

GREENSHIRE GAZETTE

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GREENSHIRE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

7:00 PM MAY 20, 2009

**SCHERTZ CIVIC CENTER
SHERTZ PARKWAY
BLUEBONNET ROOM**

- **GHOA Board of Directors Election**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Guest Speaker
Schertz Fire Chief,
David H. Covington**
- **PRIZES**

The Neighborhood Gets Together on the Brick Wall

A small group of our neighbors met recently at the Schertz La Quinta Inn conference room (free of charge, thank you La Quinta) to discuss how we could help each other make timely and lasting repairs on the brick wall. All forecasts up to that point portended individual wall owners having to come up with substantial funds, often beyond immediate or long term means.

Lo and behold through the ingenuity and entrepreneurship, not to mention the labor, of one of our association members, there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. Tom and Lise Messick (the same Tom Messick who donates his piano stylings in CD form as door prizes every year at our annual meeting) envisioned a lever and fulcrum maneuver combined with some home made concrete and grout to completely and solidly repair seven (7) sections of their back fence. Tom related they fixed about one section a day for seven different days, holding up each section with a steel lever while they constructed forms and poured concrete.

And here is the most astounding part: They did the entire job for under **\$500.00**. Take another look at that figure. That's not \$500 per section. That's under \$500 **TOTAL**.

Needless to say everyone at the meeting was interested to see how we could translate that into something of which all wall owners could take advantage. What we envisioned was perhaps groups from each area of the subdivision (the Woods, Hills, Ridge, Meadows, etc) that needed wall section repairs, could volunteer to "raise a barn," so to speak. Tom has volunteered to supervise or

provide guidance and to donate his concrete forms to anyone needing or wanting them. In addition, the Board has agreed to buy some of the necessary tools (wheel barrow, hoses, trowel, etc) and lend them for use in the repairs.

Our Covenants chairperson will be sending notices to those she contacted last February and others whose wall sections have deteriorated, advising them of this development and requesting a response from each as to what they would propose. We know there are those that are physically unable to perform the labor. Perhaps their nearby neighbors and others in the Association could volunteer to aid in the repairs on some agreed upon schedule.

There may be different specifics as to how to get the job done. This approach sounds pretty good. The next step is up to the individual owners of wall sections. Let's build something together.

Woodland Oaks Entryway Structure

Unless you were really paying attention to your driving, you probably noticed the brick structure at the entrance to Green-shire on Woodland Oaks was significantly damaged sometime in February. It seems someone failed to negotiate the right turn off FM 3009, jumped the curb, and rammed into our brick structure. Fortunately as far as we know, no one was injured. But there was \$2800 worth of damage. Also fortunately, the driver's insurance covered the repairs. Bob Abel of Masonry Arts rebuilt the piece and reinstalled the flag holders. We're back in business.

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President's Message

It's that time of year again – ANNUAL MEETING. It is the time when we gather as an association to elect the Board of Directors. That is the only official purpose for the gathering. But as in years past, we will hear reports from our committee chairs, present a guest speaker, and draw for door prizes. It is a time where you can bring yourself up to date as to the management of the GHOA and, to some extent, the goings on in the city.

Our guest speaker this year is the Schertz Fire Chief, Mr. David H. Covington. Chief Covington has the unenviable task of protecting our city and its residents from all kinds of fire and EMS related hazards. His job is particularly pertinent during times of severe drought. Areas of our community where combustible materials accumulate get the attention of those in his line of work. Come and hear Chief Covington discuss preventive measures that could apply to each of us and our association.

Last year's annual meeting marked the retirement from the Board of Directors after eight years of service of **Ken Mitschke**. Ken served as Secretary of the Board during his entire tenure. His personal commitments to his clergy profession and the growth of his church were taking ever increasing chunks of his limited time. This year we say farewell to **Scott Herrod**. Scott served as Treasurer during his eleven years on the Board as well as Budget Committee chairman for nine of those years. Scott also serves on the SCUCISD Board of Trustees. Anyone who has the slightest connection with those duties knows the time commitments involved. On behalf of those who remain serving and for the entire association, we say many thanks to both of these unselfish volunteers. In the US Navy vernacular, we wish them fair winds and following seas.

See you at the Annual.

Bob Pond

COVENANT CORNER

Question: We have neighbors that leave their cats out at night. I never thought much about it until we built a sand box for our toddler. The cats seem to think it's their personal litter box. After all our work and expense to build the sandbox, we now have to throw everything away. What can we do?

Answer: You can call Schertz Animal Control at 619-1550. By city ordinance, cats have the same rules as dogs; they must be on a leash or on voice command when outside. According to Officer Lewis, who transferred from the police department to take charge of animal control a few months ago, there is no reason for residents to allow their pets outside to roam.

Have questions for the Covenants Committee? Email Jinjer LeVan at ghoacovenants@sbcglobal.net.