



Kensington Downs Newsletter Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

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W e l c o m e

Phillip and Katie Maurizi of 7221 Bent Willow Drive are not only new neighbors but also newlyweds! They were married September 23. Katie is a hairstylist in Grabill at Unique Hair Design. Phillip is Program Coordinator for the Business Department at Taylor University.

Greg and Debi King of 7826 Belton Lane are newlyweds, also, having gotten married in August, 2006. Greg was a former steelworker at Slater Steel and, after retraining at Ivy Tech, landed his current job with Bowen Center in Columbia City as a houseparent for adult mentally ill residents. Debi is an Accounts Receivable employee with Heritage Food Service. Between them, they have five children and two grandchildren plus one on the way!

Jim and Mary Ellen Martin live at 7614 Greymoor Drive. Jim grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and Mary Ellen went to high school in Decatur. They both keep busy, Jim as an Administrative Law Judge working with unemployment insurance and Mary Ellen as a hostess at Olive Garden. Jim has two sons and Mary Ellen enjoys her four children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mary Ellen was making oatmeal raisin cookies when this editor stopped by. How did they turn out, Mary Ellen?

Welcome, everybody, to Kensington Downs!

Meet your Neighbors

Section I – Jim and Joyce Rettig moved into 7617 Welshire Boulevard almost a year ago – February, 2006 – so they could downsize to a smaller property. However, they ended up with a larger house! Jim is retired from Bethlehem Lutheran Church as an 8th grade teacher and now works at Klaehn Fahl and Melton. Joyce just retired last month from Feuser Heating and Air Conditioning. Their home is probably one of few in Kensington Downs – if not the only one – to feature a church pew, which Jim refurbished himself. Ask to see it!

Section II – Pat Plazek and her husband Ron live at 7711 Preakness Cove. Pat and her husband are both retired, Ron from Conrail (Penn Central) and Pat from a human relations career. Ron likes to golf and hunt while Pat sticks to golf. Congratulations, Plazeks, on your golfing abilities. This editor can't get that little ball to go anywhere!

Section III – Lyman and Joan Lewis were one of the first residents of Kensington Downs. Joan is currently on the Board and Lyman has been on the Board in the past. Currently, Joan is teaching scrapbooking at JoAnn Fabrics, having retired from Fort Wayne Community Schools. Lyman teaches in the Business Department at IPFW. They have two children and five grandchildren

Section IV – Jason Summers and Ana Benito have lived at 7914 Red Clover Lane for almost four years now. They are the parents of Ian, 9 years old, and Emma, 6 years old. They also have two other family members: canines Lua and Pepper! Ana and Jason both work in IPFW's International Language and Culture Studies program.

Section VI – Tom and Teri Fox have lived at 2009 Dublin Court since October, 2003. Tom is the Administrator for Baker and Daniels Law Firm downtown and Teri works part time for Redi-Med on Maplecrest. Children Amy (16 years old) and Holly (13 years old). When you see them, ask about their neat dining room table.

Section VII – John and Sue Skees of 7619 Greymoor Drive are the parents of Mitchel, 7 years old, Nathan and Connor, 5 years old, and Sydney, 3 years old. John assists small and medium businesses with discounted freight movement via Unishippers. Sue does CPR training as well as being a homeschooling mom.

Section VIII – Rick and Emily Miller of 7505 Scarlet Court have lived in Kensington Downs for the past eight years. They both work at Parkview Hospital's Patient Business Services Department. Their children are Brinn, 6 years old, and Lucas, 2 years old.

Bits and Pieces

We extend our sympathies to Mike Modica on the recent passing of his mother.

Also, our condolences go out to Kathy McCrady and her family on the passing of her husband Jim on January 12 after his three-year battle with cancer.

Residents of Kensington Downs are encouraged not to park on the street, because it makes it difficult for cars to navigate our streets – not only those of residents but also guests from outside our addition. Please be a good neighbor and park in your driveway. If you find you simply must park on the street, be sure to keep your tires out of neighbors' yards.

