



SBCA Jottings

Spring 2008

Something New!

For this issue of the SBCA Jottings, in addition to the normal stuff, we decided to provide you with information about the upcoming election and where the candidates stand on Education. This is in no way an attempt to endorse any candidate but rather to provide you with additional information. We do encourage everyone entitled to vote in the election this fall, to do so.

All the following information was pulled from each candidate's website. We encourage you to visit the candidates' websites to learn more about them and their positions on a variety of issues. The information below is in no way a complete list of where the candidates stand on all the issues that effect American lives.

John McCain Education

-McCain feels that parents should be able to choose which public school their children attend especially if the school in there area is failing.

-Schools should be able to compete for effective character-building teachers then hire and reward them.

Barack Obama Education

-Schools that need improvement would be supported rather than punished

-He wants to increase Head Start funding and allow all students access to pre-school

-A rigorous training program for teachers that would work in high-need districts would be implemented.

Other Presidential Info?

John Tyler, 10th U.S. president, fathered 15 children (more than any other president)--8 by his first wife, and 7 by his second wife. Tyler was past his seventieth birthday when his 15th child was born.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd president of the United States was related, either by blood or by marriage, to 11 former presidents.

George W. Bush 43rd president of the United States and his wife Laura got married just three months after meeting each other.

Ok, now the Usual Stuff

I'd like to update everyone on some of the things we hope to get accomplished in the next few months:

1. **Landscape maintenance** – our new landscaping service has gotten off to a good start. Thursdays will be the scheduled day for them to be here and we are hoping their level of performance will be much better than the service used last year.
2. **Plant replacements and Mulch** – beginning this week (June 6th) we are replacing a number of plants and mulching the flower and tree beds.
3. **Paver replacements** – we will continue to repair pavers this fall based on a ranking of those in most need of repair. If your pavers are to be repaired we will provide you with



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advance notice so that you can move your vehicles out of the garage until the repairs are completed.

4. **Shrub pruning** – we did a major pruning last fall. This means that many of our bushes and shrubs will not look good this year but should look much better in the following years.
5. **Unit inspections** – we conducted unit inspections last fall and again in May. We are making arrangements to fix those items that are the Association's responsibility and have sent letters notifying owners of the items they must fix.
6. **Window/Glass Replacement** - Last fall, at the annual meeting, several homeowners mentioned that their window seals had failed and/or the wood had rotted. Seven Bridges Courts resident James Murphy, (insert company name) will organize a window replacement and/or seal failure program for all interested residents. If enough residents participate we may be able to negotiate a better price. Please call the hotline (630-415-1174) if you are interested or you can reach Jim at (773) 239-2279.
7. **Window washing** – window-washing was completed in May and the target date for the second washing is early October.

Please remember we are a volunteer Board and do our best to respond to issues in a timely manner. We appreciate your patience and share your frustrations that some things

seem to take much longer to get done than you or we would like.

Suggested Homeowners Inspection

The SBCA Board is advising all townhome owners to inspect the area under their decks to ensure the seal around the air conditioning unit pipe into the house has not broken. If it has been broken, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to replace the seal to avoid water damage.

Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale

This year's annual garage sale was held on May 16th and 17th and will continue in May in future years in hope of increasing attendance. Thanks to Kim Thanasouras for organizing this year's event.

Garage Doors

For security reasons and uniform appearance 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. *Declaration Article 9.2*

Pet Owners

We've 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 dead spots.



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Website

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

Water your plants!!

We need everyone's help to regularly water the plants and shrubs on the entry walks to their front doors. There are no sprinklers for these areas and we want to give the new replacement plants the best opportunity for survival by adequately watering them. To keep the plants healthy we need you to water your plants at least 3 times a week.

Wrap Up

Don't forget to regularly check your SBCA white mailbox for other announcements and news.

Copies of Board Minutes

If you would like to receive a copy of the Minutes of the Board meeting, just go to our Website page listing the Board of Directors, click on Bridget Shahan's name to send her an e-mail requesting her to add you to her e-mail list.

Suggestions for Future Jottings

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

Sincerely,

Ed Morris
SBCA President