

SBCA Jottings

Fall 2006

Dear Fellow Residents,

During the past year we accomplished several important tasks including: 1) Significantly expanding the irrigation system at a price 40% cheaper than expected; 2) Improved the accounting and budgeting process; 3) Conducted a successful community garage sale (thanks Kim); and 4) Improved cash management to maximize interest earnings.

However, the past year was also a year of frustration on several fronts including: 1) ILT's performance with respect to landscaping (crabgrass, late trimming, poor quality of trimming, condition of shrubs, etc); 2) Poor/slow performance of the nursery supplying replacement plants; 3) Maintenance issues; and 4) Resident parking issues.

It is easy to focus on the negatives and forget about the positives but I hope you will attend this year's annual meeting and learn more details about both the good and the bad of this past year. We do value your input and encourage each resident to participate in managing our community by attending meetings and using your individual talent by volunteering to help us.

SBCA 2006 Annual Meeting

The SBCA 2006 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Edward Health & Fitness Center, 6600 Rt. 53. It is important that each resident attend the meeting.

One of the topics on the agenda is the enforcement of parking regulations. The Board has been considering contracting a towing company for the past few months due to the flagrant violation of our parking rules by a few residents. Therefore, please attend this year's annual meeting and join the discussion of the issues, what has already been done, and if we should move forward with the towing company contract.

SBCA Resident Directory

Requests have been received for the publication of a SBCA Resident Directory. The information contained in the directory would be the residents name and address. No telephone numbers or E-mail addresses will be included. If you prefer **not** to be included in the Directory please call the SBCA Hotline (630-415-1174) **by Friday, October 6th.**

Volunteers Needed

We are a volunteer Board and are requesting the help of additional volunteers for several projects. Ideally, we would like at least one volunteer from each Court (Mashie & Brassie) to change burned out light bulbs, replace drain pipes and be available to assist on miscellaneous projects. If you would like to help us maintain the appearance of our Courts, please call the SBCA Hot Line and an appropriate board member will contact you.



Interior Windows

A resident recently brought to the Board's attention the need for each homeowner to inspect their interior windows for loose panes and rotting sashes. It is up to each homeowner to repair/replace their windows.

The windows in our homes were purchased from EVCO in South Holland. Since that purchase, the company has diversified, and is now Siegle's located in Carol Stream. They carry the windows which were manufactured by the Lincoln. The telephone number for Siegle's is 630-653-5900.

Another company that carries Lincoln windows is Authorized Service in Villa Park. They can be reached 630-834-6474.

Any homeowner who has replaced or repaired their windows and would like to recommend a different vendor, call the SBCA Hotline and we will publish that information in an upcoming issue of the SBCA Jottings.

Garage Doors

For security reasons all garage doors must be closed. The only exception is when the resident is entering or exiting the garage or when the resident is using the garage area.

Exterior Building Inspections

In an ongoing effort to maintain the appearance and functionality of our homes the SBCA Board has discussed the need for periodic exterior building inspections. A building inspector may be hired or visual inspections may be done by Board member(s). Some of the exterior items being inspected are gutters, siding, decks, exterior windows siding and trim, and exterior doors. Residents will be notified when plans for the inspection are confirmed and of any need or suggested repairs.

Pet Owners/Leash Law

Several residents are requesting that a reminder be given to pet owners (especially dogs) that all pets must be on a leash (Village Ordinance) when being exercised. This is to insure the safety of **all** residents.

Website

Please check our website regularly at <u>www.sevenbridgescourts.com</u> for news, forms, board meeting dates and a host of other information about our community including pictures.

Suggestions for future Jottings

Please call the hotline (630-415-1174) with suggestions for Jottings topics, Ed Morris, Donna Kayser or any other Board member.

Also, a special thanks to Donna Kayser for her assistance in preparing this edition.

Sincerely,

Ed Morris SBCA President