

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Was held Thursday, April 24th, 2025 at the Links of Northfork Golf Club. Besides the usual topics, this year there was an update on progress towards saving for tennis court repairs. Votes cast were in the mid 50s. You can read the annual meeting minutes on the website.

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SPRING & SUMMER AMENITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE:

ITEMS COMPLETED TO DATE:

- Removed 12 dead and diseased trees from the park.
- Reshingled and applied Rid-O-Rust to 30 MPH sign at entrance.
- Power Washed main entrance sign and added mulch.
- Andrie Court Cul-De-Sac removed dead bushes, trimmed trees, and weeded.
- Park Parking lot repaired fence.
- Tennis courts crack sealing a product applied to 2 test areas if the product holds up after freeze and thaw may be a possible repair solution. (Will have better data spring of 2026)

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR:

- Level off ground and install sod where trees fell from storms in the park near the flagpole.

- Repair Northfork sign at 164th Lane Entrance the "F" is missing.

POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR 2026:

- Paint metal framing in Gazebo.
- Cement in 2 park benches.



PHOTO: TENNIS COURT SEALANT TEST PATCH



SAVE THE DATE

~ **Nite to Unit**, AUG 5th to register your event visit:
<https://www.ci.ramsey.mn.us/195/Night-to-Unite--August-5-2025>

~ Annual **Northfork Picnic** SEPT 13
4pm-9pm

If you are interested in helping to plan, host or assist with any kind of social event, please email the Board and Social Committee at NorthforkHA@gmail.com

Coming soon: Picnic Registration/ purchase tickets on the website. An email will go out when the event is up on the website.

MINNESOTA DNR BANS DEER FEEDING AND ATTRACTANTS IN ANOKA COUNTY

Feeding and attractant bans are in place across the state to prevent concentrations of wild deer in areas with a higher risk for disease. These bans are precautionary steps the DNR took after deer that tested positive for [chronic wasting disease](#) were found both in the wild and on deer farms. Feeding bans encompass wider areas because food sources can concentrate deer and allow for close contact – one of the mechanisms for CWD spread.

Read more at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/feedban.html>

NORTHFORK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION: OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION POLICY UPDATE

The Northfork Homeowners Association (NFHOA) would like to remind all residents that **email is the official method of communication** for HOA-related matters (Except election processes). To ensure consistency, transparency, and proper documentation, **all correspondence will be conducted exclusively through our official email address: NorthforkHA@gmail.com.**

We will not be responding to phone calls or text messages unless absolutely necessary. In those rare cases, any relevant details discussed will be recaptured and confirmed via email for record-keeping purposes.

This streamlined communication method also supports our ongoing efforts to improve efficiency—especially as we move toward **sending annual dues statements and important notices via email.**

We kindly ask all residents to **regularly check your inbox (and spam/junk folders, just in case) for official NFHOA communications.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work to maintain a clear and organized communication system for the entire Northfork community.

Here are the highlights of the 2025 Annual Meeting:

- Deborah Pierce (54 votes) and Jeff Goto (52 votes) were elected to the Board
- A Financial Update was handed out at the meeting. This document is available in the Members Only area of our website. Highlights are:
 - Account balance on February 28 was \$73,912. There was \$27,642 in the bank at the end of 2024 and there is projected to be approximately \$49,400 at the end of 2025
 - A 2023 estimate to repair the tennis courts (including conversion of one side to pickle ball courts) was \$135,000. At the current rate of growth, sufficient funds will not be available before 2030.
 - We may go to paperless dues statements next year. We continue to look at on-line payment options.
- An on-line survey was conducted in the weeks before the meeting. With 50% of 274 homes responding, 38% opposed any kind of special assessment to pay for tennis court work before 2030. An assessment requires 66% approval of a quorum of 165 (60% of homeowners). Given the 38% opposition to an assessment, the Board does not consider that an assessment is worth pursuing at this time.

Appointment of New Officers: At the May 22 board meeting the Board appointed Larry Kallas President and Deborah Pierce Vice President. Minutes from the meeting are available in the Members Only section of the website.

At the May 22 Board approved a revision to the Rules and Regulations

This major revision to the Rules and Regulations reorganized and shortened the entire document to make it clearer and more concise. For example, one set of rules now applies in all common areas, rather than separate nearly identical rules for each area. Extraneous information, such as the Mission Statement, was removed. The existing rules were clarified and augmented to include practical exceptions and

common sense interpretations. For example a definition of motor vehicles was added.

Note that the definition of Motor Vehicle allows pedal assisted E-bikes (Class 1) but effectively bans any E-bike with a throttle (Class 2 & 3).

The definition of Livestock was expanded to include bees, effectively banning bee hive boxes on homeowner lots. This is the only new restriction added to the Rules in this revision.