

Hollymead Citizens Association

3445 Seminole Trail, Suite 212
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Newsletter

December 2009

2010 Dues and Budget

After much deliberation the Board decided to raise the dues per quarter by \$3.00 only in light of the economic struggles that have hit us all. Therefore, the dues for 2010 will be set at \$124 per quarter for homeowners, \$166.00 per quarter for Somer Chase Townhouse owners (this equals \$124 per quarter plus \$42.00 for back door trash pick-up).

In 2009 we spent as a percentage of dues, approximately 24% on trash collection, about 10% on insurance, bookkeeping, office and mailing expenses, 24% on common area mowing and maintenance, and we deposited 31% to reserves. The balance was spent on pool operations and improvements, legal and professional services, and repairs and maintenance on the entrance sign. Our reserve study indicates that we should be moving \$70,000 per year to reserves and our 2009 contribution to reserves was \$70,000. We expect to meet the target number again in 2010.

The 2010 budget will be available soon in an Adobe Acrobat PDF format on www.hollymead.org. The 2009 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement will be posted in 2010 when they are prepared.

Volunteer for Hollymead!

The Hollymead Citizens Association relies on the willingness of Hollymead neighbors to volunteer. Right now the HCA Board has a vacancy on the Board of Directors to complete a term that will end in April of 2012. Three more terms are coming up at the April 2010 Annual Meeting. If you're interested get in touch with HCA President Charlie Smith who is also the Chair of the Nominations Committee. The neighborhood needs you! Volunteer today!

Next HCA Board Meeting:
Tuesday, January 12th, 2010
at 7:00 pm., 1560 Robin Lane

Landscaping Replacement Program

by

Anna Freshwater, Tracy Byam
& Stephanie Johnson

Landscaping/Grounds Committee

As you have noticed, the HCA is in the process of replacing the white pines trees by Hollymead Pool. The pines were planted 30 years ago by the developer. As they have declined, due to wind damage, vulnerability to pine bore beetles and disease, we had been removing them one by one. The problem with removing them one by one, we could not replace any of the trees.

Nine Red October Glory Maples have been planted, which grow reasonably fast to 40 feet, make great shade trees and have brilliant crimson red fall color. We have contracted with D&D landscaping for this work. We will also be replacing shrubs along the pool fence line along the Somerchase Townhome side as shrubs and trees have died due to the salt water pool transition. A new drain is being installed along the fence to defer runoff and salt tolerant Evergreen hedge (either Ligustrum Japonica or Chindo Viburnum) along with three River Birches will be planted to provide a natural privacy barrier and shade between Somerchase Townhomes and Hollymead Pool.

At the corner flower bed at Hollymead Drive/South Hollymead Drive at the entrance to Hollymead from Route 29, we will be adding contrast shrubs to fill the empty spaces. Additionally, we plan to plant Holly trees (40ft) to replace the White Pines (three have already died and been removed) with Sugar Maples as a back drop (70ft, brilliant gold fall color). James River Landscaping are designing this project. If you have any comments or input regarding these landscaping projects, please contact us by email or phone (contact information for the Board is on page two of this newsletter).

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Christmas Tree Pick-Up & Recycling Info

Similar to last year, HCA President Charlie Smith has scheduled two Christmas Tree pick-up dates with Allied Waste in January, **Friday, January 8th, 2010** and **Friday, January 15th, 2010**. Remember to get your trees out for pick-up on those two dates.

Remember that Allied Waste provides weekly pickup of trash and recyclables, that is, aluminum and tin cans, plastic bottles/containers with a “1” or a “2” inside the triangle, glass bottles, newspaper and coated paper inserts, magazines, used copy and printer paper, and cardboard including coated paperboard such as cereal and other boxes. Allied Waste does **NOT** accept pizza boxes. Report trouble with trash pick-ups to Allied Waste by calling 295-4177.



Need an HOA Packet?

The Code of Virginia requires that all sellers provide a disclosure package for all properties which are part of a subdivision governed by a homeowners association **before** the closing. These packets require a certification related to the individual property and must be specifically prepared. To order a disclosure package, the charge is \$100.00 for the preparation of the Disclosure Packet. Make the check out to the Hollymead Citizens Association and send it to Trish Cuthbert, the HCA Treasurer at the address listed on the masthead of this newsletter. Include a note telling Trish which property the packet is for, and the address to which the packet should be sent. Remember HOA packets take **about two weeks** to assemble and mail. Don't wait until the day before closing and call for an HOA packet!

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Hollymead Citizens Association Board of Directors

Name	Term	Committee Assignments
Jeff Boutet 1605 Derby Lane 973-9105 Home arc@hollymead.org design@hollymead.org info@hollymead.org	4/2010	Communications Design Review (Chair) Recreation (Chair)
Tracy Byam 1730 Goldentree Place 973-1663 Home	4/2010	Design Review Landscaping & Grounds
Charlie Smith 1560 Robin Lane 973-8844 Home csmith@hollymead.org president@hollymead.org	4/2010	President Finance (Chair) Neighborhood (Chair) Nominations (Chair) Recreation Trash
Stephanie Johnson 3015 White Oak Lane 973-9872 Home grounds@hollymead.org pool@hollymead.org	04/2011	Landscaping & Grounds Nominations Pool (Chair) Trash (Chair)
Carole McIvor 1027 Somer Chase Court 964-1600 Home somurchase@hollymead.org	4/2011	Townhome Liaison (Chair)
Ivo Romenesko 1445 E. Rio Rd., Suite 203 979-3393 Office condo@hollymead.org	4/2011	Condominium Liaison (Chair)
Vacant	4/2012	
Anna Freshwater 3160 Turnberry Circle 973-3308 Home grounds@hollymead.org	4/2012	Landscaping & Grounds (Chair) Neighborhood Liaison Pool Recreation
Nancy Zingrone 1060 Somer Chase Court 973-4743 Home secretary@hollymead.org	4/2012	Secretary Communications (Chair) Townhome Liaison
Trish Cuthbert 516 Jester Lane 975-2188 Home treasurer@hollymead.org		Treasurer Finance
Ben Arbogast 1650 Ravens Place benarbo@yahoo.com		Neighborhood Watch (Chair)