

ON THE BOARD

As a result of the March Homeowners' Association meeting, officers are as follows: President-Nancy Owens, 861-0562; Vice President-Jean Thomas, 861-4941; Secretary/Treasurer-Caine DeWitt, 861-8142. Architectural Committee, Tom Greiner, 861-9726; Alan Edon, 861-3819; Tom Pearson, 861-9778. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact one of those listed above. A reminder that all exterior changes to your property must be reviewed and signed off by two of the architectural committee with one copy of the actual plan being retained by the Board.

The 2011 Meeting Minutes have been posted on the website for your review.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

On March 7, 2011 the Annual Meeting of the Seifert Creek Homeowners' Association was held. Following is a snapshot of the major changes taking place as a result of that meeting.

- **Trash Removal.** In the fall of 2010 we were notified by the Town of New Palestine that they would no longer be paying for residential trash removal within the city limits. The Board of Directors for Seifert Creek subsequently did some research, accepted bids and did a cost analysis to offer the best pricing possible for our subdivision. One of the main concerns being we would not want to have multiple companies travelling through the neighborhood with heavy trucks, battering the streets or endangering our children. As a result, a petition was circulated which resulted in more than enough signatures to address it as making an addition to the covenants as written. That said, the last page of the covenants has been amended to include an addition. The contract for this year was awarded to CGS Services, Inc. Each homeowner must contact CGS personally to initiate service as there are some personal questions that cannot and should not be the responsibilities of the Board. The Covenant reads as follows:

#41. All residents of Seifert Creek Subdivision will be required to contract annually with and use exclusively the services of a single contracted waste disposal company. Selection of said contractor/hauler/supplier will be decided upon review of competitive bids solicited by the Board of Directors .

- A point for discussion at the recent Annual Meeting was that we should get competitive bids from several local landscaping companies to insure that we are getting the best possible pricing. After review by the Board of Directors, a meeting to discuss opportunities for renewal of the entrance (which was budgeted for in the 2010 budget), we have decided to accept the bid of P.J.E. Lawn Care & Property Management. This company, owned by Phil Ennis, has worked in our subdivision on private residences and has done a very nice job. Phil had some very exciting suggestions for the entrance and surrounding common areas. He will start construction of these new changes as soon as the weather breaks. Phil has also generously offered to give residents in Seifert Creek a 10% discount on lawn services and 5% on landscape/hardscape services. The logo and contact information for P.J.E. is on our website.
- Also in the spring, we will be planning a Neighborhood Workday that will take place on the Nature Trail, removing brush (power tools!) and general clean up of the area. Yvonne Jonas offered to do a cookout after the work is done. This will again take place in her yard next to the trail. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us.

2010-2011 Assessments

We are attempting to get all residents up-to-date with their assessments. The deadline for collection without penalty is March 31, 2011. If you haven't paid them yet, please drop your check in the mail to SCHOA, P.O. Box 472, New Palestine, IN 46163 or deliver it to Caine DeWitt at 4295 Eagle Trace (the end of the cul-du-sac on Eagle Trace).

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Respecting Private Property

We are still experiencing some issues with respecting each others' property. This should serve as a reminder that ALL animals are to be leashed or contained to your property. Please do not allow them to roam free and/or to destroy your neighbors' personal space. The Nature Trail is open for use to all Seifert Creek residents and their guests. However, it is NOT intended to be a public trail and it abuts private property, owned and maintained by the residents. Please do not allow your animals to defecate without cleaning it up and be respectful of others' property. Signage has been ordered and will be posted as soon as it arrives to remind everyone that they are on semi-public property on the trail but PRIVATE property along the edges. They are not to cross over for any reason.

Signage will also be posted at the front entrance to eliminate distribution of handbills. Most of the time they are not secured in boxes and end up blowing around the neighborhood. However, this signage does not apply to door-to-door solicitation (i.e. girl scouts, boy scouts, honor students, etc.). If you do not wish to have those visitors you will need to post your own signage on your property.



Seifert Creek Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg hunt is coming on April 16 (rainout date April 23) and we want it to be a huge success again this year. Thanks to all of the dedicated and hard working individuals who keep it going each year. It has become an important part of the neighborhood and a good way to get to know your neighbors and participate in some fun activities.



Garage Sale Set for April 30

The Seifert Creek Neighborhood sale is set for Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 – 12:00. We would love to have maximum participation this year. Anyone who is interested in participating should arrange your own personal sale items and have someone available at all times to monitor your sale. If you choose not to participate, simply leave your garage door down. Thank you to Sue Gahimer who is in charge of arranging and advertising for the 2011 sale. Contact Sue directly (861-5044 or 908-6131) if you have specialty items (i.e. musical instruments, etc.) that you would like mentioned in the advertising.

Garage Sale Tips from the Experts

Items that sell at garage sales are things like furniture, appliances, power tools, tools, lawn equipment, mowers, blowers, computer technology and software, electronics, books, DVD's, CD's, cameras, toys, baby items, picture frames and home décor items. Things that you haven't used, seen or worn in a year – SELL IT! Many people are looking for student dorm/apartment items and "change of scenery" items for redecorating.

Make it a family event. Plan a special event for the whole family to spend the proceeds. We hope you will consider participating. Let us know how to make it better than ever!

The Seifert Creek Homeowners' Association website is

www.seifertcreek.org.

All By-laws, Covenants, Meeting Minutes and other pertinent neighborhood-specific information is available.

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