



SBCA Jottings

Summer 2011

SBCA Annual Meeting

The SBCA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Edward Health & Fitness Center at 7:00 p.m. Owners interested in running for the Board should contact the SBCA Board via the Hotline or email address so we can get your name on the ballot.

DECKS: Some helpful hints to avoid future problems

Here are a few helpful hints to prolong the life of your deck.

- Limit the outside storage on and around your decks. Excessive accumulation of stuff will become an eyesore that your neighbor does not need to look at.
- Store your firewood in your garage, not on your deck. The wood attracts moisture and bugs that may result in damage to your deck.
- Relocate (move around) any flower pots on your deck to avoid moisture buildup and make sure your pots don't drain directly on to the deck.
- Keep your deck clean and sweep it off once in awhile.

Owner Responsibility for Wasps and Bees

We have had a lot of questions lately about bees and wasps. Spraying for wasps and bees is the responsibility of each homeowner and not the Association. However, the Association will continue to monitor the carpenter bees and ants that have taken up residence in some of the handrails on a few decks in our community. This is being done to prevent damage to the deck wood, and hopefully, eliminating the need to have any wood replaced.

Good Bye and Welcome

We would like to say goodbye to one of our homeowners who will be moving at the end of August. Joyce Travis will be relocating out of state from her home on Mashie Court. We wish Joyce all the best and hope she will come back and visit us.

The Board would like to welcome Edward Savant to our community. Edward purchased Joyce Travis' home and will be moving in soon. Please help us give Edward a warm welcome to our community.

Also new to our community this summer are Steve & Shirley Wagner at 16 Mashie and Maureen Muenzer at 17 Mashie Court. Please welcome both families to our neighborhood.

Spring and Summer Projects – Status Report

The Board is pleased to report that except for a few small 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 1-4 Mashie Court was replaced.

Staining Project:

The last three buildings on Brassie Court were stained (1-4, 6-8, and 17-20.)

Street Repairs:

A total of seven areas were patched on both courts.

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.



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Areas on four buildings on Mashie Court were power washed to eliminate mold that was accumulating on the sides of the buildings.

Chimney Caps:

One of the severe storms that ran through Woodridge this summer loosened a number of chimney caps and knocked one to the street. These caps were repaired and remounted.

Flower Bed Fertilization:

For the first time ever, all flower beds were fertilized this summer.

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.

The dead pine needles under our trees were recently removed to help fight the spores that were recirculating back up the trees and causing damage.

Roof Repairs:

A few necessary roof repairs were made on one or two buildings that have not been reroofed yet.

What is the Board Working on Now?

The Board is currently working on the following items:

- Securing quotes for minor paver repairs.
- Reviewing the Rules and Guidelines Manual for areas that need updating i.e., use of email rather than mailboxes.
- Gathering information for the 2012 SBCA budget.
- Preparing for the SBCA Annual Meeting in September.

“What Would We Do Without Ed”

That was what one of our residents said recently about Board Member Ed Czupryna. Ed is our maintenance guru around here. If something is wrong or something needs to be looked at or repaired we always go to Ed first. Ed spends a great deal of his own time investigating solutions to all the concerns of the Board and the homeowners.

Ed, on behalf of the Board and residents of the Seven Bridges Courts Association, we would like to thank you for all the work you do for the Association and its members.

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

Please let us know in the same manner if you have changed your telephone number.

Speed Limit on Brassie and Mashie Courts

The speed limit on our courts is **10 MPH**. We have several small children residing here. Observing the required speed limit will insure their safety. Please drive safely.

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 has addressed a number of items that was its responsibility.



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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.

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 our courts as well as other common areas are showing the damage caused by the frequent pet visits.

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.

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.

SBCA Hotline Phone Number, Email Address and Website Address

The SBCA Hotline Phone Number is 630-415-1174. The SBCA email address is SBCAESIDENTS@comcast.net. The Website address is www.sevenbridgescourts.com.

Suggestions for Future Jottings

If you have any suggested topics for the next Jottings, please call the Hotline, Jim Duffy, Donna Kayser, or any other Board Member. Also, feel free to email the Association at the address listed above.

Questions are also welcomed.

Sincerely,
Jim Duffy
SBCA President