

DEVONSHIRE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD ELECTIONS During the May 5th Devonshire HOA meeting, a new board was elected. We had 5 homeowners on the ballot for 5 board positions for two year terms. After the election was confirmed by our property manager, Allison Fetchko, the board elected officers for the same two year term. Bob Bradley will remain as President, Paul Brower was reelected Treasurer, and Dee Krieger is our Secretary. Pat Wolcott and Kathy Healy round out the new board. Our next two Homeowner meetings are scheduled for September 15, 2009, and November 17, 2009. Both meetings start at 6:30 PM and will be held at the Kipling Estates clubhouse.

THANK YOU TO CAROLE MILLER As many of you know by now, Carole Miller has decided not to run for a board position at this time. Carole was a tremendous asset to the board and always gave valuable input at Association meetings and Board meetings. Carole is a very positive person and worked hard helping to make Devonshire the community we can all be proud of. Carole's contributions included our street sign program and building strong relationships with American Maintenance and the Village of Shorewood. We will miss her input to the Board as a board member but will always look forward to her input as a Devonshire homeowner. Thank you Carole for a job well done.

FINANCIAL UPDATE Our balance as of January 1, 2009 was \$22,491. Income through May 31, 2009 was \$35,744 with expenses year to date at \$35,091. This leaves a balance of \$23,144 as of May 31, 2009. Our 2009 reserve balance is \$8,250 leaving us an operating balance of \$14,894. Our 2008 reserve account was spent on new mulch, \$23,765. We already have two major expenses in 2009, seal coating for \$6,500 and landscaping replacements of \$4,950. Seal coating is a reserve expense while the new landscaping comes out of our operating funds.

SAVE THE DATE ... Our annual Devonshire block party is scheduled for September 19, 2009. More information will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

LANDSCAPING UPDATES Our 2009 landscaping walk through was completed on May 7th at 12:30 PM. Our new contact person at American Maintenance is Donna White. Donna coordinated the replacement of all the dead landscaping along with some lawn repairs. The tree maintenance program started this spring. The deep root feeding was applied in April. All trees on our property are included in this maintenance program. Grub control will be applied at the discretion of American Maintenance. The three front lawns we replaced because of the grub damage have been reseeded again. Hopefully the fourth time is the charm. American Landscaping has scheduled Devonshire for landscape trimming on June 29th and 30th, weather permitting.

We have a lot of new landscaping, trees and shrubs, that need some tender loving care. If there is new landscaping near or around your home, please take a few minutes to water.

We had a small crew of volunteers (homeowners) out repairing some of our landscaping timbers. Doug Wolcott, Mike McDormett, Dave Jaral, and Bob Bradley spent about three hours replacing some rotten timbers behind one of our clusters. Many thanks to this crew, they helped us save some money, and we thank them very much. Enjoy the pictures taken by our secretary, Dee Krieger.

PARKING REMINDER ... We continue to see vehicles parked in the common areas of our driveways. Please be considerate of your neighbors by not parking in these common driveway areas. At no time can vehicles be parked on the common area driveways. This would be the driveway leading into each cluster. Parking is only allowed directly in front of each garage door and we would further request that whenever possible, your personal vehicle(s) be parked in your garage as a courtesy to your neighbors.

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DEVONSHIRE CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS All Devonshire concerns and complaints should be directed to our new property manager, Stacy Sexton, at First Management Solutions. Her phone number is 815-834-4308. Please do not call the clubhouse with a Devonshire concern.

RULES AND REGULATION INFORMATION About a year ago, Marian Summers and Jane Woodward spent a lot of time writing a short version of our Covenants. Our plan was to distribute the shorter version to all Devonshire homeowners. It looks like we will finally get that accomplished. The Kipling Master board will be completing the same task and will include a Devonshire section that will be mailed to all Kipling Estates homeowners. With the Master Board deciding to do a booklet, we save on the printing and mailing expense. The Master Board has a committee working on this project and is gathering input from all Neighborhoods. They have a copy of what Marian and Jane put together.

SEARCHING FOR A PROPERTY MANAGER The Kipling Estates Homeowners Association is currently taking applications for a part time property manager to manage the Kipling Estates common areas. Some of the duties will include all communications to homeowners, writing newsletters, managing a web site, driving the property to make sure concerns are corrected, and managing vendor and supplier business contracts. If you know anyone looking to work three days a week, please have them drop off a resume at the clubhouse.

KIPLING ESTATES WEB SITE The Kipling Estates web site is up and running again. The Kipling Estates Master Board is now the owner of the web site and will be completing all the updates internally. In the past, the web site was owned by an individual and we had to rely on him to make all the changes as requested. Many of the changes we requested were never completed and the individual neighborhood tabs never got populated. Look for the Devonshire tab under "Neighborhood News > Neighborhoods > Devonshire" to get updated in the not too distant future. We will post our newsletters, minutes to all meetings, our budget, and financial reports.

DEVONSHIRE HOA DUES As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Kipling Master Board has taken no further action on the collection of dues for the Master Association and the Devonshire Association. As we reported earlier, it is their opinion that all dues are to be paid to the Master Association and then redistributed to each neighborhood. The Devonshire Board continues to oppose this action and has registered a concern over this potential change. There continues to be a number of unanswered questions about this process. We will keep all Devonshire homeowners advised as this action develops.

PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS During our latest walk-through with American Landscaping, a few of us picked up some unwanted pet waste on our shoes. We cannot repeat this enough, but some of our homeowners are not following the Village Ordinance (Ord.78-270, 4-25-1978) requiring all dog owners to pick up after their pets. This Ordinance covers all common areas within Devonshire. Our common area includes all the grass/lawn areas around every home within Devonshire.

YOUR CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS ... Bob Bradley, 1601 Devonshire, 815 207 4038, Email – bobbradley56@aol.com, Paul Brower, 1607 Devonshire, 815 741 9320, Email - maknwaves@att.net, Dee Krieger, 1731 Augusta, 815 723 3587, Email – krieger1731@comcast.net, Kathy Healy, 1602 Devonshire Lane, 815 630 4164, kathyhealy@yahoo.com, Pat Wolcott, 1714 Devonshire, 815 725 9263, Email – wolcottdouglas@att.net

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