[View Account Activity](#)

BALANCE DUE ☐

[MAKE PAYMENT](#)

The payment site will open in a new window. Please be sure your pop-up blocker is disabled.

#### Quick Actions

Request services and make reservations



**Community News**

See the latest news



**Service Requests**

View status and history of requests sent to management



**Community Calendar**

See what is happening in your community

#### Calendar

View upcoming events

[View More](#)

November 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

15 Tue **Jonathan Association Board Meeting [Zoom]**  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

#### Important Links

- [Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Privacy Policy](#)

#### Forms & Documents

Download and print forms and documents

[View All](#)



**Homeowner Financial\_10/31/2022**  
Financial Documents | Uploaded November 10, 2022



**Board & Committee Minutes\_09/20/2022**  
Board & Committee Minutes | Uploaded November 7, ...



**Board & Committee Minutes\_08/16/2022**  
Board & Committee Minutes | Uploaded November 7, ...



**Board & Committee Minutes\_07/19/2022**  
Board & Committee Minutes | Uploaded November 7, ...



**Board & Committee Minutes\_06/19/2022**  
Board & Committee Minutes | Uploaded November 7, ...

## SERVICE REQUESTS

Clicking the Service Requests button (above) will open a new window (below) where members can provide details and photos for service requests.

### Submit a Service Request

Select the category that best describes the nature of your request

Landscaping

Description

Your Email

email@emailaddress.com

Your Phone Number

5555454555

Attach Images

CANCEL

SUBMIT



# VOLUNTEERING IN JONATHAN

Resident Steps Forward to Volunteer Skills for The Jonathan Association

By Skip Rothe

A couple of years ago, it was discovered that the Autumn Woods Monument Signs were deteriorating, to a point where they needed to be repaired or replaced.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) looked at both alternatives and found that the best, and least expensive, way was to use what was there to redesign and alter the existing monuments. It was also decided that the people who live in Autumn Woods should be involved in the changes that would be made to these monuments.



An email went out to the Autumn Woods neighborhood, asking for volunteers on a committee to redesign the monuments (six total). The first response was from Brandon Johnson, a resident of Autumn Woods East. He had the skills to help with the design of the first monument signs, to be done at the corner of Acorn Road and Pioneer Trail. There was a meeting with Paul Vogel (Paul Vogel Construction) who gave a rough idea of our options. Jonathan had recently completed

monuments for the original area of Jonathan and wanted to use brick, stone and limestone caps, as was done in those areas. Brandon put the information into a concept picture, that could be taken to The Jonathan Association Board of Directors for approval, along with Vogel's bid. The monuments were completed, in late 2021. Subsequently, Brandon has helped with the alterations of two existing monuments and two new ones, which are scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

When Brandon was asked why he volunteered to help, he stated: "I've been a designer, mostly in the digital space, for nearly 20 years. I heard that ARC needed some help, updating and unifying the new signs placed in the Jonathan neighborhoods. As a resident of the Autumn Woods

neighborhood, I had noticed that each new phase of development brought new signs that all looked completely different. With my background, I thought I could help and wanted to improve the look of our entrances. I reached out to ARC to see where I could help. I think that the new signs look modern and welcoming. They give our neighborhoods a sense of togetherness."





*The previous monument in Autumn Woods.*



*Brandon Johnson stands by a new monument in Autumn Woods.*



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jonathan Association is looking for members to get involved with making positive changes in the community. Three director seats will be open in February 2023. Directors help to improve The Jonathan Association with valuable input. The board seats are voluntary positions. Members gain satisfaction, knowing that they are making this a better place to live. If members have 4-10 hours per month available to help make a difference in the community, please call 952-448-4700 or email [info@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:info@jonathaninchaska.com) for more information. Those interested in volunteering, but not interested in a board position, can consider sharing your time and talents by joining one of the committees. Make your voice heard.

