

Kensington Downs Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

The trees in the common areas on Welshire Blvd. will be looked at by professional landscapers. The pines and linden trees are growing together and need to be reviewed for the proper course of action.

The sidewalk work in the villas is a result of Bill DeVore and the Villa Board working with the city to obtain grant money for the curb reduction.

Some complaints about speeding vehicles will be addressed by placing some "Children at Play" signs on the longer streets, at the recommendation of the city.

The sprinkler system for the Villas draws water from the pond to irrigate the grass in those areas. Recently, the pump has been failing to provide enough water to do the job. The irrigation maintenance company was called in to diagnose the problem and determined that water was blocked at the receiving end. At first, they thought that the screens on the end of the pipe were blocked or broken. However, when the filter system was examined, several dead fish were found blocking

the intake pipe. The fish were so large that after they entered the pipe, they couldn't back out. That proved to be a fatal mistake. The fish have been removed, but there still must be a problem, which allows the fish to enter.

There are two ways to access the end of the pipe to make the repair. One way would be to hire a scuba diver to work in the pond to repair the first level filter or screen the end of the pipe. The other less costly method would be to allow the pond to drain down naturally to a level that would allow the repair to be done in a pair of boots. Since the pipe has been temporarily cleaned, the sprinklers should be working at full force. Combined with the hot dry weather, the water level should drop fairly soon.

Once the reduced water level has exposed the end of the pipe, the repair will be made and the water level will be allowed to rise again. The remaining stages of filtration will be restored to working order and the irrigation system will then be back to normal!

Welcome

Watch for almost everything new at 7420 Bent Willow. **David and Barbara Nichter** – and their beautiful golden retriever Corona – plan to re-do the landscaping and re-paint the house's exterior. Things have already begun changing inside. David is employed by Total Property Care and Barbara is self-employed and cleans Centennial Wireless offices. David and Barbara moved to Fort Wayne from Auburn to be near their three children. Their telephone number is 908-2651.

If you smell great cooking coming from Bent Willow, look no further than 7427. **Reginald (Reggie) and Patricia (Pat) Barnwell** love performing magic in the kitchen. While Reggie heads for L&H stamping as night supervisor, Pat continues her cooking as chef at Paula's Seafood. They have two children, Reggie (9) and Preston (6). Their telephone number is 748-0138.

(Editor's note: We want to include new-to-the-world babies in this section too. Please let me know of these additions to Kensington Downs. Also, since this newsletter is being published on short notice, I know there are neighbors I haven't been able to call on yet. Please watch for introductions to them in the October issue.)

Bits and Pieces

Brett and Anne-Marie Stedge of Red Clover are very grateful for wonderful neighbors who helped them remove a tree that fell across their driveway.

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If you want to know whether sexual offenders are living near you, log on to: [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us)

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Please be considerate of your neighbors near the entrance and turn down your sound systems before entering Kensington Downs.

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The next Kensington Down newsletter is scheduled for delivery by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

# Meet your Neighbors

(Editor's Note: this column is intended to help you get to know more of your neighbors.)

**Section I – Ray and Carolyn Bahler of 7901 Welshire Blvd. sell new construction, including home for Granite Ridge Builders. Two of their three daughters live in Texas and one lives in Chicago. They have 10 grandchildren!**

**Section II – Look for the beautiful flowers at 7613 Preakness Cove. Norb and Carolyn Cowan** have lived there since 1999. Norb retired after 22 years with Fort Wayne Community Schools as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and Carolyn continues working as a dental hygienist by subbing as needed.

**Section III – J. Maynard Wheeler and his wife built their home at 8022 Weeping Willow in 1989. He is retired and his wife passed away in 1992. His son, Carl, now lives with him. Carl is retired from Blue Cross where he worked with computers.**

**Section IV – Jim and Michelle Wenglikowski** moved to Red Clover Lane in April of 1995. Michelle is a Business and Computers teacher at New Haven High School. Jim is with the Patrol Division of the Fort Wayne Police Department. Their children are Emily (9) and J.T.(7).

*There is no Section V in Kensington Downs.*

**Section VI – Joe and Carol Schlabach** live at 203 6 Dublin Court. Joe is a sales manager for Deister Machine and Carol teaches at Blackhawk Christian School. Their oldest son, Tim, is also at Deister Machine, and their younger son teaches Spanish at Malibu High School in California.

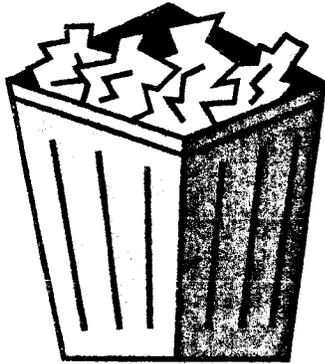
**Section VII – John Phillips** does masonry with Kanning and Phillips. Drive by their home at 7517 Greymoor Drive and take a look at his handiwork. **Connie** is recently retired ~~~ and loves it! Their son, Logan, is now playing baseball in the majors at Georgetown; he is 11 years old.

**Section VIII – Doug and Annette Nygaard** live at 7528 Scarlet Court with their four children ~ Jonathan (15), Leah (14), Logan (10) and Jacob (8). Annette works at Redi-Med and Doug is the Director of Patient Business Systems at Parkview Hospital.

**Numbers to call for:**

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

**Trash Problems – 427-1345 ( Solid Waste)**



**Trash collection info:**

- Residents should have their garbage out at the curb by **5 a.m.** on collection day. Garbage cannot be out sooner than noon the day prior to collection and containers must be removed from street view no later than noon the day after collection. At this time, city ordinances prohibit the placement of the container at the side of the garage. Due to route changes, collection times will vary.
  
- Bulky items (heavy furniture and non –Freon) appliances) are to be placed with the garbage for collection. Please call National Serve-All at **747-4117** to make arrangements for collection.
  
- Items that cannot be placed out for collection include: tires, hazardous waste, large amounts of construction and demolition debris, and Freon appliances.

Thanks to Don and Betty Specht for maintaining the entrance to Kensington Downs and to Bill DeVore for his assistance with the sprinkler system.

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.

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***The 2006 Directory is being prepared with a target date for distribution in mid-August. Contact any board member with any name or telephone number changes.***

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