
Long Lake / Spring Meadows Homeowners Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER – ROBERTA MASTERS

Once again, the Board expresses appreciation for those who paid the 2007 Homeowner's dues in a timely manner. With spring in full bloom and the need to clean up the debris from winter's blast, it also reminds us all to "spruce up" or "spring clean" our Homeowners' financial records. A few accounts need a bit of clearing up since funds were received after the due date. The Association Bylaws support a late fee for any dues which were paid beyond the due date of October 15, 2006. A **final reminder** was sent in late March 2007 to households which had an outstanding balance and/or late fee for 2007. If you have not paid 2007 to date, please do so immediately to avoid further action and additional fees. For those who paid Association dues in a timely manner, you will receive no further communication (other than **THANK YOU**) since your cancelled check or bank statement was indication of payment received. This is a reminder to everyone that annual homeowner's dues statements are mailed in **September** of each year. Please mark your calendar in anticipation of the September mailing. If you would like to assist with the task and better understand the process of dues collection, please contact me by phone or email.

On another note: Remember if you are selling your property, a letter of clearance/pro-ration regarding dues payments is necessary for the closing. While this is usually requested by the realtor, please give **at least one week's notice** for the treasurer to provide a letter on your dues status. Have a beautiful spring!

2006 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Prior to the judging day of Sunday, December 17, 2006, the Board asked three independent homeowners from two different subdivisions to judge the Long Lake / Spring Meadows subdivision homes for the holiday decorating contest. The judges unanimously picked the Ignasiak home at 5358 Standish for the "Chevy Chase" award, and the Lochner home at 5334 Cloister for the "Martha Stewart" award. Pictures of the winning homes are in the web site (llsmha.org). Both homes received a \$25 gift card from Home Depot. Honorary mention could be given to the Burlas home at 5706 Cloister and the Roeders home at 5087 Saffron. Both homes were second runners up for the Martha Stewart award as agreed upon by all the judges. If you didn't get a chance to drive through the subdivisions, you missed the bright lights and music! A few homes even provided "caroling". A holiday decorating contest will take place this year with different categories. Mark your calendar for this year's contest date, which is scheduled around the middle of December. Stay tuned for details in an upcoming Newsletter.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Beautification Day

Whether you have or don't have a green thumb, put on your dungarees and join the Board at this year's Beautification Day – Saturday, May 19. Mark your calendar and join us in our effort to improve the landscape of the neighborhood. Bring your gardening gloves and tools and meet the “landscape artists” at 8 am at the pond entrance on Crowfoot Drive. The more people who show up, the quicker and more tasks we can accomplish. Hopefully, with just a few hours' work from a lot of people, we can spruce up some of the commons areas for the whole community to enjoy all season long! Donuts and beverages will be provided to those who come. Direct your questions to Lisa Taylor-Nalette or Sandy Paci.

Garage Sale

If you'd rather find a new home for your old relics located in the attic, basement, or even in the garage, why not participate in the “multiple sub-garage sale”, which is also scheduled for Saturday, May 19, from 9-3 pm. The garage sale will be held in the neighborhoods located in the Square Lake to Long Lake and John R to Dequindre areas. Long Lake / Spring Meadows will advertise their sale via signs posted at the Long Lake Meadows sign as well as the entrance on Spring Meadows. Please direct your questions to Lisa Taylor-Nalette.

Fourth of July Parade

The parade will take place on Wednesday, July 4, beginning at 10 am in the Wass Elementary School parking lot.

Ice Cream Social

Sundaes will be available for 50 cents on Monday, July 23, from 7-9 pm in Highbury Park.

Annual Long Lake / Spring Meadows Homeowners Meeting

The date for this year's meeting has not been confirmed; however, according to the Bylaws, the meeting will be scheduled some time during the week of September 24. The Board would like to hold the meeting in the Media Center at Wass Elementary school at 7 pm. The meeting will give the Board the opportunity to look back at the past year's accomplishments, review expenses over the past year, detail the Association's full financial picture, and answer any questions or concerns you might. Watch for details in an upcoming Newsletter as well as in the web site.

Halloween Parade

The parade is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 28, upon confirmation with the Troy Athens Band and Golfridge Trail Sub. Meet in front of Wass Elementary School where the parade will begin and end. Watch for details in an upcoming Newsletter.

