
KINGSFIELD NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

By Joe Stingle

On July 22nd the Board received a petition from several residents requesting that we limit the number of “ornaments that some residents have placed on common ground and within their six foot areas” to no more than a total of six with none on common ground. There is also concern about excessive plantings. The petition asked that we move more quickly and take “appropriate legal procedures” if offending residents do not comply. The following is our response:

The Board had sent a letter to all residents on May 25, 2005, almost two months prior to receiving the petition, detailing guidelines in the use of garden statuary and ornaments. At this time, we feel our recommended guidelines are reasonable and will satisfy the landscaping requirements of most Kingsfield residents. It also needs to be understood by all residents of Kingsfield that this Board and all future Boards must follow our written Policy Resolutions and Restrictions Enforcement Procedures.

Please note that if any resident has concerns, they should be individually submitted in writing to Janice Shearer.

This is according to established procedure.

THANK YOU DAVID FAZIO

On behalf of the Kingsfield Board of Directors and speaking for the community, we would like to thank you for your many contributions during the past two and one-half years serving with us on the Board. You have been a pleasure to work with and we look forward to your future contributions. Old Board members don't “fade away”; they just look happy.

Rick Cline & Joe Stingle

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Maggie Huber

The following social events are coming up in the near future:

**Fall Fest, Saturday September 10,
starting at 3:30 with dinner at 4:30
P.M.**

If you have not yet signed up for this event there is still time. Just call Maggie Huber (215-723-8276) ASAP and join friends and neighbors in the Kingsfield Commons for an enjoyable outing.

**Germanfest in the Poconos,
Wednesday, October 26.**

There are still openings available for this trip. The cost is \$66 per person. If interested please call Maggie Huber by September 10.

**Holiday Party, Sunday, December 4,
Bay Pony Inn, Lederach.**

Please save this date on your calendar. Details will be in your mailbox in a few weeks.

**Wine and Cheese Party, Friday,
February 24, 2006**

This will be at the home of Nancy Buckler. More info to follow.

**KINGSFIELD MEN'S GROUP
By Ed Wuest**

The Kingsfield Men's group has been very active on Wednesday's visiting various local attractions and meeting for breakfast monthly. We also met one Wednesday evening per month as well to discuss future activities. So remember, if it's Wednesday, you may be missing something! In the next two months, our schedule is as follows:

September 7 - Breakfast at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant at 9AM.

September 14 – Meeting at Joe Stingle's house at 7:30 PM.

September 21 – Tour Jim Thorpe, PA. Leave after breakfast at the Souderton Mennonite Home Apple Orchid Café at 8 AM.

October 5 – Breakfast at the Franconia Market Café at 9 AM. Leave for tour of the battleship New Jersey.

October 12 – Meeting at someone's house, we need a volunteer, anybody interested?

We have discussed some possible activities for 2006. These are:

1. Tour of the Harley Davidson factory in York, PA.
2. Tour of the Delaware City, DE historical site that was a prison for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.

If you are interested in attending the meetings or breakfast or tours, please call Ed Wuest at 215-721-4949.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS
By Joan Pierce**

Our sunshine committee has been able to help out our neighbors by providing meals to those in need, welcoming new residents and assisting other with minor chores around the house. We also have a Kingsfield Community phone chain in case residents need to be notified of important items or events.

Please don't forget that our committee is always ready to assist those who need help. Let us know by calling any one of the following persons:

Cards, flowers and visits – Freda Cybularz (215)799-2367

Meals – Maggie Huber (215)723-8276

Home chores and transportation – Chuck and Sue Antell (215)799-0253

Chairman– Joan Pierce (215)721-4658

Other committee members are:

Cards – Rita Jones

Meals – Sue Antell, Jill Manetta, Lois Myers and Kathi Stingle

Chores and transportation – Ruth Schiller , Stan Hartzell, Sam Pierce and Gerry Peklak.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday November 2, 2005 at Joan Pierce’s house. You will be receiving information about our holiday charity project in your mailbox.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

By Joan Pierce

The Landscape Committee is looking for a few volunteers to serve on the committee. The committee meets monthly and makes recommendations to the Kingsfield Community Homeowners’ Association board pertaining to enhancements of the development and on homeowner landscaping requests. Please contact Dick Eckard at (215)-799-0567 if you are interested in volunteering for the committee.