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The goal of the activities committee is to bring residents together by organizing events that build a sense of community among Jonathan neighbors. The committee strongly encourages all Jonathan residents to get involved and share ideas, thereby making events happen.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

“ARC” oversees standards and covenants that guide external property maintenance and improvements. It helps ensure neat, well-kept, and harmonious neighborhoods, while considering the well-being of all residents in Jonathan. ARC decisions are guided by neighborhood covenants, the ARC Guidelines and directives of The Jonathan Association Board of Directors.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility of the communications committee to facilitate the flow and content of information from The Jonathan Association Board of Directors to Jonathan residents and, when necessary, outside organizations.

## ELECTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of the election committee is to fairly and legally administer all board of directors' elections, in accordance with applicable Jonathan Association by-laws. The election committee is granted the powers and authority to carry out the task of nominating individuals to The Jonathan Association Board of Directors. As such, they are tasked with the administration of all aspects of the election process.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibility of the executive committee is to act on behalf of the full board of directors, between meetings and when the board is not in session.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The main responsibility of the finance committee is to consider financial issues, such as the management of money and other assets of The Jonathan Association. They also provide ongoing forecasts of financial position, operations and cash flow, based upon expected conditions.

## HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The purpose of the heritage committee is to procure, protect, perpetuate and promote the history and amenities of The Jonathan Association; for the benefit of all its residents – current and future.



# CORRECTIVE PRUNING ON LANDSCAPED TREES

By Steve Burslie

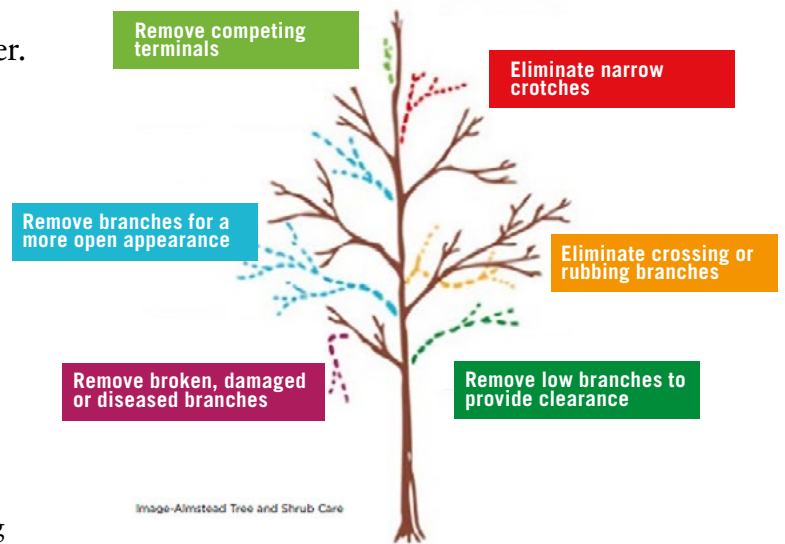
We often wonder how heavily-forested trees survive amongst the competition of one another.

They grow in tight proximity to one another. The shade created by the forest canopy suppresses the growth of lower limbs. The dominant trees tend to maintain a strong, single stem within a narrow crown that grows toward the natural light.

A lot of structural defects that occur in older trees can be prevented by proper pruning when the tree is young. This pruning practice can stop the need for more extensive tree care practices, later in the life of the plant, while decreasing the chance of branch failure. Structural pruning of young, developing trees provides a more desirable and stable form at maturity. It is one of the best investments that consumers can make within their landscape.

Pruning for structure is especially important in young to middle-aged trees, to ensure a stable, aesthetically-pleasing, permanent shape. The goal is to have one main, dominant stem. Unless the tree is intentionally grown as a multi-stemmed species, as is often done with certain species, such as birch and serviceberry, a single stem should be maintained for approximately half of the mature height of the tree. On large canopy species, such as ash or maple, which can eventually reach 70 feet in height, a single stem should be maintained for at least 35 feet, before it's allowed to develop multiple leaders of approximately equal size.

