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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

We extend a huge thank-you to all who attended the 2006 Annual Meeting of Homeowners in October. The record attendance was very encouraging. We hope to harness that participation to facilitate future projects within our community.

Be sure to read through the synopsis of October's meeting and the other news of general interest in the following pages.

We are looking forward to a year of learning and progress. As homeowners, like you, we are working together to make prudent decisions for the community in which we live. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month and welcome your input prior to each meeting.



Brief of Annual Homeowners' Meeting

- Grounds Chairman, Ron Stalcup, delivered a report for the Grounds Committee. Ron reported that the fence along Endhaven was repaired, stripped and painted for a total cost of \$4200. Additionally, the trees flanking our Elm Lane entrance were removed after Duke Energy reshaped them to prevent limbs from falling onto power lines. Bids for new landscaping were collected and reviewed, with the least-expensive quote chosen for the job.
- Vice President, David Hinds, introduced two amendments to our Declaration, noting that these would be circulated throughout the community by the 2007 Board, as they require 75% of homeowners to sign for ratification. The first is a cosmetic change correcting one type and removing "Class B" membership to the community (referring to the voting rights once held by Trotter at the time of construction). The second amendment was drafted by our attorney to prohibit residency within White Oak by anyone required to publicly register as a Sex Offender. Questions were raised as to the validity and implementation of such a restriction. To pursue definitive answers to these questions would require extensive research by our attorney (who says a definitive answer may not even be available until a true case arises). Our Board does not feel this is a prudent use of HOA reserves. Therefore, the amendment remains unchanged. Our board collectively feels this is a worthwhile proactive measure to keep a registered sex offender from living within our community.
 - David also introduced two amendments to the White Oak bylaws, which required only a majority of homeowners present to ratify. The first corrected the P.O. Box for White Oak. The second change called for home-ownership as a prerequisite to serving on the White Oak Board. Both of these motions passed.
- President, Andre Jennings, awarded door prizes to Ron Stalcup and Missy Defabio.
- Vice President, David Hinds, then presented information regarding the following projects:
 - New signage for each of our three entrance monuments will soon be installed at a total cost of \$3950 (plus tax) to replace the aging/damaged signs we currently have.
 - When the new landscaping was installed at Elm Lane, it was determined that ample space is available behind the landscaping for an access pathway to our recreation area (tennis courts, playground, etc). Bids have been collected for this pathway.
 - Much discussion ensued as to this proposed pathway's proximity to Elm Lane at one point. We will be collecting bids for alternative locations, including a board walk across the wetlands.
 - Kim Counts presented her research into much-needed playground/recreation area enhancements.
 - *Since October's meeting, the flooding of this area has raised questions as to the future usability of this land. All possibilities will be considered before a decision is made by the board.*
 - A vote for a \$50 special-assessment required to complete both of these projects (rec area enhancements and pathway) did not pass.
- More details on these items, the Treasurer's report and other new business including the vote to remove a board member are contained within the full meeting minutes. A copy is available by contacting our Secretary, Kay Smolinsky.

New Architectural Review / “Zone” Assignments

- In an effort to improve communication between White Oak homeowners and board members, our board has adopted neighborhood zone assignments among its members. Each member is responsible for contacting new homeowners in their zone to officially welcome them to White Oak. Additionally, each member is also available to current homeowners for questions and concerns. Zone captains will collectively serve as the Architectural Review Committee to address any enhancements or areas of concern within the neighborhood.
- Review this grid to determine your zone representative:

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| #1 | <i>North side Creek Bend, Lower Ridgemoor</i> | Jana Baughman |
| #2 | <i>Mock Orange & Teal Ridge</i> | David Hinds |
| #3 | <i>English Elm & Teal Ridge</i> | Jonathan Chamberlain |
| #4 | <i>9836-10100 Ridgemoor (central Ridgemoor) & Oak Glen</i> | David Jarrett |
| #5 | <i>Upper Ridgemoor</i> | Larry Chue |
| #6 | <i>Calloway, Stevensville, lower Hickory Forest (up to Prince Edward)</i> | Andre Jennings |
| #7 | <i>Prince Edward, Wild Willow, center Hickory Forest</i> | Jim Corcoran |
| #8 | <i>Creek Dale, Dominion, upper Hickory Forest</i> | Ron Stalcup |
| #9 | <i>Elm Creek, Russet Oak, South side Creek Bend</i> | Kay Smolinsky |

Grounds

1. Duke Power is responsible for maintaining our street lamps. To report an outage, contact them at www.duke-energy.com or 1-800-777-9898.
2. Please ensure that all stop signs, street markers and street lamps on your property are free from obstruction. Trees blocking street signs and lights cause inconvenient and potentially dangerous situations for homeowners and guests.
3. Call “311” to report vehicles parked over sidewalks, trailers/boats parked in the neighborhood or other civil offences that continue to occur. Your help is appreciated. For traffic-related incidents, email BBryant@cmpd.org with all particulars. A warning letter will be issued to the owner of the vehicle and they will be listed as an “offender” in the CMPD database for future incidents that may occur.
4. A note from your neighbors- Please remember that trash/recycling containers are to be taken to the curb no earlier than 6pm on Monday and removed by 6pm Tuesday.
5. As the Ballantyne Area continues to explode, so does the draw to established neighborhoods such as ours. Prospective home buyers drive through White Oak daily. Please be sure your home’s curb appeal represents our neighborhood well. Not sure what to look for? —ask your neighbor or zone captain for honest feedback on your home’s curb appeal.

Yard Sale

The 2007 White Oak Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 19th. Please return the enclosed registration card to Jana Baughman ASAP (see details on card).

WHITE OAK YARD SALE
Saturday, May 19th

REGISTRATION CARD

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Return this form with \$5.00 **CASH** to Jana Baughman at 9722 Ridgemore Drive
by Tuesday, May 15th.
Jana will purchase and deliver each city permit. Personal checks cannot be accepted this year.

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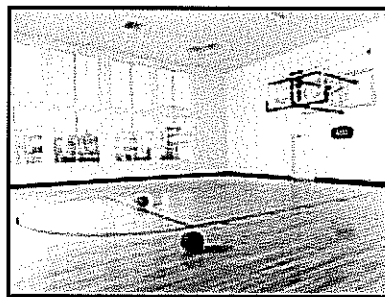
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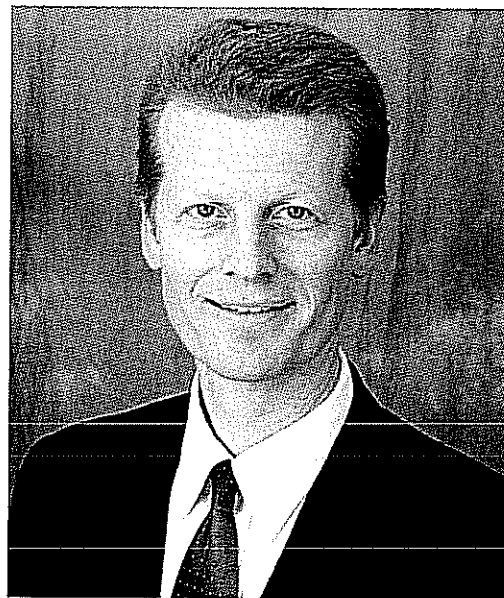
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