



# Kensington Downs Newsletter

## Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

### January 2011

#### **Board of Directors**

**President: Bill Stiles, Vice President: Dave Ritenour,  
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## *President's Letter*

We're part way through another winter. The snow is probably going to pick up, as we move into late January and into February. Please remember that the snow plows have trouble navigating when there are cars parked on the streets. There isn't room for the large plow and they have to return with smaller vehicles which take longer to clean the street and increase our costs. Try to park cars in the driveways when the forecast calls for snow! And also be kind to your neighbor by not blowing snow back out into the street.

The Board welcomes new Directors Karen Casey, Rance Nagley, and Joe Squadrito who were elected at the Annual Meeting. At the December meeting, Dan Springer volunteered to be on the Board and was approved by the Directors.

Thanks to all those who have already paid their dues. If you haven't received a dues letter or have misplaced it, please call and leave a message at 748-8651 or contact our treasurer, Carl Wheeler.

The following information is from the city of Fort Wayne and available to all its citizens. I thought it might be helpful to some of our neighbors.

#### What is Safe at Home?

Safe at home is a program designed as a safety measure for those with special needs during times of an emergency, natural disaster, etc. For example, say that the city experiences a flood and Aunt Sue lives alone in the projected flood area. She uses a

walker and requires oxygen to survive. How will she get the help she needs or get evacuated in a timely manner? This program can assist Sue and her loved ones in taking care of her. In addition, this program may assist the Fire, EMS, and Police in locating an individual inside a residence that has fallen by giving them contact names of persons with keys to the residence. This would prevent these agencies from knocking down a door unnecessarily, thus preventing unwanted damage and allowing the police to return to their duties quicker instead of having to wait for someone to secure the residence.

The family member or their loved ones with a power of attorney may request a volunteer from the Volunteer Center to meet with them to fill out the application, or the form can be downloaded as a PDF document below and mailed in. The information will then be added to the system that Fire, EMS, and Police use. If an emergency occurs, the public safety official will then be able to access the information and respond accordingly. To contact the Volunteer Center, please call (260)424-3505 or visit our link to the Allen County TRIAD.

## Meet Your Directors

One of the new Directors on the Kensington Downs Board is Karen Casey who has lived at 2233 White Plains Court for 19 years. Karen likes KD because of its convenient location to churches, schools, and shopping centers as well as its quiet and well maintained neighborhood. "The Kensington residents are friendly and good neighbors," Karen says. She is a travel consultant with Travel Leaders and is married to John, who is an account service manager at Menard's. Their daughters are Erin, a junior at IPFW, and Michelle, a senior at Snider.

Karen hopes more Kensington residents will get involved with the Association. She also said, "My goal is to promote better communication and transparency regarding the operation of the Board." Thanks for your willingness to serve on the Board, Karen.

And if you would like to serve on the Board or one of the Board's committees, please leave a message at 748-8651.

## Meet your Neighbors

When you're out shoveling snow, welcome our new neighbors at 7711 Greymoor Drive. Pete Hilty and Megan Meyers have done a wonderful job of upgrading their home! Pete works in real estate sales at Coldwell Banker/Roth Wehrly Graber, and Megan is a RN at Parkview.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of our new neighbors as the days lengthen and the temperatures get warmer!

# Bits and Pieces

The Board of Directors' schedule of meetings is as follows: February 8, April 13, June 8, August 9, October 12, and November 16 at the Fire Station on Lahmeyer Road. The annual Association meeting will be on November 10 at the Georgetown Library.

It has come to the attention of this editor that observations have been made of drivers running the stop signs in KD, one of which resulted in an accident and one which resulted in a near accident.

If you have not yet received your new recycling bin, you can arrange for delivery by calling 311 or go to [www.cityoffortwayne.org](http://www.cityoffortwayne.org). It's great to see so many of our neighbors recycling!

Please refer to our website -- [www.kensingtondowns.com](http://www.kensingtondowns.com) -- to view the 2011 budget, minutes, up-to-date bylaws, etc. To do that you'll need to sign up for "registered member" status. Need help? Call Carl Wheeler at 749-1009. Each of those documents can be printed from the website. If you would like a printed copy of any or all documents, leave your name, address, and the document you are requesting at 748-8651.

Has your KD directory disappeared? Do you need another one? Call Sharon at 493-8803.

We extend our condolences to Lyman Lewis on the death of his mother, Willa Wheeler, and to Bob Lebamoff on the death of his wife, Janet.

Please make the following additions/corrections to your Kensington Downs Directory:

Marjorie Barnes  
8008 Welshire Boulevard

Richard and Sue (not Sandra) Dirrim  
7607 Preakness Cove  
493-5700

Richard and Emily Miller  
7505 Scarlet Court  
749-7025

Bill and Karen Rowdon  
7723 (not 7732) Greymoor Drive