Structure pruning is best completed in the winter, when leaves do not hide the branches. Pruning should take place as soon as the tree is established and maintains normal growth rates following planting. In normal cases, this is about two years.



*A variety of pruning objectives are used in maintaining the health, beauty, safety, and usefulness of trees.*

It may be longer, on large transplants, due to recovery. All of the energy is going to re-establish roots and new growth.

On small maturing species, the first 10 years after establishment is the critical period for structural pruning. For large maturing species, pruning for structure should continue for up to 25 years following planting.

There are four pruning techniques used to maintain trees. Depending upon the tree requirements, the client expectations and the budget, one or more of the techniques will be used to properly take care of the plant.

If you would like an assessment of the trees on your property, please contact Steve Burslie at Birch Tree Care, 651-317-4080 or [www.birchtreecare.com](http://www.birchtreecare.com).





## 2023 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

Each year, members of The Jonathan Association pay annual dues, to cover its shared common area amenities which include:

- Maintenance of trails, parks and playgrounds
- Tree trimming, monument landscaping and lawn care
- Community Events
  - Festival of Garage Sales
  - July 4th Celebration
  - Nite to Unite
  - Cocoa & Coasting Sledding Event
  - Spring and Fall Yard Waste Pick-Up
- Property Management Services
  - Capital Projects
  - Grounds Contracts
  - Financial Administration
  - Covenant Enforcement
  - Member Support

The proposed budget for the calendar year 2023 anticipates operating expenses of \$842,004 with an additional \$203,000 contribution to the reserve fund. Based on these projections, the finance committee provided preliminary guidance to the board of directors. The board concluded that the most prudent action is to increase the annual assessment by 4.9%, which it approved, with unanimous consent.

The Jonathan Association annual assessment (dues) will be \$319.00, effective January 1, 2023.

In an effort to positively impact expenses, the board authorized management to merge the annual notice of dues and the annual meeting notice with the fall newsletter. Members with questions can reach out to the customer care team or submit an inquiry through the FirstService Residential Connect portal. We look forward to sharing additional actions at the annual meeting of members.







## ANNUAL MEETING LETTER

*November 3, 2022*

Dear Jonathan Association members:

This letter is to notify all members of the annual meeting of members of The Jonathan Homeowner Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation. The meeting will be held, via Zoom, on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, at 6:30 pm, with supplemental materials, required by the bylaws. A copy of this information will be posted on the association's website, for members' convenience.

The purposes of the annual meeting are to:

1. Approve the prior year's meeting minutes
2. Receive annual equitable financial report, preliminary audit results and the attorney's report
3. Accept the nominations of at least three (3) candidates for election to the board of directors
4. Provide an open forum to engage.

Members who are interested in applying for election to the Jonathan board can complete the application. A member of the nominating committee will reach out. The application can be found on the association's website or obtained in person at The Karen House,

which serves as the management office of the association. The deadline for applications is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6th, 2023. The election guidelines are available on the Jonathan website at: [www.jonathaninchaska.com](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com).

Only legally-entitled members will be admitted into the meeting. Members who wish to provide a proxy to another individual can complete the proxy form, attached, and return it, as requested.

All homeowners are encouraged to register with FirstService Residential Connect, to easily access management staff, keep contact information updated and resolve any issues. For live support, please contact the customer care team at 952-227-2700 or send an email to [info@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:info@jonathaninchaska.com), for a written response.

Yours truly,

Kami Skomsoyvog  
On-Site Community Association Manager,  
FirstService Residential Minnesota, Inc.







## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

*February 21st, 2023 at 6:30 pm*

To the members of The Jonathan Association:

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of members of The Jonathan Master Association, a Minnesota non-profit corporation, will be held, via a Zoom conference call, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm. The platform will open at 6:15 pm.

Zoom Meeting Detail

Join Zoom Meeting

**[www.jonathaninchaska.com/event/annual-meeting-2023](http://www.jonathaninchaska.com/event/annual-meeting-2023)**

Meeting ID: 894 5609 8315

Passcode: 267471

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+16469313860,,89456098315#,,, \*267471# US

Individual voting rights and eligibility are defined within the declaration on the title for all properties within The Jonathan Master Association.

