

Kensington Downs Newsletter

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

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Board of Directors

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President's Letter

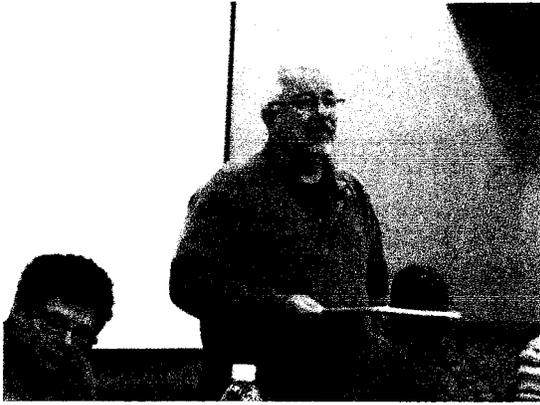
WELCOME TO 2010!

It's sad to see the decorations come down. The neighborhood's lights were beautiful over the holidays. It was nice to ride around and enjoy them. Thanks to the volunteers who decorated the entrance. Those lights looked great!

The end of the first decade of the new century and people are still trying to figure out how to say what year it is. I just read that the National Association of Good Grammar has announced that it is improper to say "two thousand ten". It is to be called "twenty ten". That makes sense, but I never knew there was an organization that cared.

A reminder from the people who drive the snow plows: Please don't park cars on the street when there is a chance of two (2) or more inches of snow. The cars make it very difficult for them to complete their job, because they need to be very careful to not damage cars. That means they have to leave considerable snow on the roads and our hourly costs for snow removal increase.

Another reminder: don't leave garage doors open when you're not close by, and don't leave your cars unlocked. Every month I talk to our Fort Wayne Police Representative about police reports for our neighborhood. Often there are reports of unattended open doors and missing personal items. It's always best to remove temptation by keeping the doors closed and secure.



Summary

2009 Annual Meeting

by Nancy Lorraine, Secretary

Pictured above, left to right: Nancy Lorraine, Secretary; Bill Stiles, President; Keith Morrison, Treasurer (Photo by Carol Griffin Photography)

The 2009 annual membership meeting was held November 12, 2009 at the Georgetown Library. Highlights from this meeting are as follows:

- Following the treasurer's report, overview of the 2010 proposed budget and 2009 expenses with comparisons to budget; the membership voted their preference of \$125.00 for the 2010 dues. The budget for 2010 is \$32,453.00
- Proposed amendments to the Association Bylaws were reviewed, discussed and homeowner's voted on whether to include these amendments to the bylaws. All four proposed amendments were passed.
- The president, Bill Stiles, reported on various maintenance and repairs completed in 2009. Dead trees along Maysville and Welshire have been removed. It was also reported that results of a recent pond survey shows that the common area is disappearing into the pond.
- Neighborhood projects planned for 2010 include replacement of trees in the common areas; repainting of signs at the pond, front entrance and street corners; repairing muskrat damage in common area surrounding the pond and removal of the muskrats; removing moles in common area along the creek; adding more flowers to the front entrance; and, repairing of sidewalks in the common area.
- Three new directors were added to the board: Carl Wheeler, Larry Landmeier and Jim Martin. Dave Ritenour, Joan Lewis, Tim Bastress and Bill Stiles were re-elected to serve another three year term as directors.

Meeting minutes will be posted on the Kensington Downs website at a later date for review.

Meet your Neighbors

A couple of friendly dogs – Bear the black lab and Capone the English bulldog -- greeted me at Shane and Tanisha Noble's home. (They said Lilly the cat was hiding somewhere!) The family, which includes 11-year-old Austin, recently moved from Convoy, OH, to 7715 Welshire Blvd. Shane is a union ironworker currently assigned to the Parkview North construction. Tanisha is Assistant Director of Admissions at Brown Mackie College.

Need a barber? Todd Madinski, who recently moved to 7424 Bent Willow Drive with his family, is owner of Witte's Washington Square Barber Shop (482-1651 ☺). His wife, Danielle, is an administrative assistant with Swiss Re (that's constructing a really "green" building at 1700 Magnavox Way, according to Todd). They moved from Seneca Hills, and -- along with Cody and Zachary – are enjoying their larger home.

Welcome to Kensington Downs. We hope you stay safe and warm this winter!

Meet Your Directors

In the January 2007 newsletter, I introduced you to Jim and Mary Ellen Martin who live at 7614 Greymoor Drive. And at our annual KD meeting, Jim was elected to the Kensington Downs Board of Directors. Jim grew up in Brooklyn NY. He is an Administrative Law Judge working with unemployment insurance.

Another new Board member, Carl Wheeler, lives at 8022 Weeping Willow. Carl is retired from Blue Cross where he worked with computers.

Thanks for your willingness to serve on the Board, Jim and Carl.

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I could not reach the other new Board member, Larry Landmeier, for information. I will feature him in the April newsletter.

Bits and Pieces

In 2010 the Board of Directors will conduct meetings at the fire station on Lahmeyer Road on February 10, April 14, June 9, August 11, October 13, and December 7 at 7 p.m. The annual meeting will be on November 11.

Just a reminder that if you have a question regarding Kensington Downs, please call the Association phone number at 748-8651. This number will be shown with the list of directors on page one on all future editions (as it is in this issue) and will not be listed in Bits and Pieces.

If you are someone who likes to plan ahead, you may want to know that the annual Garage Sale dates are May 7 and 8.

I'm getting antsy to be outside in my flower beds now that Christmas is over. You, too? Planning a new fence or home addition? Be sure to first check with architectural control guidelines listed in our website. Its address is printed under the directors' names.

Many thanks to all our neighbors (or their kids – or their spouses!) who deliver the newsletters: Julie Goodwin, Lucy McNall, Tim Mowrer, Nancy Louraine, Marilyn Knuth, Larry Stiles, Kevin Holle, and Jim Wenglikowski.

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