

Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

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October 8, 2013

The Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Board met on October 8, 2013. All Board members were present and newly elected member Jon Holzer was welcomed. Tom Micke joined the Board with the September financial statement and the draft budget for 2014. The minutes from the Board meeting of September 5th and the annual meeting of September 19th were reviewed and approved. The September financial statement was also reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports: There were no further questions on finance or insurance. Four roofs remain to be replaced in 2014. Lawns will be cut and leaves removed, but the sprinklers will be cleared and turned off within the next ten days. There are still some lawn/yard maintenance projects and clean up to complete before the cold weather.

Old Business: Two homes closed in late September with move ins scheduled by mid-October following decorating or renovations. The front yard fountain on a Bonita twin home will be removed before that home is marketed. It was grandfathered in until the home was for sale. One other twin home on Marsh Drive is still for sale. The Board would like to update the directory with new homeowners names, phones and e-mails. E-mails and phone numbers are only used by the Board for notification of issues that affect all homeowners or for emergency information. Neighbors do have directory information to contact other neighbors. This information is not on the website.

New Business: The Board elected officers for the coming term. Craig Sinkel is chairman; Howard Glas is vice-chairman; Gail Scholl is secretary; and Jon Holzer was elected treasurer.

The Board then considered the draft budget for 2014 and voted to accept it. This budget includes an \$8.00 per month increase for twin home owners only. As noted at the annual meeting, this increase is largely due to a 13% increase

in the Association's insurance premium. The monthly dues will be \$200.00 plus the \$33.00 roof assessment.

The Architectural Committee recommended approval for the installation of some gutters on a Bonita Circle twin home. The Board approved and urged all homeowners who have had gutters installed to check their downspouts before fall rain. Downspouts should have an extension to carry water away from the foundation and leaves or debris should be cleared from the downspout.

Other issues discussed included a short or root problem that has damaged the lights at the entrance sign on Highway 30. The tree closest to the sign is slated for removal and the lights will be repaired at that time.

An ongoing complaint about water pooling in backyards on the north side of Tower Drive will be addressed by getting bids to install a drain that exits into the catch basin on Marsh Drive. Jon Holzer will follow up on this and bring the information to our next meeting.

The Board requests all residents who contemplate selling to be sure that the new owner receives the binder with information on rules and regulations, the by-laws, insurance and Association services and maintenance. This information is also available on the website www.marshridgedelano.com where homeowners can also find the minutes of the Board meetings.

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 14, 2013 7:00 PM at 641 Marsh Drive.