## Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

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## **Board Meeting Notes - November 18, 2009**

All Board members were present at the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association. The Board reviewed and approved minutes of the special meeting September 23, 2009 to appoint committee members from volunteers. Financial statements from September and October, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

Lawn and maintenance projects have all been completed as of mid-November. Trees have been replaced and all buried discharges for sump pumps have been disconnected till spring. There has been no necessity for snow removal this fall.

## **Old Business**

A mailbox repair project replaced six mailboxes and tightened a greater number of newspaper tubes. It was discovered during replacement that the wood supporting the mailboxes and tubes has deteriorated. The Board will get an estimate to replace this wood on all mailbox stands next spring. The Board has also received comments about erratic mail delivery. If you have a complaint, talk to the staff at the Post Office in person.

## **New Business**

The 2010 annual budget for the Association as proposed at the Annual Meeting was approved by the Board. Annual dues were continued with no increase for 2010. However, as stated at the Annual Meeting, if twin home roofs need replacement, there could be an assessment to supplement the reserve fund.

Homeowner Liz Fautsch joined the Board at this meeting to review what she has learned about flood plain issues which affect the buildings on the West side of Marsh Drive. After discussion, the Board decided to work with City of Delano and its engineer to investigate filing a form for a map change with FEMA. The City has surveys of all properties and the Association will determine how many buildings in Marsh Ridge are in the flood plain, with the help of the City engineer, the Board will begin the process to file a map change for the affected properties.

Randy's, our trash collector, does not pick up discarded Christmas trees with its regular trash collection. Because they would charge \$6 for all addresses in the Association if

they picked up trees here, the Board decided not to sign up for this service. Trees can be brought to the City compost site at the stop sign at Rte. 30 and Rte17.

The Association newsletter and Board meeting minutes are on the Marsh Ridge web site: <u>www.marshridgedelano.com</u>. If you want a copy mailed, please call any Board member with your request.

The next Board meeting will be on January 13, 2010 at 7:00 at 641 Marsh Drive.