



Dear neighbors,

Jan 19, 2022

We hope you have been enjoying the colorful lighting during these short days and long nights. Here is your yearly update on the lighting finances, a request for contributions, and a little extra info we think is interesting.

Enjoy!

A brief history

In January of 1999 the residents of this block took advantage of a matching grant program offered by the city. Each of the 24 households contributed about \$200 to have 7 decorative lamps installed at a total cost of \$9,695, of which the city paid half. Each lamp was hooked into the power meter of the house it sits in front of, and those neighbors continue to pay for the electricity to keep them lit throughout the year. The rest of the neighbors chip in some dollars, traditionally at an annual neighborhood social, to help with maintenance costs and decorations. The Streetlamp Committee replaces bulbs, sensors, purchases seasonal decorations, and arranges repair of any damage that is beyond our expertise. We are sad that the last couple of years have not been ideal for meeting you all at a social.

Lamp maintenance fund

The original organizers thought it was prudent to try to keep \$300 reserved in a savings account in order to help pay for repairs. At that time a replacement globe was \$72. As of 2020 that price has risen to \$123! In October, 2020 you all came through with flying colors after our terrible wind storm and contributed a total of \$360. After paying for wind repairs, and some new fall decorative string lights, we still have \$142 remaining in the account. We even collected \$30 in promotional dollars from Venmo and Amazon to contribute to the pot! **If we could raise \$10 from each of the 17 non-lamp households, that would fully fund our repair account,** putting us in a good position to keep our lights maintained.

How to contribute

There are several ways you can get the funds to us. You can bring cash or a check to our home, or you can Zelle or Venmo the money directly to an account we set up for the street lamps at Key Bank. (See below)

Website

We created a street lamp website in order to share more details with you. The website includes historical information, and links to the accounting of income and expenses, along with copies of receipts. Please visit it at:
<https://wilsonavestreetlights.braymen.net>

Contact and payment info

- ADDRESS: 1774 E Wilson (South side, grey house, yellow door)
- PHONE/TEXT: 760-315-0676 (Elizabeth's cell)
- EMAIL: wilsonstreetlighting@gmail.com
- ZELLE DIRECTLY TO KEY BANK: wilsonstreetlighting@gmail.com
- VENMO: @Wilson-StreetLighting or wilsonstreetlighting@gmail.com
- MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Elizabeth Braymen

Please feel free to text, call, or email us if you ever have any questions.

Thank you!

Elizabeth and Chris Braymen
(The Lighting "Committee")

Accounting for Sept 1, 2020 to Jan 19, 2022 - Receipt links are available on the web site.

Date	Description	Category	Notes	Amount	Balance
9/1/2020	Starting balance				\$37.00
9/20/2020	Deposit		The Braymens contributed for the following four expenses & are reimbursed later.	\$242.80	\$279.80
9/20/2020	Felt Lighting Inc	Repair	Storm damage to one lamp post shade at 1780	-\$123.23	\$156.57
9/23/2020	Amazon	Holiday Lighting	Fall - New light sets for all 7 street lamps for fall	-\$90.51	\$66.06
9/24/2020	Walmart	Holiday Lighting	Winter - 2 strings of winter lights, to replace non-working strings	-\$17.22	\$48.84
10/1/2020	Amazon	Holiday Lighting	Bungie cords to secure holiday lights	-\$11.84	\$37.00
10/29/2020	Neighborhood Contributions		Detail on separate tab	\$320.00	\$357.00
11/4/2020	Felt Lighting Inc	Repair	Photocell at 1731	-\$20.32	\$336.68
11/18/20	Braymen Family	Reimburse	Reimbursed Braymens for holiday lighting and storm repairs	-\$242.80	\$93.88
11/18/2020	Neighborhood Contributions		B&J	\$20.00	\$113.88
11/27/2020	Neighborhood Contributions		ML	\$20.00	\$133.88
11/29/2021	Walmart	Holiday Lighting	Winter - 3 strings of LED winter lights, to replace non-working strings	-\$19.20	\$114.68
12/4/2021	Amazon	Holiday Lighting	Bungie cords to secure holiday lights - Amazon promo	\$0.00	\$114.68
12/4/2021	Amazon	Holiday Lighting	Winter - 1 incandescent light string and set of replacement bulbs - Amazon promo	-\$1.81	\$112.87
12/6/2021	Walmart	Holiday Lighting	Winter - returned 3 LED strings. They were an odd color. We repaired the existing ones instead.	\$19.20	\$132.07
1/19/2022	Venmo		Venmo Promo just for logging in	\$10.00	\$142.07

Here is some interesting info from an email exchange we had with David Pearson, who is the Street Lighting Manager for Salt Lake City. We were curious to know if other blocks with lighting followed the same maintenance account model that we do. His response:

The City does not maintain records of who has financial responsibility for the lights. I know there are some neighborhoods similar to yours that maintain an escrow or managed fund to help maintain the lights. Everywhere else it is up to the individual homeowner to maintain. Often neighborhoods like yours have the nicest looking lights where the majority are functioning properly.

I was also interested to know if the private ownership and power responsibility that we have with our neighborhood lights was the same for all of the surrounding streets. He assured me that it is, and sent an interesting map. I've highlighted our street in yellow.

Below is a map of the lighting in your area. The red dots represent private lights. The purple dots are City-owned lights. All red-dots are maintained and operated by the property owners. They pay the power bill and must maintain the lights.

