
KINGSFIELD NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



What a difference a year makes! The rain was hard to take this spring, but the community looks GREAT! Oh joy, the streets are paved! Thanks to all for your planting and tender care. There are plans for further improvement and much of it can be credited to a spirit of volunteering. Many homeowners have donated trees to the association and we thank the contributors on your behalf.

The Board wants to thank the members of all committees for contributing to the planning, operation, improvement and ideas that make our job as a board very easy and enjoyable. Requests are promptly acted upon and licensure is beyond the infant stage. I thank my fellow members, David and Rich for their spirit of listening

and common sense in acting to benefit all of us. As I work full time, they have done extra duty that I have appreciated and that has benefited our community.

The expenses are close to budget except for snow removal. You should attend the next Board meeting in August as we need your understanding and input as we discuss several improvements as explained in this newsletter.

We are sad to see some neighbors moving and wish them well. Also, welcome to our newcomers: Charlotte & Bob Walker @ 271 and Linda & Raymond Trauger, 275 (both on) Kingsfield Drive.

Please contact Peggy Moyer with any changes or additions to the Kingsfield Directory at 215-723-3975.

Of course, an ending isn't complete without special thanks to our newsletter editor, thanks again Amanda.

FROM THE BOARD

We would like to thank the following residents for their donation of time to our community:

Joan Pierce & Kathi Stingle – weeding the front entrance.

Doug Leidy - purchasing the flowers at wholesale for the circle area and supplying the water to water them - also for caring of the plants until the circle was completed

Bill Myers, Ed Wuest, & Norm Satterthwaite – for planting the flowers in the circle area

Bill Myers

– for watering the flowers in the circle area – 3 times a day

– for all the time he has donated working with Quade Builders to follow up on issues from the Ad Hoc committee report – most have been completed

– for taking the time to get bids for sealing the driveways & the walking paths

Other News:



We are considering sealing the driveways and the walking paths this September. We are also considering the installation of six removable posts at the entrance of each walking path. There have been many reported incidents of trucks driving on the walking paths. The walking paths were not constructed to support the weight of a truck or any other heavy vehicle. There are currently several places where there are depressions in the walking path left from the weight of heavy vehicles. The vehicles that have been spotted range from Quade's trucks, Reality trucks, Terminix, contractor's vehicle trucks for home improvements, landscaper trucks, home owner trucks, and others. The removable post will be placed at the entrance of each walking path in the center of the path. They will keep the trucks off the walking path, yet allow bikes, coaches, and foot traffic to pass. The posts will be marked with a reflective tape. Although we have called the companies to request that they keep their vehicles off the

walking path, the word never gets down to the drivers. Some trucks have been using the walking path entrance at Devon Court as a short cut to exit the development on to Green Street. The Board is considering an assessment to each homeowner to cover the cost of the driveway sealing, the walking path sealing, and the posts. This resolution is required to have a vote of the homeowner before we can act. The cost per home should be about \$125. This resolution will be put to a vote of the homeowners at the next regular **Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2003 at 7:30pm in the Franconia Township Building.** Please come to share your discussion with us and cast your vote.



Cutting the open space is another issue that will require some changes by the Board. The Township has an ordinance that says that no grass or field area growth can be higher than one foot. The fine from the Township is \$600 if someone should complain about the uncut field. The open areas and lawns must be cut and maintained below this one-

foot level. The large open space behind the Devon Court and Kingsfield walking path is currently being cut two (2) times a year. This makes the cutting task very difficult when it does get cut because it is so high when they finally do cut it. The Board is going to increase the cutting of this field to four (4) times a year to see if this will make a difference in the maintenance and the height of the growth. We have been reviewing options as to what can be done with this large parcel of ground that we must maintain and cannot use. One thought was to allow an organization to use the ground for a tree farm in exchange for them mowing and caring for the space. We are pursuing this option with the Township Supervisors, the Township Engineers, North Penn Water Authority, and Derstine.



Many of you have noticed the additional signs around the circle area. We now have twelve signs around the circle. The three Stop signs and the additional nine added by the builder. It seems to be a little overkill for such a small circle. Quade Builders was

required to install these signs because they were on the approved Township Development Plan. The Board has received many complaints about the additional nine signs. The Board feels that there are too many signs indicating the same thing – you can only go one way around the circle. We have petitioned the Township to allow us to remove all the signs except the three initial STOP signs and the three ONE WAY arrow signs in the circle area. The Township will review this request at their next monthly meeting and send us a letter with their decision.



According to Janice, Derstine will be pruning the Evergreen shrubs and trees sometime this fall. If you do not want Derstine to prune your small Evergreen shrubs, please call Janice.

FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Here's what's happening at Kingsfield...



Saturday, September 20, 2003
3rd Annual Pig Roast

A fun event right here in the "Kingsfield Commons", the area behind Surrey Lane and Kingsfield Drive. Details will in your mailbox soon!



A Fall Golf Outing is being planned - the date will be announced.



Sunday, December 7, 2003
3rd Annual Holiday Party at the Bay Pony Inn