

Devonshire Homeowners Association
November 2013

Financial update through October 31, 2013: Income \$89,239.57; Expenses \$63,612.33; Reserve deposits YTD \$18,500.00; Reserve account balance \$31,566.67; Delinquencies \$2,250.00.

2014 budget: the budget which was enclosed with the October Newsletter was approved.

Landscaping update: The bid from Homer Tree Service had been approved, but we could not get a response from them to let us know when they were going to trim the ornamental trees and remove dead trees so Larry Miller will contact Homer Tree Service to cancel our acceptance of their bid and he will contact another tree service to present a new bid in the spring.

Creek timbers: Bob Bradley showed pictures of the decaying timbers. He has a list of residents who have helped in the past and he will contact his crew to work on the replacement project. This project will be completed as weather permits.

Snow removal: It is getting to be that time of the year when we need to prepare for the "white stuff". Please try to park your cars in your garage so that American can clean the drives. They will plow when there are 2 or more inches of snow. If cars are parked in drives, they can't get to the garage doors and sidewalks to plow. In the past, if the garage door was open about a foot, they cleaned the drive so that you did not have that accumulation of snow to drive over to get into your garage. Also, if you park on the street, you might want to watch for the Shorewood plows. We heard that some residents received tickets when the plows couldn't clean the streets. If you don't get a ticket you probably get plowed in.

Holiday Party: Devonshire will again have a Holiday Get Together to celebrate the Holidays with our neighbors. This will be Friday, December 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kipling Estates Clubhouse. Please bring an appetizer or desert to share and whatever you wish to drink. This is a good way to get to know your neighbors. We have had a good response in the past and we hope to see everyone on Friday, December 6th.

Web site: Bob Bradley gave a presentation on the Kipling Estates web site which has a link for Devonshire. We encourage everyone to go to www.kiplingcommunity.com to check out the site. There is a lot of information concerning Kipling Estates and all of the neighborhoods, such as rules & regulations, financial reports, calendar of events and clubhouse hours. There are even pictures of past events including pictures of the last Devonshire Holiday Party.

Names of people and companies to help with those jobs we just don't want to do: Diane Gallico, our Clubhouse Manager, mentioned that she has had residents call her to see if she had the name of someone that could do plumbing, electrical work, odd jobs, etc. If you are someone who does this type of work, have the name of someone, or a company that you have used and would like to provide that information, please call Marion Somers at 815-744-1697 or

e-mail me at amsommers@sbcglobal.net. If you e-mail me, please put something in the "subject" line so that I know that you are sending me a name(s). If I'm not home, just leave a message on my voice mail. I will get the names to Diane. This will not be a recommendation or endorsement by the Devonshire Homeowners Association, just possible contacts.

Just Reminders: PARKING – please park on the side of the street without the mailboxes. Also, remind your guests that parking is restricted to one side of the street. Our streets are narrow and when cars are parked on both sides of the street or not close to the curb it makes it hard for traffic to get by and emergency vehicles cannot get through to help your neighbors. If the problem persists, the Shorewood police could start issuing tickets. TIGHT DRIVEWAYS- please be careful when you back out of your drives, especially in the back of the clusters. There is not much room and it is easy to back over your neighbors front yards and do damage to their plants and grass. American will soon plant the metal posts around our drives. This will make it easier to see the edge of the drives, but it is easy to back over them. Some of our residents said that they buy inexpensive flags to put in the poles to make them more visible. VACANT LOTS – grass cutting season is over (THANK YOU DOUG FOR YOUR HARD WORK CUTTING THE VACANT LOTS), but please do not dump your flowerbed waste or empty flower pots in the vacant lots. Besides making it hard to mow the grass, we do not own the lots. If you clean your own flowerbeds, like some of us do, Waste Management will collect yard waste in the brown yard waste bags on our normal garbage collection days (early spring through late fall).

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 11, 2014. We hope everyone has a safe holiday season and that you will come to the Clubhouse the evening of December 6th to celebrate with your neighbors.

Devonshire Concerns/Complaints: All concerns or complaints should be directed to Bay Property at 708-974-4900 or to a board member. Please do not call the clubhouse. If you cannot reach one board member, try another.

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