The committee met on August 16, 2005 and the following members were present: Dick Eckard, Joan Pierce, Gene Razzi, Kathi Stingle and Bob Walker. The committee is in the process of revising the landscaping of the main entrance to Kingsfield. (See photo’s on page 6). The plan is to remove and relocate some of the black-eyed Susans and Spirea’s from the main entrance to

the center of the circle near the Gazebo. At the center main entrance, the plan is to add some small evergreens to reduce the number of annuals needed each year. We will not have a fall planting this year so that other needs can be met first. There is consideration being given to accept monetary donations from residents to enhance the main entrance. This procedure worked well for the basin area.

The committee and a few others have been watering plants in the circle. We would appreciate additional volunteers to help with the watering for the remainder of this year and next year. Gene Razzi has supplied water free in the past, but he has agreed to accept reimbursement for the water costs.

Reminders to homeowners:

1. Please submit all plans for landscaping to Dick Eckard for approval by the Landscaping Committee.
2. Please water trees adjacent to your home at the street, common areas and basin as needed. By watering the trees now, we can avoid having to assess fees to purchase replacement trees.
3. Rake your mulch to prevent fungus.
4. Please plant shrubs 3 to 4 feet from the house to allow room for growth.

The next Landscape Committee meeting will be on September 6, 2005.

KINGSFIELD BOOK CLUB

By Carole Wuest

Some of the books that the Kingsfield Book Club have enjoyed over the past year are:

Five People You Meet In Heaven
by Mitch Albom
The DaVinci Code by Dan Brown
The Secret Life of Bees
by Sue Monk Kidd
Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini
Life of Pi
by Yann Martel

We hope that if you are looking for a good book to read you might consider some of the above. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please call Maggie Huber for more information.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Community Directory will be updated in November 2005. Please submit any changes to Peggy Moyer at peggy294@localnet.com or deliver to 294 Kingsfield Drive by October 31st.

LETTERS

Several residents have sent me letters or emails with some thoughts for the Kingsfield Newsletter.

Kingsfield Looking Good!

We live in a pretty nice place. This year the Landscape Committee developed a new plan to decorate our community and stimulate our floral tastes. The board accepted the plan and the results are "Looking Good!". The committee was not only proactive in creating the plan

that was created from various private plans submitted, but also they have gotten down and dirty with their little green thumbs with plantings and pruning.

In addition, they are watering the circle a few times a week thanks to the generosity of Gene and Josephine Razzi who have been supplying the equipment and water. It's possible that sometime the Razzi's will take the community up on its offer to compensate them for the water. In any event, thanks to the Razzi's and thanks to the board for approving the plan, and thanks to the Landscape Committee for coming up with such a splendid and spectacular arrangement of flowers for eyes and our hearts to appreciate.

Of course, the many and diverse plantings of our individual residents contributes as well to our royal, princely look. Enjoy the view!

From,

A happy resident (name withheld on request)

Window problems

A few homeowners have noticed problems with windows. Some have had the vacuum seal broken and some discoloration of the pane occur. When reported to CertainTeed, the window manufacturer, they responded appropriately after they were notified. They asked for the part number of the window involved (*written on the frame side*), and the representative then brought out the correct sized window to replace the affected panes and inserted them. What we learned from the very well qualified and courteous rep, was that the labor warranty only lasts for five years. While the windows are warranted

longer than that, the homeowner must provide the labor himself or pay for labor after five years. Be sure to check your windows and report problems before the five year warranty expires.

