



## The Neighborhood at Schilling Farms

### April 2008 Newsletter

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#### **Annual Schilling Farms Home Owners Association Meeting & New Board of Directors**

On April 1, The Schilling Farms Home Owners Association met at Life Church. A Quorum was present, and business conducted included the election of a new Board of Directors. The new BOD members promptly met on April 7 to elect officers, assign committee memberships, and conduct HOA business. Highlights of the BOD Meeting include:

##### ***1. Election of Officers:***

President – Cindy Sadler  
Vice President – Jack Werne  
Corresponding Secretary – Bill Rahner  
Recording Secretary – John Bonk  
Treasurer – John Bonk  
Director 5 – Donna Lenocker  
Director 6 – Rod Fauser  
Director 7 – Janet Trent

##### ***2. Committee Reorganization & Appointments:***

Existing committees were realigned for efficiency and the following appointments were made and accepted:

**Liaison with Council of Neighborhoods** – Jack Werne  
**Liaison with Master HOA/Boyle/Schilling East LLC** – Cindy Sadler  
**Liaison with Town of Collierville** – Jack Werne  
**Liaison with Wynstone Mill, LLC** – Rod Fauser  
**CCRs and Bylaws Committee** – Bill Rahner  
**Master Directory and Schilling Farms e-mail Account** – Bill Rahner  
**Schilling Farms Website** – Bill Rahner  
**Hospitality Committee** – Cindy Sadler  
**Social Committee** – Cindy Sadler  
**Neighborhood Watch and CERT** – Rod Fauser  
**Finance Committee** – John Bonk  
**Common Areas** – Rod Fauser

**Pool Committee** – Rod Fauser  
**Landscape Maintenance** – Janet Trent

##### ***3. Committee Spending Limits:***

The newly installed BOD agreed to limit the spending of authorized committees of \$100 per event without prior Board approval.

##### ***4. Restricted Long Term Reserves Fund:***

The BOD unanimously authorized Keith Collins Company to move the restricted long-term reserves fund in accordance with the approved long term allocation proposed by Rick Trent and approved by members during the April 1, 2008 annual meeting.

##### ***5. Thanks to the Previous Board:***

The current BOD members wish to sincerely recognize and thank the newly “retired” BOD members and Committee Members for their tireless work in the past year. The current BOD appreciates the fine shape in which the HOA was left, all the documentation created, and the accomplishments.

We are a better neighborhood for their dedication and efforts!  
*-Bill Rahner*

#### **Neighborhood Watch-Tip of the Month**

When you get up during the night, look out of your windows. If you see anything suspicious, call the Collierville Police Department at 853-3207.

Remember...there is no such thing as a foolish call, especially considering the two recent robberies in the Winchester area.  
*-Rod Fauser*

## Street Tree - Limb Trimming and Staking

The Landscape Maintenance Committee thanks everyone for their response to our request in trimming limbs and staking trees. The Neighborhood is safer for pedestrians using the sidewalks. Let our newsletter be your monthly reminder this summer to check your sidewalks for any growing tree limbs or plants that could be an eye hazard for short or tall pedestrians.

To answer a question we often receive “Why didn’t you just call? An email or letter is so formal from a neighbor.” Street Tree trimming articles were included in January and February newsletters and many members trimmed. March, we sent out 27 emails as a first notice reminder. April, we sent out 8 second notice letters. We would love to call each and every one of you but it is very time consuming! Please do not take offense communicating through emails and letters.

–Jan Trent

## Irrigation – Water Conservation Tips

Most irrigation companies set up irrigation systems to run every other day with a run time of 15 minutes on each station. Lawns and plants can survive and look great on much less water. Start retraining your lawn and plants now so they may deepen their root growth in the fair weather of April, May and June. Do not start this training in July and August, Tennessee’s hottest months.

Lawn and plants need about 1 inch of water every 4 – 5 days beginning around the first day of June. Don’t forget to add the actual rainfall we have received into that 1 inch of water. When temperatures increase to upper 80s and 90s increase another ½ inch, and then a total of 2 inches per week in the upper 90s and 100s. As temperatures decline, decrease accordingly.

The run time (length of watering for an area or station) varies station to station due to Tennessee clay soil, how much topsoil if any was left after the development stage of our subdivision and how established your lawn is. New lawns and plants will require more water than a 5 year-old established lawn or plant.

Adding ¾ to 1 inch of water at one time is best to control run off. Some irrigation systems have advance features allowing set up for longer soak times between watering cycles.

Place a few shallow pans to measure the amount of water the irrigation system distributes when it runs. Walk the yard the next morning after the irrigation system has ran, is water ponding on the surface, is the soil waterlogged for several hours after or is there runoff on sidewalks and street for several hours later? The system is watering too much. Set the run time back for that particular station or stations. Increase your run time when your lawn appears a dull bluish green, leaf blades roll inward and foot prints remain on grass after walking on the area.

Once the irrigation system is set up for April, May and June some irrigation systems have a Seasonal Adjustment that allows the system to increase or decrease the run time on all stations programmed at one time. If you have no Seasonal Adjustment on your system then manual adjustment for each station is needed for hotter or cooler weather.

As you go through this process, log the stations, run times, cycles, soak times and all adjustments. Make April, May and June your base program in case the program is lost (system is accidentally unplugged). Just minor yearly adjustments might be needed as the lawn and plants become established.

Below are *average* settings for stations from our homeowners in the HOA:

### Lawn

- Irrigate two (2) times a week
- Run time – between eight (8) and eighteen (18) minutes per station. Start at 13 minutes and increase or decrease as instructed above (note – spray heads require less run time and rotor (pulsating) heads require more run time)
- Irrigate between 9 pm and 9 am

### Landscape Beds

- Irrigate two (2) to three (3) times a week (annuals, newly planted trees and shrubs usually will require 3 times a week)
- Run time – Four (4) to Ten (10) minutes per station
- Irrigate between 9 pm and 4 am
- Apply mulch 2-4 inches thick to conserve water, keep mulch away from house foundation and shrub and tree trunks
- Hand water a new shrub or bed instead of the whole landscape bed

–Jan Trent

Sources: Shelby County Extension Services, The University of Tennessee and The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.