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Rueff's a tie that binds Bay Colony together

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For three years, Tom Rueff has served as president of the Bay Colony Homeowners Association. "There's always something," Rueff said. "You wouldn't think that job would keep me going like it does."

The job has kept Rueff so busy that metro officials named him a Good Neighbor in Metro Council District 17 in eastern Jefferson County. Metro

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The job also has meant dealing with occasional complaints about cars parked in yards, loud parties, break-ins or deed restrictions. "Right now, we're involved in a dispute about a chain-link fence," Rueff said. "Our deed restrictions say fences have to be wooden."

The job pays nothing and can be a headache, but Rueff likes it. "It's just part of my life. I probably spend 10 hours a week on it."

Kyle Lohmeyer, a member of the association's board, wasn't surprised that Rueff was named a Good Neighbor. "He's always busy and he's always interested in the neighborhood -- and not just our subdivision. He's interested in all neighborhoods. It's his bag."

Rueff helped develop a "memory garden" for Jean Ellis, a Bay Colony activist who died last year. "She walked the neighborhood every day, picking up any trash she found," Rueff said. "She was a good example. She got me interested in trying to help the neighborhood. I'd never done anything like that before."

Rueff, 60, whose regular job is maintaining heating, refrigeration and air conditioning at Trinity High School, also stays in touch with leaders in other

Rueff's job has meant three years of organizing block parties, neighborhood yard sales, Christmas-decoration contests and chili cook-offs.

It has meant attending board meetings, fielding complaints about burned-out street lights and trimming bushes in the Bay Colony subdivision, which has 89 homes off

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subdivisions through participation in the Louisville Coalition of Neighborhoods and similar programs. "I like to know what other people in other areas are up to," Rueff said.

Rueff graduated from the Neighborhood Planning College, a metro program that teaches citizens about planning, zoning and other land-use matters. He also graduated from the Citizens Police Academy, where participants learn about Louisville Police Department operations, and the Neighborhood Institute, which teaches neighborhood leadership skills.

And Rueff has plans for the future of Bay Colony. "We'd like a nice signature entrance," he said. "Maybe we could plant some trees and put in an irrigation system."

When Rueff isn't on his jobs at Trinity or in Bay Colony, he stays busy singing in the choir and teaching Sunday school at Westport Baptist Church, where he also plays electric bass in The Praise Band.

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