

Countryside Newsletter

From Your Board of Directors

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Hello Countryside Homeowners:

We hope all of our Countryside Homeowners have noticed that we are trying to spruce up our common areas. All of the vacant lots have been brush-hogged and trimmed. This has given a neater look to the whole subdivision. We are also planning to clear the weeds and brush around the pond. Also planned is a fountain for the pond to keep the water circulating and bugs/mosquitos out. The plan is to make everything look as nice as possible. This will help to accomplish our goals to maintain and increase our property values and to complete the sale of all our lots. This will increase our Association's financial stability.

We know that a condominium development is supposed to be maintenance free. But we don't have people under contract to do certain things. If you are physically able, there are certain things that you can do to enhance the beauty of our development and save the association money. During hot, dry weather like we have been experiencing, the trees, shrubs, and bushes become very stressed and are more prone to disease and insects. We don't have a contract with anyone to keep everything watered and fertilized. My wife and I spent six hours this past week watering 30 trees along Old French Road behind 3 houses plus the entrance. The Association sprays the border trees twice a year to prevent insects and disease. You should also water the shrubs and other plants around your house. This keeps the development looking nice and saves us the money of replacing the trees and shrubs. Every tree that dies costs anywhere from \$500 for a six foot tree to \$800 for an eight foot tree.

An example of someone helping us save money is Fred Clapp. When a light burns out, he replaces it. Every time he does this it saves the Association \$50 in labor costs. Every little bit helps.

Remember, if everyone does some little thing each week, we accomplish a great deal. Let's all work together to keep Countryside beautiful.

Board Activities:

The Board has met three times during July (total of six meetings since transfer). We have been meeting frequently to get the Association organized and to accomplish the goals of making Countryside more attractive and to resolve Homeowner issues. Some of the major activities of the Board since the last Newsletter are:

- Have brush in lots removed
- Taking bids on removing brush and trees around pond
- Explore getting fountain for pond
- Researching ways to remove geese
- Begin procedures and initiate bidding processes
- Examining process to redo swale in southern common area

Future Board Meeting:

On August 1 we will hold a Board Meeting at 6:00 PM at the Summit Township Building on Townhall Road. All Homeowners are invited to attend. If you have a question or issue and wish to address the Board, you must submit the question or issue to Natalie Washburn. You will be given three minutes to speak after the Board Meeting is over if you wish. The Board will take your ideas under consideration.

Upcoming Social Activities:

- Happy Hour, Tuesday, July 24, 5 to 7 PM, at Primanti Bros
- Picnic at Picnicana – 3:00 to 7:00 PM, August 17. Please rsvp to John and Nancy Roskovich with \$7 per person (we need to know how much meat and buns to purchase)
- Harvest Moon Get Together – Tuesday, Sept. 25th

Contacting the Board:

Please address any questions or issues by email to Board Secretary, Natalie Washburn at natalie@malenohomes.com.

Thanks in advance for your help and support.

~ Countryside Board of Directors