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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

Holiday Greetings to all! I hope you're enjoying this ever-busy time of year. When January rolls around I urge you to attend the Annual General Meeting of the MHA on January 28 at 2:00. We'll conduct association business and install new officers. In case you're looking for ways to serve in our community we're still seeking volunteers for a few positions on the Board.

These past few months have been busy for the MHA Board. The MHA hired the services of Myron Greer to design the signage and landscape for the entrances to the neighborhood. We have reviewed the first set of designs and have asked for revisions to stay within our budget and ensure a consistent and classy look for Montibello. Our next steps will be to review the second round of designs and, if they meet with Board approval, we will share them with the homeowners at the priority entrances for their review and approval.

As you read this, I hope you'll reflect upon the many steps involved in this process. I would like to be further along at this point, but Board consensus is essential and we do have that. As we engaged in this review process, Vice President Jim Curtis reminded me that I had pledged to get designs in place by the end of my term. We are close to that point and I thank our members for their patience and the Board for its diligence in this matter.

At our most recent Board meeting, Chuck and Carol Richards were recognized for their exceptional work in launching the Neighborhood Watch program. They gave much of the credit to the work of the volunteer Street Captains. Signs are up around the neighborhood proclaiming us part of Neighborhood Watch and we have had fewer incidents of crime in the past months.

Although we've had less crime, we have had a noticeable stream of salespeople/solicitors through the neighborhood. The Board has received a number of inquiries regarding our policy toward solicitation. On the Annual Membership Drive form, we will poll members on their preference to post "No Solicitation" signs at the neighborhood entrances. If you have other suggestions regarding this issue please contact Chuck Richards, neighborhoodwatch@montibello.org.

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President's Letter (Continued)

In a month I'll preside over my last MHA meeting. I've enjoyed my opportunity to serve and I hope others of you will answer the call to serve in the future.

Happy Holidays!

LuAnn Martinson

Board Volunteers

We're still in need of a couple of volunteers to serve on the MHA Board of Directors. We are seeking a Social Committee Chair (and a co-chair) and a Vice-President. Serving on the Board is a great way to meet your neighbors and an easy time commitment as we only meet every other month. Please give consideration to serving in either of these roles and contact LuAnn Martinson, president@Montibello.org for more information.

LuAnn Martinson

Treasurer's Report

2006 financial reports appear in the newsletter on the following schedule:

April:	First quarter
August:	First and second quarters
October:	First, second and third quarters
February 2007:	End of year report

If you have questions or concerns about MHA financial matters, please give me a call at (704) 542-2119.

Hap Arnold

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Montibello Homeowners' Association will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Reformed Theological Seminary (located at the intersection of Carmel and Sharon View Roads). Members are invited to join us as we recap the Association's business for the year and install new officers.

LuAnn Martinson

Beautification Report

Work on the Montibello Drive cul de sac should be completed within the next two weeks. The landscaper elected to wait until all the leaves had fallen to begin this project. Several of the neighbors have graciously offered to keep the new plantings watered.

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Beautification Report (Continued)

Letters have been sent to all neighbors with property along the Carmel Road wall requesting they trim any foliage growth from their yards over the wall. Not only is it unsightly, but in some instances it impacts the sidewalk, and makes walking difficult.

Thank you to those neighbors who have checked their property from the Carmel Road side, and eliminated the overgrowth. The city will trim the hollies along Carmel Road.

Yard of the month for November is the Gollup Home, new neighbors at 4410 Montibello Drive. Yard of the month will resume in February.

We are continuing to work on the entrances project, and hope to have something to report soon.

Carol Richards

Neighborhood Watch

Our Montibello neighborhood has qualified as a Neighborhood Watch community. Neighborhood Watch signs have been posted at the entrances of Montibello Drive, Hillingdon Road, and Morrowick Road. Additional signs are on order for the other four entrances. Thank you to all our neighbors who assisted on this project.

This being the holiday season, please remember to be noisy neighbors. Alert your neighbors if you will be out of town. Don't tempt criminals by leaving your vehicle loaded with presents; either at your home or at a shopping mall.

Chuck Richards

Montibello Holiday Party

Don't miss Montibello's annual visit with Santa. He'll be on Ingelow Lane Saturday, December 16th from 3 to 4 PM. Join us for hot chocolate and treats provided by MHA.

Back again this year, horse-drawn carriage rides for everyone! Don't miss this jingle filled gathering with your neighbors.

Kim Hoben