

## **NOTES FROM THE BOARD**

### **January 2008**

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thank you to all who attended the annual Board meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, here is a summary of the meeting.

#### **Accomplishments:**

Twenty seven accomplishments were reported by Carolyn Oehler, President, including new entrance sign, new garage light fixtures installed, independent financial review, boundary fence replaced, and new fountain & lights in small pond to name a few.

#### **Financial Report:**

2007 Balance Sheet, Income & Expense report presented and discussed. 2008 budget presented with NO INCREASE IN DUES presented and approved. 2008 Reserve Budget presented (street paving, roof replacement, tennis court repair) discussed and approved.

#### **Revised By-Laws:**

Brad Darnall, attorney presented revised bylaws. Following discussion several sections were revised. Revised bylaws (with changes) approved by those present. Additional homeowners must approve before the revised can be recorded with the County.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Modification & Architecture Committee.** Arlene Haan reviewed the form & process for requesting changes to the exterior of units. The committee will be working on standardizing unit numbers next to unit garage doors. The committee is considering a plan to approve pergolas for addition to decks for screening the sun.

**Communications Committee.** To facilitate communications the committee requests email address from those who were unable to attend the Annual Meeting. If requested, your email will be confidential and will not be included in our community directory. In 2007, Oscar Hofstetter developed a website for HMHOA. The web address is: [www.neighborhoodlink.com/bwood/hmhoa](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/bwood/hmhoa) HM is an official Neighbor Watch community. Nancy Moss leads the important program and is in need of additional block captains. Please work with Nancy to help keep our community safe.

**Landscaping Committee.** Dead trees have been replaced and trees that have died in previous years will be replaced in 2008.

#### **Election of Directors:**

Carolyn Oehler and Bob Dykema were elected to 3 year terms on the Board. A one year term position remains open.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

The Board is considering replacing the wood railing on our bridge with a more attractive stone railing, which will be more attractive and consistent with our name: Hearthstone.

**General Discussion:**

Homeowners recommended that much less mulch be ordered and applied. Also, black drainage should be covered with dirt. The Board was encouraged to reduce the number of geese on our lake. Recommendation made to build a dog run on the property next to our border with St. Martins property. Report made that there is a firepot on deck which is a violation of the fire code.

**Storm Doors:**

The Board highly recommends that homeowners have a storm door installed to protect their entrance door. Many maintenance problem could be minimized or avoided with the installation of a storm door.

**Board of Directors Meetings:**

In 2008 the Board will be meeting every other month and if you need to meet with the Board see the schedule below. Meetings will be at Brentwood United Methodist Church at 4 PM. January 14, March10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10.