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# Blue Stem Newsletter

## Update on Blue Stem Entrances

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After several months and a few revisions, the Blue Stem Entrances have been approved by the city. In order to meet city requirements the entrances will be slightly smaller than originally estimated. Below is a "draft" version of the new design.

The materials have been ordered and you should start seeing work done within the next 5-6 weeks.

The new entrances will be located at:

Woodbridge & Hefner -2.

Blue Stem Back Road & Hefner -1

Plum Thicket & Woodbridge -1.

### Special points of interest:

- Don't forget the Fall Meeting - Sunday, Sept. 27th @ 5:00pm.
- Membership Dues are Due! Send in your payment.
- Get involved and sign up for a committee!.

***Thanks to all the homeowners that have donated to the front entrances. Please see the back page for the complete listing of contributors.***



## **Blue Stem Fall Meeting— Sunday, Sept. 27 @ 5:00pm**

The 2009 Annual meeting this year will be an snack/desert social. Please make plans to attend. This is the time where we meet our neighbors, sign up for committees, discuss Christmas Party, hold open discussions and discuss any neighborhood issues.

### Will be held at:

Carol & Randy Titus  
11097 Blue Stem Back Road

- Please bring a snack or desert and chairs!
- We will be collecting 2010 homeowner dues -\$100



## **Blue Stem Block Captains**

The Block Captains are up for renewal this year. If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain or renewing your job as a Block Captain on your street, please contact Carol Titus at [titus\\_blooms@att.net](mailto:titus_blooms@att.net).

The primary duties of a Block Captain consist of distributing the *Blue Stem Newsletter* to the doors of each residence on their assigned block(s), as well as the occasional flier promoting a neighborhood event, and keeping in tune with the goings-on around their block(s). Letting the board know when a new homeowner has moved in, or report an incident, etc.

We would also like to take this opportunity express our gratitude to the 2009 Block Captains for the wonderful work they do in keeping our neighborhood "connected" through their efforts.

### **2009 Block Captains**

CAROL TITUS

LANITA HENRICKSEN

ANNETTE ABRAHAM

DIXIE HYATT

LEE & JETTA KETNER

BOB & FREDDIE NELON

JAMES & CAROL SCHNABEL

DENYSE CURRY

DELORES STRIDER

SANDRA MALONE

JAN MARKS

ANNETTE KOURI

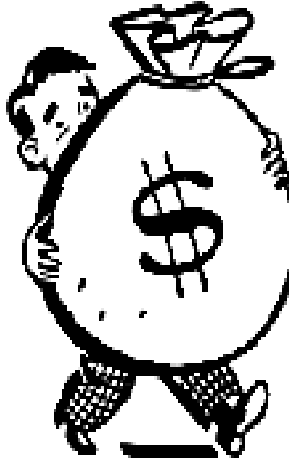
PATRICIA & LARRY TRIPLETT

CHARLES & LYNNE RYAN

There have been several houses listed For Sale in Blue Stem in 2009. If you see someone new move in, introduce yourself and contact your Block Captain so they can ensure your neighbors get a "Blue Stem Welcome Basket". If you are new to the neighborhood since 2009, please shoot us an e-mail at [srostochil@gmail.com](mailto:srostochil@gmail.com) so that we can welcome you and update our directory!

## Important Numbers

ACTION CENTER . . . . .	297-2535
Ward 8 Councilman . . . . .	297-2404
Animal Control . . . . .	297-2255
Animal Shelter . . . . .	297-3100
Emergency Sewer/Water . . . . .	297-3334
OG&E Trouble Line . . . . .	272-9595
ONG Trouble Line . . . . .	551-4000
Pothole Hot Line . . . . .	631-1111
Street Lights Out . . . . .	272-9595
Street Maintenance . . . . .	297-3451
Street Signs/Signals (Replace) . .	297-2648
Mayor's Office . . . . .	297-2424



## Treasurer's Report

Income	Dollar Amt
Previous Balance	\$23,081.02
2009 Donations for Entrances	\$5,560.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$28,641.02.</b>
Expenses	Amount
Bid Estimate for Entrances	\$150.00
Survey for Entrances	\$600.00
Down Payment for Entrances	\$9000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,750.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>28,641.02</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,560.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$18,891.02</b>

## In your corner..... Skunks?

If you haven't had the sniff of a skunk close by then I'm sure you will soon—especially those that back up to the lake. So, I did a little research and found these great tips for getting rid of skunks.

1. Keep food away from skunks. If there isn't any food available skunks will be much less likely to approach. Unfortunately, they will eat anything they find edible. This includes trash, compost piles and dog and **cat** food. Keep trash sealed in a trash can and put chicken wire around compost piles to keep skunks away.

2. Get rid of anything that attracts rodents. If there are rodents in the yard, skunks will follow to eat them. Rodents can be attracted by trash left in the yard, as well as fruit-bearing plants. For example, if you grow berries or other food in the yard, be sure to pick up any that falls from the plants.

3. Drain any standing water. Over-turn items that hold rainwater. Standing water in a bucket, planter or other object is a great place for a skunk to drink after a long night of foraging. For those of you that back up to the lake sorry!

4. Use floodlights. Skunks hate too much light and will avoid it if possible.

5. Seal up any areas where skunks can make a home. They love to hide under buildings and decks. If you have skunks that have made a home under a deck, storage shed or home, seal up the area. Wait until the skunk has left for the night to forage and seal up the opening. The skunk will be unable to return.

**Remember: Keep up the exterior of your home and yard. If you are going out of town, have a neighbor or friend mow for you !**

6. If all else fails, you can call Lane Soukup from Dog Gone Critters - 405-359-7474





## Want to advertise your business in our quarterly newsletter ???

The Board is going to start taking paid advertisements to help you advertise your business so that our homeowners can help support your business.

