

SPRING LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2009



NEXT BOARD MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 17, 2009
TIME: 6:30 pm
PLACE: RVC Bell School Center (corner Bell School & Spring Brook Roads) - Room 2
AGENDA: Budget, Unexpected Expenses, Lake, Dues, Parks, New Directory

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, here it is.....the last newsletter of the year. It seems only yesterday that I was writing the president's message for the annual meeting!

This year was extremely costly for the Association. The removal of the diseased trees in Weymouth Park and the repairs to the spillway mandated by the state cost the Association in excess of \$15,000. This cut deeply into our reserve funds putting the Association in financial jeopardy should any other emergencies arise. So what does this mean? The consequences and possible solutions will be discussed at the board meeting on Tuesday.

This added expense along with the drop in dues collections due to foreclosures and non-payment have hurt. The bad news for the Association and good news for homeowners is due to a flat Consumer Price Index (CPI) for July. This means that there will be no dues increases for 2010, they remain at \$207. The invoices will be in the mail the first week of March, with payment due April 1, 2010. However, with this in mind, the Association will be more aggressive with dues collecting. We have no other choice. Those on payment plans must make timely payments or the plans will be revoked and turned over for collections. If you are not current, please contact me to make arrangements to bring your account up to date. We are also working with lien holders on vacant property to ensure the property is kept up to standards. If you have any questions, please call.

On a sad note for the Board, after 17 years of service, Tom McNeany is retiring from the Board at the end of his term in February. Tom has also been the backbone of the Architectural Committee for many years. He has been instrumental in ensuring that the neighborhood remain a beautiful place. A little known fact is that Tom's company was the one that printed our colorful activity passes. So as Tom and his family close a chapter of service to their community, Springlake Estates and myself want to thank Tom and his family for all they have done.

In closing, once again an act of terror has befallen the United States. While there are many theories as to the motive for the shooting at Fort Hood, anytime anyone, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic make-up, walks into a crowded area and opens fire on the people there, it is an act of terror. We, as Americans, are angry and want the guilty punished. In our desire to exact this punishment, we sometimes target those of a similar background of race, religion or ethnic make-up as the individual(s) who caused the tragedy. This must not be tolerated or we, as a whole, become no better than those who caused the terror.

All crime is an act of terror, from burglary to what occurred in Texas. Every time something like this occurs, we lose a bit more of ourselves.....we no longer are as friendly or trusting as we once were. The only way to combat this is for us, as a community, to stay strong, look out for each other and report things that do not seem right. Better to have it checked out and be proved wrong than to be right and lose more of ourselves.

Its nomination time again for board membership. With the open Recording Secretary position and the retirement of Tom McNeany, we are looking for individuals interested in becoming involved. Our Association has a history of this involvement.....just look at the list of Block Chairs and Committee members on page 2 of this newsletter. Won't you join them? Fill out the attached self-nomination form and return it by 12/24/09 to get started!

Hope to see you at the board meeting on Tuesday.

Bob

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2009 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov 17,
2009
6:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 27,
2010
2:00 pm

The meetings will be held at Rock Valley
College with building and room number
assigned prior to each meeting.

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Community Standards 815-987-5566
(Property and neighborhood violations)

**Its time again to think
about running for a
position on the board.
Tom McNeany will be
retiring at the end of
his term in February,
and the position of
recording secretary is
still vacant. This is
YOUR association - GET
INVOLVED!**

**A self-nomination form
is included in this
newsletter. If you are
interested, please fill
the form out and return
it by December 24,
2009. The instructions
are printed on the form.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 4:30 p.m.

WE LIGHT OUR LUMINARIES



Sunday, December 20, 4:30 p.m., together we light our luminaries, dim our entry lights, and warm our neighborhood hearts again. Not even the rain storm we had at

last year's event will "dampen" our enthusiasm! Let's turn our neighborhood into a winter wonderland! Plan your display now and collect your supplies early! For a traditional display, here's what you'll need:

1. White, weather resistant luminary bags; use approximately 1 per every 6 - 9 feet of your path (or whatever looks good to you).
2. White luminary candles; use 1 per bag.
3. Sand or kitty litter; approximately 2 cups per bag.
4. Long lighter; like the one to start grills.

These supplies can be found at Zanoeco Ace Hardware at 1605 N. Alpine in the Edgebrook Shopping Center. (Also available elsewhere.)

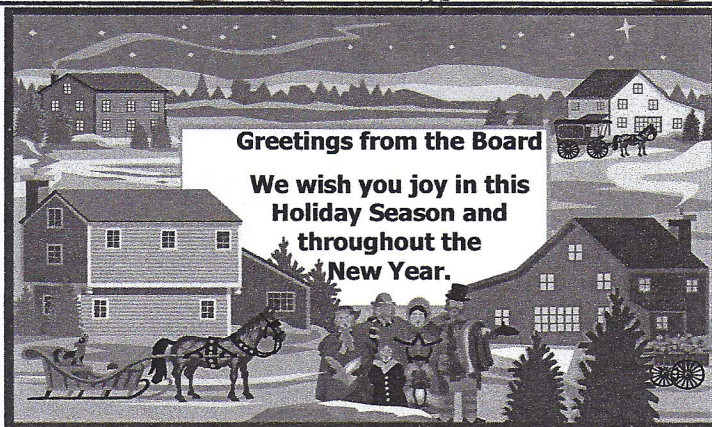
To assemble the luminaries:

1. fold bag tops down about 2" to anchor the bag shape
2. put 2 cups of sand or kitty litter in each bag
3. after placing your luminary bags along your drive or pathway, securely mount a candle in the center of the sand within the bags. (Take care that the area is free of any debris or obstruction.)

Instead of candles, battery operated lights of various sizes are available. Metal luminary "bags" are also available. Or go creative with milk cartons or jars made of ice!

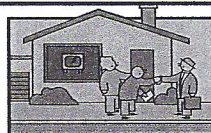
The luminaries will be lit at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 20 for that evening only. Grab your camera, walk the neighborhood, greet your neighbors, or plan a party for that day. Enjoy the beauty of the season!

Collect your luminary remains the next day. Reuse, recycle or share what you can.



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5548 Spring Brook Road #303 Realtor - Dickerson & Nieman, Steve Ferrall	815-381-1113
5548 Spring Brook Road #312 By Owner, Jeff Jones	815-282-3997
5925 Clarendon Drive Realtor - Dickerson & Nieman, Steve Ferrall	815-381-1113



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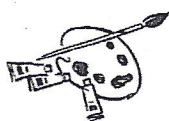
Welcome to Our New Neighbors

5526 Haddon Place

New Directories

Due to the unexpected expenses incurred this past year, publishing an updated directory has been put on hold. Methods of financing the publication of a new directory will be discussed at the next board meeting. Obviously, one manner would be advertising. I will be sending out a letter to our current advertisers detailing any proposals or suggestions that result from the meeting next Tuesday.

Hopefully we will be able to publish an updated and enhanced directory next summer. For more information call Carol at 815-904-9428 or e-mail at ceneum@ymail.com



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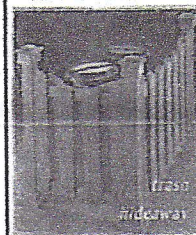
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