

SBCA Jottings

SBCA Annual Meeting

The SBCA Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, **September 22**, **2016** at the Woodridge Park District Community Center, 2600 Center Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the first floor meeting room. The building is fully handicapped accessible.

Owners interested in running for the Board should contact the SBCA Board via the Association Voicemail or email address to get your name on the ballot. Proxy ballots will be mailed to each homeowner. Please complete and return your Proxy ballot to the Association if you are unable to attend the meeting on the 22nd of September.

Spring and Summer Projects – Status Report

The Board is pleased to report that with the exception of a few items, the majority of the work planned for this spring/summer has been completed. As of this writing, the following projects have been completed.

- Exterior window washing No. 1
- Miscellaneous siding boards on the west sides of buildings facing the walking path were replaced.
- West sides of the above buildings were restained.
- Both courts were repaved.
- Replacement trees/shrubs were planted.
- Mulch was installed on both courts.
- All decks and stairs were powerwashed and restained.
- A number of small items were also completed such as downspouts and a few rotted boards were replaced.

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Good News!

The final cost for the street paving project is \$7,035.50 less that the original bid. This was due to an adjustment in the final quantities of materials used, such as cement, asphalt, etc.

The original bid was \$71,698.25. The final invoice was \$64,662.75.

What is the Board Working on Now?

The Board is currently working on the following items:

- Beginning to gather information for the 2017 SBCA budget.
- Preparing for the SBCA Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016.
- The coordination and completion of a few fall projects.

Fall Dryer Vent and Chimney Cleaning

The Association will coordinate another dryer vent/chimney cleaning day this fall. A survey asking if you wish to participate will be emailed to you soon. The price we secure will depend upon how many positive responses we receive.

Pest Control Opportunity

The Association will coordinate another pest control opportunity for homeowners this fall. Monitor your email for more information.

We Could Use Your Help

Please help us water the plants and shrubs that don't get watered by our sprinkler system or by rainfall. Specifically, the plants and bushes that are under the eaves of our garages and homes often do not get enough water. If you could water those plants and shrubs once in a while it would prevent them from dying and will save the Association the cost of replanting.

It's all of our responsibly to try to keep these plants/shrubs alive. This also pertains to the



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new trees we recently replaced. If they are close to your house, please give them a drink.

<u>Homeowner's Insurance Policy Reminder -</u> <u>Important Information</u>

As the date nears for your homeowner's insurance policy (HO3 or better) to expire you will be notified by mail that the renewal (Declaration Page) must be submitted to the Seven Bridges Courts Association prior to the expiration date.

If no proof of insurance is received after the owner has been given one (1) written notice to comply, the owner will be assessed an initial fine of \$100.00 on the day after the current policy's expiration date.

It is recommended that individual agents be requested to automatically update this information by naming Seven Bridges Courts Association as an "Interested Party." That way the insurance agency should automatically send the Declaration Page to the Association. Your agent or agency can mail the Certificate of Insurance (Declaration Page) to Seven Bridges Courts, 27 Mashie Court, Woodridge, IL 60517.

Please remember, if you do have your insurance carrier send the Declaration Page directly to the Association it is your responsibility to make sure it arrives on time. To make sure your Declaration Page has been received feel free to contact Carol Redell at 630-415-1174 (SBCA Voicemail) or www.sbcaresidents@comcast.net.

How the SBCA Voice Mail Works

The SBCA Voice Mail 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. Depending on their own schedule each Board member establishes his/her own routine for checking the voice mails. 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.

Pet Owners

Residents continue to request that we 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 our courts as well as other common areas are showing the damage caused by the frequent pet visits. Due to the damage to those areas, the Association may need to spend money to reseed/resod these areas to restore them to their original condition.

Also, pet waste must not be left outside in front of the units either in plastic bags or bags of any size laying on the ground or hanging on our landscape plants. It is unsightly, and is prohibited by the SBCA bylaws. So please take responsibility for your pet and don't let them soil the plants and grass on our property.

Lastly, please keep your pet on a leash. There is a Leash Law in Woodridge.



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Speed Limit on Brassie and Mashie Courts

The speed limit on our courts is **<u>10 MPH.</u>** 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 entering or exiting the courts. There have been a few near misses with vehicles and bicycle riders crossing the court entrances/exits on Double Eagle Drive without slowing down. Please drive safely.

Burned Out Light Bulbs

Please continue to call the SBCA Voicemail (630-415-1174) or email the SBCA website to report any burned out light bulbs. Your message will be forwarded to either John Mostowfi or Tom Primozic and your bulbs will be replaced as soon as possible. Please do not replace your light bulbs. They are under warranty and we need to return them.

Editor's Note:

The Board knows that the Jottings often contains reminders of things you shouldn't do. We want you to understand that we feel we must inform you of all the things that are going on in our community, both negative and positive. We are trying to respond to the concerns raised by our residents and also inform you of all the positive things that are happening within our community.

Subscribe to Village E-New

The Village of Woodridge has a weekly email newsletter that it sends out to keep residents informed about what is going on in the Village. If you want to sign up for this free service go to the Village website, <u>www.vil.woodridge.il.us</u> and click "Subscribe to Electronic Newsletter" off to the left-hand side.

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 Voicemail at 630-415-1174 and give us your new information. You can also email us at <u>sbcaresidents@comcast.net.</u>

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.

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 Voicemail or email us and the appropriate Board Member will contact you.

<u>Website</u>

Please check our website regularly at <u>www.sevenbridgescourts.com</u> 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 Voicemail 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 the rest of your summer.

Sincerely, Jim Duffy, SBCA President