By order of the board of directors,

Jeremy T. Landkammer Ely  
President of the Board of Directors  
Jonathan Association







# ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS AGENDA

*Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, via Zoom*

Platform Opens 6:15 pm Meeting Starts 6:30 pm

## AGENDA

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Introduction of FirstService Employees  
& Board of Directors
3. Approval of 2022 Minutes
4. Management's Report
5. President's Annual Equitable Financial Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Attorney's Report
8. Nomination of Candidates for election  
to the Board of Directors
9. Adjournment
10. Open Forum of the Members







## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

*The Jonathan Association's Annual Meeting on February 15, 2022*

### *Draft Minutes*

#### **Board of Directors Present**

Jeremy Landkammer-Ely, President; Kay Rothe, Vice President; Amy Gruber, Treasurer; Steve Dummer, Kevin Hill, Paul Van Dyke, John Siegfried, Kevin Fafinski

#### **FirstService Residential Management Present**

Kami Skomsoyvog, On-Site Manager; Miranda Cadena, Associate Manager; Maggie Mahmood, Regional Director; Jeff Peterson, Regional Director

Mahmood provided welcome and instructions for the Zoom platform.

Call to Order: President Landkammer-Ely called meeting to order at 6:36 pm

Jeremy introduced FirstService Employees and Board of Directors

#### **President's Report:**

- Annual Equitable Financial Report
- Jonathan Association Strategic Plan Update

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mullen, Jonathan Association's 3rd party CPA firm, presented preliminary results of the 2021 audit. No outstanding issues were identified.

#### **Attorney's Report:**

Hellmuth gave a review of legal activity in 2021, stating that there were no major incidences or pending litigation concerns for the Association.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- Wolf moved to approve the minutes, Fafinski seconded
- Motion carried

Nominations of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Nominating Committee brought forth the slate of five (5) qualified candidates for the three (3) seats.

#### **Nominations for the floor**

Hearing none, Jeremy informed the members about a contested election and the process/financial expense that it would cost in order to have a secret ballot process. Jeremy offered if two (2) of the five (5) candidates would like to rescind their candidacy to avoid a contested election.

Hearing none, it was decided to move forward with the contested election. Each candidate provided a brief introduction about themselves.

#### **Adjourn**

Without objection, Landkammer Ely moved to adjourn at 7:14 pm  
Open Forum commenced where eight members engaged in Q&A







## OFFICIAL PROXY

### *2023 Annual Meeting of the Members*

This is the only official proxy form, accepted for The Jonathan Association's 2023 annual meeting of the members, which will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Registration begins at 6:15 pm and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

The proxy form allows members to assign their voting rights to another agent or representative for the 2023 annual meeting of the members on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

In order to be registered in advance of the meeting, the official proxy form must be executed and received via email to [info@jonathaninchaska.com](mailto:info@jonathaninchaska.com), delivered in person or mailed to The Jonathan Association at 111000 Bavaria Road, Chaska, MN 55318, by Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 3:00 pm.

By completing this form, members are registering for the meeting and giving voting authority to the proxy holder listed. The proxy holder does not have to vote the way that the member suggests. The member can, however, indicate their personal preference(s), below. This is NOT a ballot. Indicate with "N/A" if there are no preference(s).

PLEASE PRINT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of The Jonathan Association, do hereby grant my proxy vote to:

Name of Proxy/Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

My Jonathan Property Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

### Cocoa & Coasting Sledding Party!

Noon – 2:00 pm

Bring your sled to the Marsh Halberg Sledding Hill, on Bavaria Road, for this Jonathan Association tradition. There will be a special visit from Santa, so make sure to play nice! Take some chill out of the winter air with a hot cup of cocoa or spiced cider. If there is inclement weather, please check The Jonathan Association Facebook page for updates or cancellation.