For info on the gypsy moth problem, you may go to meetings being held Jan. 31 at 2 pm and 6:30 pm at the St. Joseph Township Hall/Fire Station, 6033 Maplecrest Rd. – or to www.in.gov/dnr/entomolo/gypsymoth/pubmeet07.htm.



Numbers to call for:

Street light outage – 427-1236 (Street Lighting Operations)

Trash Problems – 427-1345 (Solid Waste)

If you are planning to add a fence or a new room, please contact someone with the Architectural Committee first. The members are Pat Manning, Lyman Lewis, Pat Johnstone and Bill Blue.

Many thanks to all who deliver this newsletter. Without you, there wouldn't be a newsletter!

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The next Kensington Downs newsletter is scheduled for delivery by April 15, 2007.

# President's Notes

## Welcome to 2007!

I don't know about all of you, but I wish time would slow down a little. There never seems to be enough time in the day to keep up with all the demands of job and family. Kevin Simon has asked to be relieved of his duties as vice-president of our board, so that he can devote more time to the needs of his personal life. The rest of the board of directors and I would like to thank him for his service and hard work!

## Board of Directors

To help out with the gaps in the board, we had some volunteers step up at the annual meeting. Each section is now represented. Well, almost each section. It turns out that the last houses on Welshire make up Section 9. To add those homes, the developer created a separate section. I discovered that by digging through records at the Allen County Court House. Of course, it's the responsibility of the directors to represent all members of the association. So, Section 9 does have representation on the board. Also, there is no section 5. Listed below are the current Board members.

| Members                 | Section    | New Members Approved |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Anderson, Dennis        | 8          |                      |
| Ivins, John, Treasurer  | 7          |                      |
| Manning, Pat            | 1          |                      |
| Stiles, Bill, President | 7          |                      |
| Lewis, Joan, Secretary  | 3          |                      |
| Ritenour, Dave          | 1          |                      |
| Johnstone, Pat (absent) | 6          | approved             |
| Dierks, Werner          | 2 – Villas | approved             |
| Burk, Lonnie            | 8          | approved             |
| Bastress, Tim           | 4          | approved             |

## Annual Budget

By now, you've all seen the annual dues statement. There was an increase of \$8 over what was collected in 2006 because our budget calls for expenditures that are greater than our dues collection. Even with dues set at \$108, the surplus may be depleted a little each year. Each home had been paying \$119 for several years, and the Association had built up a surplus of funds. That surplus is just large enough to cover the replacement of one of our major infrastructure items, the irrigation pump and well. That system is in place to

water the common areas along the addition's entrance and to water the villas' grounds. Many years ago, there was a problem with that system. An emergency assessment from all homeowners was necessary to cover the repairs. The current surplus would prevent the need for an assessment in the event of an emergency. The increase in dues was necessary to protect that surplus and to protect each of you from unwanted assessments. The budget was approved by the association members attending the November meeting.

### **Schedule of events for 2007**

The schedule for events in 2007, so far, is as follows:

- February 8<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's meeting
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's meeting
- May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's meeting
- August 9<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's meeting
- October 11<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's meeting
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual Association Meeting
- December 13<sup>th</sup> – Board of Director's meeting

All Board Meetings are scheduled to be held at the Fire station on Lahmeyer Road. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for the meeting room at the Georgetown Library.

On a serious note, there have been numerous reports of problem drivers in the neighborhood, from loud stereos and fast driving to driving through people's lawns. The police have been informed, and they are taking steps to deal with the issue. If you observe anyone driving off the streets in yards, please try to record the license number and description of vehicle. The information will be used to help put these issues under control. You should call the Desk Sergeant directly to report it immediately; or, after the fact, you may call any board member with the information, and we will pass it along to the police in our bi-weekly communications.