For \$50 annually we will do a one time article on your company and post a business card size add in our newsletter.

For more information contact Shari Rostochil at [srostochil@gmail.com](mailto:srostochil@gmail.com)

## Notice: Blue Stem is Going Green!!

Have you ever wondered how long it took or cost to get that newsletter that you have in your door? Try 3 hours of copying over 700 sheets of paper. The cost to print these newsletters is very costly and the many hours spent passing out newsletters to over 200 residents is very time consuming.

So, I would like the ENTIRE neighborhood to put forth an effort to go green by starting to receive your newsletter electronically. This would save tons of time and money and also be a great way to get announcements out to homeowners. ***This would also allow us to be able to quickly notify you about alerts on criminal and other suspicious activities in the neighborhood.*** We can send announcements on upcoming events, search for lost pets (or advise of a "found" pet); etc.

To sign your family up for the Blue Stem E-Newsletter, send your name and e-mail to [srostochil@gmail.com](mailto:srostochil@gmail.com).

Note: Your information will be kept private and will not be distributed to other homeowners.



### Notice to Homeowners!

**For a while now, we have noticed teenagers AND parents driving through the neighborhood at unacceptable speeds.**

**It only takes one accident for someone to lose their child! Please remind yourself as well as your teenagers (and their friends) that we have many children that play in this neighborhood and that walk to other friends house.**

**Please SLOW DOWN!**

# Want to be involved in what happens in your neighborhood ???

Then Volunteer to be on a Blue Stem Committee.

Below are the open position available. We would like 3-5 volunteers for each committee. If interested contact Sue Wylie @ [msuewylie@att.net](mailto:msuewylie@att.net) or Carol Titus @ [titus\\_blooms@att.net](mailto:titus_blooms@att.net) or you may sign up at the Fall meeting on Sept 27th.

## Current Blue Stem Board of Directors:

President .....Sue Wylie  
Vice President.....Carol Titus  
Secretary.....Jim Schnabel  
Treasurer.....Steve Curry  
Communications.....Shari Rostochil  
Members at Large.....  
Members at Large .....  
Members at Large.....

## Committees:

Neighborhood Alliance.. Bill Wylie  
Directory.....  
Entrance Committee...  
Welcome Committee...  
Block Captain Organizer.

Have Blue Stem News?

Contact: Shari Rostochil at :

Phone: 721-1525

E-mail: [srostohil@gmail.com](mailto:srostohil@gmail.com)

## Blue Stem Assoc. Website Link

(In progress of updating —Check back for current information)

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/>

Type in 73162—Look for Blue Stem Home Owners Association

## Special points of interest:

### Reminder: Homeowner Dues due by Dec, 2009.

Blue Stem does **not** have mandatory dues like most neighborhoods. However, we all need to remember, it is only by dues and donations that our neighborhood continues to remain attractive thus keeping our property values at a prime.

We will be collecting \$100 in dues at the Fall meeting or you can send them to:

Steve Curry at 10901 Blue Stem Back Rd

Make Payments out to Blue Stem Property Homeowners Inc.

# Thanks to our Homeowner's who contributed to the new Entrances!

Abbott, Curtis & Neel  
Adair, Alana & Robert  
Akins, Scott & Christie  
Anderson, Ken & Melissa  
Angelidis, John & Angela  
Banks, Brian & Vickey  
Blankenship, Mr. & Mrs. JAP  
Brett, John & Pattie  
Brousseau, Bob & Margaret Ann  
Byrd, Barbara  
Campbell, Jerry & Sue  
Carpenter, Donna & Bob  
Clemenz, Brenda & Mike  
Compton, Larry  
Crouch, Brad & Donna  
Curry, Steve & Denise  
Deguilo, Robert & Rose  
Dolf, Frank  
Ferguson, Brad & Celine  
Fuller, John  
Fuzzell, Mindy & David  
Gilliland, Kent & Julie  
Gorman, Bill & Romaine  
Grimes, Gerald  
Hall, Leonard & Martha  
Hamilton, Jason & Julie  
Hanebaum, Steve & Melanie  
Henderson, CA & KC  
Hendrix, James & Dixie  
Hester, Robert & Marjorie  
Huffman, William  
Hughes, Jacque  
Humphreys, John & Anita  
Hussein, Dr.  
J & C Enterprises  
James, Scott & Amy  
Keeton, Gerald & Judy  
Ketner, Lee & Jetta  
Langley, Joe & Sonya  
Leak, Alice  
Lee, Dan

Ley, Barbara & David  
Marks, Janice & Harry  
Martin, Kay & John  
McCracken, Greg & Kathy  
McWilliams, Charles & Cynthia  
Miles, Marshall  
Moody, Dale & Retta  
Moore, Nancy  
Murrell, Max  
Myers, Betty  
Nelton, Freddie & Bob  
Oldfield, John & Marilyn  
Parker, Grady & Kathy  
Pickelsimer, Bill & Jane  
Post, Dan & Cathy  
Rahill, Gary  
Rennebohm, Heather & Bob  
Robertson, Jim & Becky  
Rostochil, Brett & Shari  
Ryan, Charles  
Ryan, Pay & Grace  
Schulhoff, Jeff & Nedra  
Shaver, Lillian  
Simon, David & Tami  
Sleem, Michael & Jill  
Smith, Dr. Danny  
Smith, Jerry & Janetta  
Smith, Ron & Linda  
Stewart, Gloria  
Stewart, Vinita Jo  
Straughn, Bob & Debbie  
Titus, Carol & Randy  
Triplett, Larry & Pat  
Wells, Patrick & Dianna  
White, Robert & Caroline  
Williams, Elizabeth  
Woodson, Dan  
Wright, Leslie  
Wylie, Bill & Sue