From,
Sam and Joan Pierce

Editors note: Viwinco Inc. in Morgantown, PA manufactures CertainTeed windows in this area. You have to phone them at (800)270-8418 for assistance with window warranty work.

Contractor recommendations

After reading the current Kingsfield Newsletter I would like to give you a list of businesses that I have very happily used for house repairs and additions.

My immediate need when I moved into this house in November was to be warm, so I contracted with The Woodburners store in Hatfield (215-362-2443) to install a "hideaway" gas fueled corner fireplace. The craftsman was superb and now I am toasty warm in my library. Their gas fireplace technician was also very skilled and I am totally happy with their work and I highly recommend them.

In regard to appliances, the relay went on the Kitchenaid side-by-side and N. F. Landis and Son (215-723-6722) was very prompt in having a competent technician here early the next morning. Lack of refrigeration is considered an emergency repair. I will be having a privacy screen of arbor vitae trees put in behind my patio by Green Acres Nursery & Garden Center (215-822-3334) that has excellent stock and competitive prices. They are at 270 W. County Line Rd, Colmar.

I think it is a good idea to have residents provide the names of service people who they feel are reliable and competent so that all of us can benefit from those good services.

From,
Kate Pike

Lost Mail

I've noticed that I sometimes receive mail intended for one of the other homes on a different street in Kingsfield which has the same numbered address as my home. I have had a check sent to me lost and it may be because of this number confusion. Does anyone else experience this?

From,
Searching in Kingsfield

Editors note: Yes, this is a common problem here. If I counted correctly, 46 homes have duplicate numbers on different streets. Some numbered addresses are repeated as much as three times. These are: 281, 283, 284, 286, 288 and 290. The others are repeated only twice and these are: 269, 270, 271, 276, 280, 282, 285, 287, 289, 293, 294, 295, 296 and 297. Why did this occur? Well, the township assigns the numbers, so only they can answer this, but for sure, it is not going to change now. If the post office does not sort the mail correctly, it can be delivered to the wrong homeowner. The postmaster says that if the mail is delivered incorrectly to you, you should put the mail back in the box for the carrier to redeliver. You should also complain to the postmaster. His name is Tom Renner and his phone number is (215)723-2551. He is a very positive, customer-oriented person who says this should not happen. Some prefer to just give the mail to their neighbors. This is a most unfortunate

problem that requires constant vigilance from the mail carrier if it is to be solved.

Humidifiers and Mail Boxes

Residents with an Aprilaire, Model 600, automatic humidifier, might want to know that Sears Hardware stocks a \$9.45 replacement media pad for the Aprilaire Stock #35 media pad. The Sears part number is 32-14612. The packaging does not mention the Model 600 humidifier, but it is a replacement #35 pad and it works fine.

There will be more on mailboxes in a future issue, but residents need to know there are problems developing with some of the existing mailboxes. First, even though it is located on common ground, it belongs to and is maintained by the homeowner. On many mailboxes, the hinge rivets and the material the rivets pass through in the drop-down door area is deteriorating. Some boxes are severely corroded while others look fine. A shot of WD-40 in the hinge areas, a few times a year might extend the life of your mailbox. We are looking into suitable replacements.

From,
Dick Cline

Send letters to Tom Moyer at tm4600@localnet.com or deliver to 294 Kingsfield Drive. The next issue of the Kingsfield Newsletter will be published in January 2006. Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue. The editor is very grateful to our proofreader Erin Spelling for her fine work.

Breaking News

By Investigative reporter
Phil Lacrap

Is there a fungus among us?

Mysterious brown patches and areas have appeared in the Kingsfield lawns recently. Most notably along Kingsfield Drive in the common area between 276 and 284 Kingsfield Drive. Some think a fungus causes this. Janice Shearer is investigating this. A fungus grows during periods of high humidity and a fungicide called Chlorothalonil is used to correct it. Keep alert for further news on this matter.