

DEVONSHIRE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Sorry for the delay in getting news to each of our homeowners. Time has been tight because of all the landscaping activity.

The Devonshire Homeowners Association Board completed a workshop on July 30, 2008. Further landscaping concerns were discussed along with parking issues, seal coating, and other minor concerns. As always, we welcome all suggestions from our homeowners.

LANDSCAPING The board, and many of our residents, are very pleased with our new landscaping company, American Maintenance and Landscaping. Sandy Shelton and Jimmy Lee have done a great job taking care of our concerns and pointing out needed service. Jimmy Lee indicated that he is not happy with the three grub damaged lawns on Devonshire and will continue to service them until they match the rest of our lawns. If we can get a lot of rain, all the lawns will look much better. Grub control and weed/fertilizer have been applied.

We have completed our first attack at dead bushes and trees. As stated at the last open board meeting, our focus will be on the front and sides of our homes. Darlene Jaral, a Devonshire homeowner, has been working with the board on these issues, and we thank her for her expertise. The back of our lots and property will be taken care of as money permits. If we missed a dead bush here and there, and they are in the front of your home, please let a board member know. We did remove some rather large dead trees along the west end of our property. Again, as money permits, they will be replaced.

We have a big problem with the condition of our trees and some bushes. They need attention fast. We contacted two arborists and got estimates for tree care and fertilizing. If we don't start taking care of them, we may have to replace them. The board approved a maintenance program for trees and shrubs from The Acres Group. They will get us on their schedule and start the program. Our concerns include: Diseased trees, Ash-cotton maple scale and Oyster shell scale, Emerald Ash - Bore insects, Flowering Pear & Black Choke Berry bushes, and Japanese Beetles. The beetles need 2 applications to eliminate.

ARCHITECTURAL APPROVALS As a reminder, the Kipling Estates Master Board Architectural Committee must approve all exterior changes to the home, prior to any change. The correct form can be found at the Kipling Community website or at the clubhouse. Please comply with this approval process by sending your completed forms to the clubhouse.

The Devonshire covenant does not allow for any landscaping changes in excess of \$500 by the homeowner. The \$500 limit was put in place so the homeowner could add flowers to their lot. Any landscaping changes above the \$500 limit must have Architectural Committee approval.

PARKING During the workshop on July 30th, Carole Miller reported that she did obtain the necessary number of signatures on the petition for "No Parking" on the mailbox side of both Devonshire and Augusta. She completed the process and gave all needed documents to the Village. The process is now in their hands and we will be notified of their final decision later.

As a reminder, 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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MEETING DATES Open meeting dates for the Devonshire HOA are September 9th and December 9th. Both meetings will be at the clubhouse and open to all Devonshire homeowners. The meetings will start at 6:30 PM. We had a sign made that will be posted at our entrance the day of our open board meetings.

NATURAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORE The NWC that runs on the south side of Devonshire is currently deeded to Devonshire. The Master Association, Kipling Homeowners Association, has agreed to take responsibility for it and is in the process of deeding the corridor over to them.

SEAL COATING We have received one bid for driveway seal coating. Coldwell Banker is in the process of getting other bids. At this point, money remains tight and the board must look very closely at this expenditure.

DEVONSHIRE CONCERNS/COMPLAINTS All Devonshire concerns and complaints should be directed to Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell at 815-834-4308 or a board member. Please do not call the clubhouse with a Devonshire concern.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- The “guard” house at our entrance has been power washed. The “DEVONSHIRE” name was removed from the lower bricks, mounted on a cedar board and placed above the window. The light was also repaired. Many thanks to Dave Jaral and Michael McDormett, Devonshire homeowners, for helping with this task.
- When paying your dues for the Devonshire Homeowners Association, please mail the payment to Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell at 113 E 9th Street, Lockport, IL 60441. This payment should not go to the clubhouse.
- Those homeowners with dogs are responsible to pick up after their dog. This includes ALL areas within Devonshire. Below is the Shorewood Village Ordinance (Ord.78-270, 4-25-1978):

5-2-10: DEFECATION IN PUBLIC PLACES: No person who owns, possesses or controls a dog shall permit such dog to defecate in any public place, including, but not limited to, any street, alley, sidewalk, park, parkway, school premises, office building or common ground areas of condominiums and townhouse subdivisions or upon the floor of any hall of any multiple-dwelling unit which is used in common by the tenants thereof or upon the fences, lawns, grounds or parkways of any premises or the walls or stairways of any building abutting on a public way or upon the floor of any theater, store, factory or school or any public rooms or places therewith connected or upon any school grounds or public park grounds or the public grounds of any hotel, motel or lodging house which is used in common by the guests thereof, unless such person shall immediately thereafter remove the fecal matter resulting from such defecation and place such matter in an enclosed container and remove it.

- Again, thanks go out to Michael McDormett for reinstalling all the “Wetland” signs.
- We are in the process of writing a shorter version of our Covenants and By-Laws. Jane Woodward and Marion Somers, both from Devonshire, have spent countless hours reviewing our “official” documents and writing a shorter, understandable version of them. Our attorney must review this document prior to distribution to homeowners. It will be a small booklet that will tell each homeowner what they can and cannot do within Devonshire and should remain with the home if you move.

Next board meeting is scheduled for September 9th. See you there.

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