NOTE: The parades and ice cream social are coordinated by Stone Ridge II. Susan Fobear, Social Director of SR II, is looking for volunteers to help in the events. If you plan on attending the event(s) and can help out, please contact Susan at 248-828-2963.

Road Rally

Details for the annual event have not been confirmed. In previous years the event has been scheduled toward the end of October or the first part of November. Watch for details in an upcoming Newsletter.

Remember, the homeowners' web site (llsmha.org) will contain the latest information regarding all the activities noted above. Also, feel free to contact a member of the Board with your comments, suggestions, or questions.

A MESSAGE TO THE HOMEOWNERS IN SPRING MEADOWS

In response from many inquiries from Spring Meadows homeowners, the Board has been working on procuring several different quotes from companies for the replacement of the mailboxes and posts. Our goal has been to find a company who can build posts similar to other areas in the LLSM subdivision. Keeping costs as low as possible and

using materials that will resist the weather are also important factors in the decision-making process. We expect to have information for the affected homeowners within the next two months.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

A number of homeowners have inquired if the two subdivisions could have a “block party.” The Board is asking the homeowners to respond to the question: Is this an activity worth pursuing? If so, and you would like to help in establishing the first-ever Long Lake / Spring Meadows block party, please send an e-mail to Secretary@llsmha.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

For the last 10 years you have noticed the well manicured areas around the retention pond, the entrance to the subdivisions, and along Long Lake. And we have Frank Easlick to thank. Frank is the owner of Sterling Industrial Maintenance, LLC. If you would like to be relieved of the chore of lawn maintenance or landscaping, give Frank a call. You can reach Frank at his 24-hour pager at 586-450-0596; or call him at home at 586-465-5968.

While the Board is not necessarily endorsing any particular service it contracts, we did want to extend this opportunity if you need any yard work done at your home. It is mutually beneficial if we are able to support our vendors with additional business as reward for their excellent service.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

New to the Neighborhood?

Welcome! Documentation related to the rules of the Homeowners Association (the Bylaws) as well as the Building and Use Restrictions were signed for by the original home buyers at the closing with the developer. It is then the responsibility of the homeowner to pass on this paperwork to any future homebuyer upon sale of the property. If you are new to the neighborhood and did not receive this paperwork, please e-mail Sharyn Dennis who will make arrangements in providing you with the requested information. Also, please be sure to provide Sharyn your contact information; i.e. name, address, home phone number, and e-mail address so we can update our records.

Neighborhood Directory

A neighborhood directory was published and distributed to homeowners in October 2006. If you would like a copy of the directory, please contact Sharyn Dennis. The directory was published to be a resource for snow removal, landscaping, lawn services, dog walking, etc., for both subdivisions. Please be assured that the information in the directory will only be distributed to homeowners belonging to this Association. We plan to update and publish the directory on a yearly basis. If you would like to add your name, address, family information, extracurricular activities, etc., to the directory for the next publication, please send an e-mail to Sharyn; and you will be provided a form requesting this information.

Welcome Wagon

Through the volunteer efforts of Becky Garity and Sandy Paci, a community Welcome Wagon has been reestablished. If you sold your home or if you would like to participate in the Welcome Wagon, please send an e-mail at WelcomeWagon@llsmha.org. The Welcome Wagon delivers community documentation to our new neighbors.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS (Continued)

Register Your E-mail

Please help us reduce our mailing costs by registering your e-mail address for future communications. Your e-mail address will only be used for Association updates, Newsletters, and mass mailings. The communication of dues, annual meetings, and other official Association business will continue to be done through U.S. mail. Please register by sending an e-mail to Register@llsmha.org and provide your name, full home address, and e-mail address. If your e-mail ever changes, please send an update to the Register@llsmha.org.

Information

Please continue to monitor the “box” under the postal mailbox by insuring that the box is cleared from flyers, advertisements, newspapers, etc. An empty box will alert those driving or walking in the subdivisions that homeowners want a safe neighborhood.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you have news you would like to share in the next Newsletter or even on the web site, please communicate this information to President@llsmha.org.

Think Spring and Summer

