

Devon Hills Homeowners Association

President's Memo

March, 2017

Hello Devon Hills Homeowners,

Following are the highlights of the Board's March meeting.

1. The 2017 Board, as determined at the Annual Meeting was seated, with new members participating. The Board thanked Carolyn Strickland for her six years on the Board. Carolyn served as the Board's Secretary for three years and was the first chair of the Landscape Committee in 2016. We all owe Carolyn thanks for her participation. New officers for 2017 were elected by the Board. Here are the members of your 2017 Board of Directors

Rick Osgood, Devon Glenn Ct., President

Justin Baker, South Highlands, Vice President

Eric Robinson, North Highlands, Treasurer

Cathy Payne, Devon Valley, Secretary

Rob Crosby Hoar, At large

Sandy Williamson, Devon Valley

Mike Love, Devon Glenn

You can find contact information for the Board members on the Associations website.

2. It was decided that the Board would meet every other month during 2017. Should there be a need to deal with an issue between meetings a special Board meeting can be held. The Board meeting schedule for 2017 is as follows:

March 20th

May 15th

July 17th

September 18th

November 20^{thin}

3. The Board approved the budget for 2017. The adopted budget was pretty much as was presented at the Annual Meeting. You can find the approved budget on the Association's website.
4. The Board discussed the berms (drainage ditches that run behind our properties) and the need to keep them cleaned out. These berms are there to direct water coming off the hills into our

retention pond and away from our houses. Twice a year the berms are inspected, and any debris is removed in order for them to be effective. We ask all homeowners to help with this by keeping the berms behind your house cleaned out and to not use them as a place to deposit yard waste. Your help with this is very much appreciated.

5. The Board discussed the issue of overnight parking. We know that this can be a problem for some homeowners and understand that occasionally overnight guests may have a vehicle parked overnight. However, we want everyone to keep in mind that this is a safety issue. Our streets are not very wide, and should fire trucks, ambulances and police vehicles need to come through there are areas that it would not be possible if cars are parked. We will continue to monitor this issue and per our by-laws, notify violators and if need be, assess fines.
6. The Board discussed the pond and the vegetation surrounding it. You may recall that last year we decided to let the area around the pond (approximately 3 feet from the water) grow naturally and not be cut. Due to the heat and lack of rain last year we do not feel that we had an opportunity to evaluate how this looked and its impact on our water fowl. As a result we have decided to keep this area uncut through the Spring and early Summer at which time we will determine if that will continue or if we will go back to cutting to the water line.
7. You may have noticed that the lights on the pump and the street lights along the pond have not consistently been working. These fixtures are all at least 20 years old and are in a condition that is not conducive to continued repair. We are soliciting proposals for the replacement of the street lights and are pursuing options for replacement of the pump. Both of these items could result in a need to either utilize our reserves or request approval for an assessment. You will be hearing more on these issues as we determine a plan of action.
8. At the Annual Meeting we discussed conducting a tree survey of the trees on the common property. The Board decided not to do this in 2017. If you see a problem with any trees on our common property please notify the Board or Synergy and we will have it looked at. Remember that homeowners are responsible for trees on their own property, but do need to notify the Board before any are cut down. In addition, damage to any structures from trees, regardless of whether it is on common property or the homeowners' property is the responsibility of the homeowners and their insurance carrier.
9. The Board has decided that we will have a community-wide garage sale on June 3rd. The hours for this event will be from 8:00am to noon. Carolyn Strickland has graciously agreed to organize

this event. You will be hearing more about this.

10. The Board also decided to have a social event sometime this fall. As plans come together you will hear more about this. The Board encourages you to look for opportunities to hold a social event for your neighborhood. This might be a picnic, dinner party or some other opportunity for neighbors to get to know each other. Please let the Board know if you have an event so that we can join you.

11. Finally, the Board discussed looking at our covenants, by-laws and restrictions to see if they need to be updated. They have been in place since the late 1980s; there may be a need to bring them into the 21st century. Any work on these will be pretty much a yearlong project. Any proposed changes will be shared with the homeowners through email and town hall meetings. Our plan would be to have these ready for homeowners to vote on at our next Annual Meeting in early 2018.

As you can see your Board has been busy and will be working hard in 2017 to represent you, the members of Devon Hills Homeowners Association. Remember that the Board is interested in your thoughts and ideas on what you feel Devon Hills should do and be. We encourage you to contact the Board with your thoughts, questions and suggestions. The best way to communicate with the Board is through use of the Board's email address. That address is boardofdirectors@devonhillshoa.com. Any email sent to that address will go to all Board members and our management firm Synergy.

Please let me know if you have any comments and/or questions.

Rick Osgood, President