



## February 2023 – Reflections Newsletter

### 2023 Association Meeting Dates

Our quarterly meeting dates for 2023 are below.  
We encourage your attendance.

Thursday, March 9 – General Meeting (ZOOM)  
Thursday, June 8 – General Meeting (In-Person)  
Thursday, August 24 – General Meeting (In-Person)  
Thursday, November 9 – **ANNUAL AND  
BUDGET MEETING (ZOOM)**

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238902170?pwd=am9aelFBamNHN2NsZWc4WnhZMWVYZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 3890 2170

Passcode: 020953

Dial by your location

309-205-3325 US

We ask all owners who attend the meeting to hold all questions until the main order of business has been completed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this time.

Finally, the attached schedule must be adhered to in order to get this project completed. Please check the schedule and make sure that someone is available at your unit to let ADS enter to inspect the devices. Failure to be present for your scheduled test will result in re-inspection fees. A typical workday will be from 8AM-4PM.

If there are any questions regarding your inspection, please email [inspections@adsalarm.com](mailto:inspections@adsalarm.com). Thank you in advance. We need everyone's cooperation to make sure this goes smoothly.



### IMPORTANT! - Pet Waste Issues

Please remember to leash and clean up after your pet.

Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of Reflections, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in the community. Thank you for your cooperation!



### IMPORTANT – Annual Fire Alarm Testing

Per updated guidelines, the Association must have the fire alarm system tested annually. What this means is that Alarm Detection System (ADS) will need access to every unit to test all components that are part of the system. The Association covers alarm monitoring fees along with replacement and repairs of the main panel. All interior devices are the responsibility of the owner. If ADS identifies issues with your devices, they will submit a proposal to you for the needed repairs. These repairs will be required.



### Winter Maintenance Tips

Here is a list of pointers to prevent freezing pipes:

1. Have exposed pipes? Ensure that they're insulated.
2. Have a hose hooked up in the backyard? Remove it.
3. Turn on your taps to a drip to keep water moving.
4. Turn off the main shutoff valve in the event of a prolonged power outage
5. Drain water heater during outage to avoid damage.
6. Pipes already frozen? Seek help from a plumber.
7. How do you know your pipes are frozen? The water's not going to come on.

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## 2023 Approved Budget

The Board approved the 2023 budget that was sent out to all owners prior to the final meeting of 2022. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please email [brett@elitemgt.net](mailto:brett@elitemgt.net).



## 2023 Coupon Books

Coupon Booklets have been distributed to unit owners. Remember to pass these on to new owners in the event of a sale. If you are signed up for automatic payment, you will not be receiving a coupon book for 2023. If you would like to sign up for automatic payment please visit [www.elitemgt.net](http://www.elitemgt.net) and click on e-forms at the top of the page. Signing up for automatic payments saves time and ensures a steady cash flow to the Association.



## New Laws for 2023!

Out of 180 new laws, here are a few interesting pieces of legislation that will take effect in the new year.

## New Student School Helpline

Passed in May, the Student Confidential Reporting Act, establishes a program where officials from schools, the state and Illinois State Police can receive reports and other information regarding the potential harm or self-harm of students or school employees.

The Safe2Help helpline will involve a toll-free telephone number and other means of communication allowing messages and information to be given to operators.

## Illinois Minimum Wage

The [minimum wage in Illinois](#) will be going up in the new year. Starting Jan. 1, 2023, minimum wage in the state will rise from \$12 an hour to \$13 an hour.

For workers who regularly earn tips, the rate will increase to \$7.80, however, the state says "these workers must still earn the minimum wage after receiving tips, or the employer is required to make up the difference."

Workers under 18 who work fewer than 650 hours a year will also earn a minimum wage of \$10.50 per hour beginning Jan. 1. The minimum wage increase is part of an annual rise set to continue through 2025.

## New Community Facebook Page

Association Board member Annie DeVries has created a Facebook Page for the community. For those interested in joining, please click the link below:

Join the RHL Community Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/reflectionsathiddenlake>

## Exterior Modification Forms

Please remember that the submission of an architectural change form with an attached drawing is **required** prior to any changes affecting the exterior of your unit and common elements. Common requests include: radon mitigation systems, satellite dishes, and landscaping additions. The only exceptions are flowers in the mulch beds; **EVERYTHING** else needs prior Board approval. If you are contemplating making changes to your unit that impact the exterior, please contact the management office first with details of your plan. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please save yourself the expense and hassle by clearing any major changes with management first.

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