

Devon Hills Homeowners Association

President's Memo

March, 2016

Hello Devon Hills Homeowners,

At our March HOA Board meeting officers were elected for 2016. The officers are as follows:

Rick Osgood, President
Rob Crosby Hoar, Vice President
Sandy Williamson, Secretary
Justin Baker, Treasurer

I know that I can speak for all of the officers and Board members in that we look forward to representing you for 2016. The Board is committed to making sure that all homeowners have an opportunity to make their desires known and considered by the Board in its deliberations.

There are several things that we will do this year in order to enhance communication between the Board and homeowners.

1. We will continue posting the agendas for our Board meetings on the website as we have been doing in the past.
2. We will also be posting minutes of our meetings on the website once they have been approved. In the past these minutes only were posted on the Board Members page. We are in the process of moving these to the Member Home Page.
3. I will be sending out a President's Memo, similar to this one, each month after the meeting to keep you informed of the issues with which the Board is dealing. These memos will also be posted on our website once they have been sent to the members.

The Board is interested in your thoughts and ideas on what you feel Devon Hills should do and should be. Towards that end we would like to encourage you to communicate with the Board and tell us your concerns. The easiest and most direct way to communicate with the Board is by utilizing the Board's email address. If you send an email to boardofdirectors@devonhillshoa.com all members of the Board, as well as our management firm, Synergy, will get a copy. This will also allow us to maintain a history of issues and assure that the communication reach the right people to address any concerns. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members individually by using the email addresses identified for each Board member on the Board Members and Agenda section of the Member Home Page on the HOA's website. Please feel free to call me directly at (615) 812-4162 should you want to talk to me.

Now, here's the report on the Board's March meeting.

1. A Landscape Committee was formed to develop a plan to maintain and update as needed the common areas of our development. Carolyn Strickland has agreed to chair this committee. You will be hearing more from this committee over the next several months.
2. The Board discussed the issue of security at the entrances to our three sections. Dave Howard will be developing specifications for the Board to review at upcoming meetings. As part of our commitment to transparency we will be sharing with you our thoughts on this issue as we develop a strategy. This communication will take the form of email communication and at least one Town Hall meeting where the Board will present its proposal and where homeowners will have an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.
3. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to enforcing the HOA's bylaws in order to maintain the quality and attractiveness of Devon Hills. Synergy Real Estate Group our management group, and more specifically Dick Krebs, will be involved in identifying violations and working with homeowners to resolve any violations and disputes. We ask that you work with Dick and Synergy in this important function.
4. The Board adopted a budget for 2016. The approved budget can be found on the Member Home page, under Financial Reports.
5. The Board had a discussion about fishing in our pond. Our pond is primarily for water retention. The fact that Devon Hills residents are able to enjoy fishing in the pond is an added benefit. The Board is concerned about the liability of non-residents of Devon Hills fishing in the pond. We will continue to request that non-residents refrain from fishing in the pond. As a result, if you are fishing in the pond, and are asked by Synergy or a Board member, who may not know you personally, as to whether you are a resident of Devon Hills, please understand that they are only attempting to enforce the ban on non-resident fishing.

Please rest assured that the Board is mindful of its responsibility to represent the homeowners of Devon Hills. We will be looking at additional way to enhance the communications between the Board and homeowners to make sure that we are acting in the best interest of all homeowners. We will be looking into conducting a survey of homeowners in order to determine where the homeowners are on issues such as security, lighting, social gatherings as well as other issues of concern. Should you have an issue that you would like the Board to consider please let us know.

Finally, I would like to thank two former Board members who have rolled off the Board. Cathy Payne ably represented Devon Valley for the last two years. Thanks for your work on the Board Cathy. Porter Ragsdale also rolled off the Board after more than 9 years on the Board, the last eight or so as President. Thanks Porter for your leadership and dedication to Devon Hills HOA.

Thanks for your support of the Board, and I look forward to a productive and positive 2016.

Rick Osgood
President