



## SBCA Jottings

Fall 2010

### 2010 Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting was held on September 22, 2010. President Jim Duffy gave an overview of the major projects the Association accomplished this past year. He also mentioned projects the Association is considering for next year. The full minutes of this meeting have been sent to all residents via email. Please contact the SBCA hotline (630-415-1174) if you have any questions

### 2010-2011 SBCA Board

At the Annual Meeting, the following residents were elected to this year's Board. At the end of the Annual Meeting the new Board met and elected its officers for the coming year. Thank you to our New Board for volunteering and giving their time on behalf of the residents of the Seven Bridges Courts Association.

Jim Duffy	President
Ed Morris	Vice President
Donna Kayser	Secretary
Margaret Haiser	Treasurer
Terrie Smith	Director
Ed Czupryna	Director
Sheila Henschel	Director

### Thank You

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Burke for serving on the SBCA Board. Bill has been on the Board for a number of years and did not run for reelection. Thank you Bill.

### Monthly Assessment Increase to \$245.00 on January 1, 2011

As approved at the Regular October 19, 2010 Board Meeting and discussed at the September 22, 2010 Annual Meeting, the SBCA Board approved a monthly assessment increase to **\$245.00** effective for the assessment due on January 1, 2011. This increase is in accordance with the Boards plan to gradually raise the assessment rate to help fund increasing expenditures thus avoiding any special assessments if possible.

### New Light Fixtures and Holiday Wreaths/Decorations

The SBCA Board has voted to prohibit the hanging of decorations and holiday wreaths over and on the new light fixtures. Please refer to the "Holiday Decorations" section of this newsletter for more information on Holiday Decorations.

This action is being taken to protect the lights and glass from damage. The Association has made a large investment in the new light fixtures and we need to protect them from damage.

### Holiday Decorations

While holiday lights and other holiday decorations can be beautiful, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so as a reminder the following are the SBCA Rules and Regulations with respect to holiday decorations.



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### ***Christmas Lights and Other Holiday Decorations —***

Temporary decorations may be put out no earlier than Thanksgiving and must be removed by January 15th. Lights and decorations cannot be nailed or screwed to any part of the building. Non-defacing fasteners specifically designed for outdoor holiday decoration should be used for temporary attachment to existing structures. However, use of fasteners that may rust or otherwise create a stain on the siding is prohibited. No blinking or chasing lights will be permitted.

A maximum of two, freestanding statues are permitted and must be appropriate for the area. They should not be of blow-molded plastic or inflatable, but of durable materials such as wood, concrete or metal. Statuary should be placed in the limited Common Area between walkway and the garage (not on the roof). Please use care not to damage dormant plant life. Illumination of any element should not negatively impact your neighbors.

Lights on trees and bushes within four feet of the unit exterior in the Common Area are permitted, again being careful not to damage the trees or bushes. Due to electrical safety concerns, Common Area trees and bushes more than four feet from the units' exterior cannot be affixed with lights using temporary electrical extensions. Wreaths are limited to one on the garage using white all weather hardware. Front door wreaths are acceptable using only over the door hangers or door magnets. Hanging any decorations, including wreaths, on exterior light fixtures is prohibited.

*Declaration Article 10.5*

### **Snow Removal**

The SBCA Board has once again contracted with K & M Enterprises, Inc. to be our snow removal contractor for this coming winter. When it snows or is predicted to snow please remove your vehicles off the streets and driveways, especially when our contractor is plowing. This will help insure that they can clear all parking areas and driveways.

### **Pet Owners**

We've once again been asked by several residents to remind pet owners (especially dog owners) to take their pets off our property to take care of their "business." The Village of Woodridge has ordinances regarding picking up after your pet, but liquid, which can't be picked up damages the grass creating clumps and dead spots.

The islands on both courts as well as the common areas are showing the damage caused by the frequent pet visits. Specifically, the Brassie Court Island near the mailboxes has been an eyesore because of the dog waste that has not been picked up by the dog owner.

Please take responsibility for your pet and don't let them soil the plants and grass on our property. Also, pick up after your pets.

### **Common Areas**

A number of residents have commented that there seems to be a lot of "clutter" around many of the decks, porches, and walkways in our community.



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This clutter includes empty flower pots on sidewalks and stairs, grills, lawn chairs in common areas etc. Please take a few minutes and police the areas around your homes. Discard or store empty flower pots etc. Remove items from your front porch and walkways so the snow contractor can remove the snow.

### **Garbage Reminder**

It is important with the strong winter winds to secure your garbage can lids. Should your garbage receptacles get blown away, it is the resident's responsibility to clean up the mess and try to locate any and all garbage that has blown away. It is every resident's responsibility to help keep our community looking good, so if you see garbage or papers blowing around, please pick them up.

### **Telephone Number/Emergency Contact/Email Address**

In an attempt to keep the SBCA contact information current the Board requests that if your telephone number, emergency contact information or email address has changed, please let the Association know by calling the Hotline.

### **Good Bye and Good Luck**

Bridget Shahan, who served on our SBCA Board for many years is relocating. We wish Bridget the best, and thank her for her service to our community.

### **Website**

Please check our website regularly at [www.sevenbridgescourts.com](http://www.sevenbridgescourts.com) for news, forms, board meeting dates, and a host of other information.

### **We Need Volunteers**

We are a volunteer Board and we do need additional volunteers willing to help out from time to time. If you have special interest, talent or you would just like to help, we could use you. Please call the hotline at (630-415-1174) and the appropriate board member will contact you.

### **Suggestions for Future Jottings**

If you have any suggested topics for the next Jottings, please call the hotline (630-415-1174), Jim Duffy, Donna Kayser, or any Board Member.

Our next issue of the Jottings will be published early next year.

The SBCA Board wishes you a Happy Holiday Season and a safe and joyful New Year.

Sincerely,  
Jim Duffy  
SBCA President