



## SBCA Jottings

Summer 2012

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### **SBCA Annual Meeting**

The SBCA Annual Meeting **will be** held set soon. The meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodridge Public Library, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting room is located on the second floor next to the Children's library. The building is fully accessible. As soon as the date is firmly established all owners will be notified.

Owners interested in running for the Board should contact the SBCA Board via the Association Hotline or email address to get your name on the ballot.

### **Limits on the Number of Rentals Within The Seven Bridges Courts Association**

As you may have read in the approved SBCA meeting minutes that were sent to you, the SBCA Board has been discussing the pros and cons of establishing rental limits within our community. In other words, limit the number of rentals that can be in place at one time in our Association. This discussion is a result of a number of requests we have received from current homeowners to look into the matter. The requests have ranged from establishing a limit to eliminating all rentals completely.

The Board has contacted its attorney to secure some preliminary information on the process we would need to follow in order to legally establish a rental limit. We have also discussed the pros and cons a number of times at our monthly meetings. The Board feels that this topic is one that needs to be thoroughly discussed by the homeowners in

an open forum before the Board proceeds one way or another.

Therefore, this topic will be placed on the agenda of this year's annual meeting. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday September 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and plan on attending this very important meeting. Your input is important. In the meantime, if you have any thoughts on the topic please feel free to email them to us at [sbcaresidents@comcast.net](mailto:sbcaresidents@comcast.net).

### **Welcome**

The Board would like to welcome our newest owner to our community. Glenn and Maureen Parker recently purchased 12 Mashie. Please help us give the Parker's a warm welcome to our community.

Also, new to our community are Joe and Lisa Kozlowski at 26 Mashie, Marlin and Melissa Smith at 10 Mashie, and DeAndre Robinson at 5 Mashie.

Please welcome these families to our neighborhood.

### **Mashie & Brassie Court Entrances**

By now everybody has seen our new flower beds on both sides of the Mashie & Brassie Court entrances. Don't they look great! What a difference. All four areas are now also irrigated.

CAM paid for the improvements in exchange for the SBCA taking responsibility for them from this point forward. We have included the maintenance of these areas in the contract of our landscaper. Therefore,



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the areas should look well-kept and be regularly maintained from this point forward.

### **Spring and Summer Projects – Status Report**

The Board is pleased to report that except for a few items the majority of the work planned for this summer has been completed. As of this writing the following projects have been completed:

- **Roof replacement:**  
The roof on 17-20 Brassie Court was replaced.
- **Staining Project:**  
The last four buildings on Mashie Court were stained.
- **Exterior Window Washing:**  
The first of two window washings for this year has been completed.
- **Sprinkler Repairs:**  
The irrigation system was turned on after a number of repairs were made to the system.
- **Trees and Shrubs:**  
The Board has continued to fertilize and treat the trees and shrubs in our community.  
The Ash trees are receiving treatments to help fight the emerald ash borer that has destroyed hundreds of trees in the suburbs, Chicago, and Woodridge.
- **Plant/Shrub Replacements:**  
Dead and dying plants and shrubs have been removed. New plants and shrubs were planted and some existing plants/shrubs were relocated.
- **Brassie Court Island:**  
The island plantings on Brassie have been upgraded this year. Now both islands are done and look very nice.

### **What is the Board Working on Now?**

The Board is currently working on the following items:

- Gathering information for the 2013 SBCA budget.
- Preparing for the SBCA Annual Meeting in September.
- Discussing “Rental Quotas”, a topic that will be on the Annual Meeting agenda.
- Discussing major repairs that the Association will face in the future.

### **Spring Walk Around**

The Spring Walk Around was held in May and letters were sent to homeowners notifying them of items they need to repair/fix. In addition, the Board will be addressing a number of items that are its responsibility.

### **How the SBCA Hotline Works**

The SBCA Hotline is answered by volunteers from the SBCA Board. Each month a Board Member answers the voice mails and either directs the inquiry to the appropriate Board Member or personally answers the inquiry. Each board member establishes his/her own routine for checking the voice mails depending upon their own schedule. Therefore, if you leave a message at 1:00 p.m., and the voice mail was checked at 9:00 a.m., you may not receive a call back until the next day. Sometimes the voice mails are checked every two days.

If you have an emergency or concern that may be Association related and you haven't had a call back, knock on one of our doors. Just remember that we will try our best to promptly return your calls regarding Association business.

Also, don't forget that you can reach us via email.



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### Speed Limit on Brassie and Mashie Courts

The speed limit on our courts is **10 MPH**. We have several small children residing on both Brassie and Mashie Courts. Observing the required speed limit will insure their safety.

Also, please be extra careful when exiting the courts. There have been a few near misses with bicycle riders crossing the court entrances/exits on Double Eagle Drive without slowing down.

Please drive safely.

### SBCA Emails

Have you been getting our emails? If not, maybe we don't have your new email address. If you have recently changed your address please call the Hotline at 630-415-1174 and give us your new information. You can also email us at [sbcaresidents@comcast.net](mailto:sbcaresidents@comcast.net).

If you would like us to send emails to other members of your household, please submit their address to us.

Also, please let us know in the same manner if you have changed your telephone number.

### 2012 Garage Sale

The Board would like to thank Kim Thanasouras for once again organizing this year's garage sale. Nine families participated in the sale.

### Thanks to Our Landscaping Committee

Several years ago the landscaping committee developed a long-range plan to improve and enhance the Brassie and Mashie Court islands, the plants and shrubs around our homes, and the irrigation system throughout our community.

This year the SBCA Board entered into an Agreement with [Elite Landscape Maintenance](#) to perform not only the lawn mowing service, but also the landscape enhancements within the

courts and entrances. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Terrie Smith and Donna Kayser for their work on all of the landscaping projects.

### Burned Out Light Bulbs

Please continue to call the Hotline to report any burned out light bulbs. Your message will be forwarded to either John Mostowfi or Tom Primozić and your bulbs will be replaced as soon as possible.

### We Always 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 SBCA Hotline or email us and the appropriate Board Member will contact you.

### 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.

### Suggestions for Future Jottings

If you have any suggested topics for the next Jottings, please call the Hotline at 630-415-1174, or contact Jim Duffy, Donna Kayser, or any other Board Member at the Association email address.

Questions are also welcomed.

Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,  
Jim Duffy  
SBCA President