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W e l c o m e

I heartily recommend you get to know Art and Rose Johnson of 7505 Greymoor Drive. Art was originally a Hoosier and Rose a Buckeye. They moved to Washington State, though, when Art was offered a job that was too good to refuse. Now, they are retired and back in Fort Wayne. One son still lives in Washington state, a daughter and a son live here in Fort Wayne, and a daughter in Columbus, Ohio. They are also the proud grandparents of seven and great-grandparents of seven. Rose has a beautiful kitchen in which to cook for her family, and Art enjoys birds - both real and figurines! They also enjoy garage sales and auctions.

Welcome to Kensington Downs!

President's Notes

Until recently, it's been a very dry summer, as you all know. Keeping up with the sprinkler problems in the common area along Welshire is almost a full time job. They are working fairly well, right now. It may take a little time to overcome the dryness of early June while the sprinklers weren't all working, but the grass will green back up. Thanks to Bill DeVore, John Ivins, and Don Specht for offering timely help and advice while I've been learning the workings of the system.

The tree trimming project should be underway shortly, if it hasn't started by the time this newsletter is out. Now, we're waiting for city approval for us to remove one of the trees in a city easement near the stop sign at Maysville Road. The trees to be removed have been marked with a red paint dot. While we were looking at them, it became evident that there will be more tree removal in our future. We'll be putting together a plan for further removal and replacement for 2008. Once the selected trees are removed and the other trees trimmed, we'll be able to stand back and take a good look at what's left. Due to the spacing of the existing trees, we may be looking at removing some more for appearance sake and replacing them with different varieties of trees. That will take some study, though. Also, some of the large pine trees along Maysville Road are looking pretty sad. They will need to be replaced.

There are some low spots in the common areas near the middle of our development. They've been collecting water (when it actually rains). While it's so dry, we're trying to get those areas "re-sloped" to help them drain better.

Association Financial Record Audit:

During the April Board of Director's meeting, an audit was discussed. Since Kensington Downs Community Association had never had an audit done on the books, it was decided that one should be performed. Due to the large expense an accounting firm would charge to perform the audit, the Board was hesitant to agree to spending so much unbudgeted money. Several members attending the meeting asked if they could volunteer to perform the audit.

On June 7, 2007, Pat Johnstone, Pat Plazek, and Arlene Klapes presented Board members with an audit of the 2006 financial records. The Board Treasurer, John Ivins, presented all records for their review. The report indicated that John has been doing a very thorough job of keeping records and making timely payments of our debts. They found one invoice that had been paid twice, once directly to the company and once through reimbursement to a Board member who had paid out of pocket for sign maintenance. When the company was contacted, they agreed that the expense had been paid twice. A refund check has been received and credited to our account.

I'd like to thank the three volunteers for their long hours compiling the report and checking the records. After their findings were presented, the group suggested that they'd be willing to conduct an annual audit early next year to review the 2007 expenditures. The Board does appreciate their efforts and cooperation!

Bits and Pieces

Backyard Ecology Club

Homeowners Jackie Chen and Arlene Klapes would like to get together with other Kensington Downs residents interested in gardening, wildlife, and/or nature study to discuss ways to attract and peacefully coexist with the creatures that visit our yards. They hope to meet sometime shortly after Labor Day. Those interested can call Jackie Chen (749-6955) and leave your name and phone number. She will call you when the first date is set.

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We extend our sympathies to David Peaster and his family on the passing of his father, Rev. Jerry Peaster, on May 11.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of the grandchild of Ken and Mary Vandre. Our sympathies to them.

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.

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The next Kensington Downs newsletter is scheduled for delivery by
October 1, 2007.

Meet your Neighbors

The "Meet Your Neighbors" column will return next issue.