

Devon Hills Homeowners Association

President's Memo

September 2017

Hello Devon Hills Homeowners,

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

1. The Board continued its discussion on what to do with our remaining swan. It was decided not to do anything at this time. Our swan appears to be getting along well with the numerous geese and ducks that are currently residing on the pond. We decided to continue to monitor the situation and if circumstances change, and our swan appears less than comfortable with the surroundings, at that time we can pursue other options that may meet the swan's needs better than our pond.
2. The Board discussed whether or not we felt that there was a need to update our covenants, by-laws and restrictions. As I mentioned in my July President's memo changing the by-laws and restrictions is a very involved process, and not one that we would want to do very often. The existing by-laws and restrictions have been in place for almost 30 years. After a fairly detailed review of these documents the Board made the decision to not make any changes at this time.
3. The Board reviewed the results of the survey sent to homeowners relative to the community-wide garage sale that was held on June 3rd. About a quarter of the homeowners responded to the survey. The responses had some very good suggestions on how this activity could be improved. Of the homeowners that took the survey, 65% stated that they would participate if another community-wide garage sale was held. After review of the responses the Board has decided that another garage sale will be held. A tentative date of May 5th was set for this event. You will be hearing more after we get into the new year and the new Board has a chance to review.
4. The Board discussed the issue of homeowners making changes to the exterior of their residence and their yards. The Board feels that maintenance of our community is its most important function. As outlined in Article XI, Section 2, of the Covenants, before any activity that changes the exterior of "existing Units or structures containing Units and the open space if any, appurtenant thereto" must be approved by the Board. What this means is that any work that changes the appearance (for example painting the exterior), footprint (for example adding a sun room) or impacting the yard (for example cutting down a tree) must be submitted to the Board for approval **before** any work is done. The board has established protocols for requesting this approval. You can request a Request of Change packet by calling Synergy Real Estate, the HOA's management company.
5. I mentioned in my July Memo we had set February 15th as the date for our 2018 Annual meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Bellevue Library we have asked the Library to move our meeting

to Tuesday, February 13th. We anticipate that we will be able to finalize this date with the Library, but as of today we have not received confirmation. I wanted to let you know about this potential change so that you could update your records. We will let you know of the final date with plenty of time to adjust your schedules, but I did want to let you know that the meeting will not be held on February 15th.

6. At our Annual Meeting, one of the things that will occur is the election of three Board members for a two year term. As stipulated in our by-laws, Board members represent the various neighborhoods in our community. At this Annual Meeting, Board member seats for two neighborhoods will be up for election. Those neighborhoods are Devon Valley and North Highlands. In addition the At Large member seat will also be up for election. Cathy Payne, the Board's Secretary will be chairing the nominating committee this year. If you are interested in running for one of the Board positions please contact Cathy so that she can get your information for the election. You can email Cathy at cp@devonhillshoa.com. Please note that, other than the At Large position, you must live in either the Devon Valley or North Highlands neighborhood in order to run.

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

Additional Information follows:

Metro Public Works will be doing curbside Brush Collection in our area this coming week.

<http://mpw.nashville.gov/Row/Services/Default.aspx>. You may also sign-up to receive e-mail reminders when brush collection will begin in your area. For information on how and where to place your brush for collection visit:

<http://www.nashville.gov/Public-Works/Neighborhood-Services/Yard-Waste-Composting/Brush-Yard-Waste-Collection.aspx>

Also.....

Comcast/Xfinity is upgrading their wiring in our area. They will be working soon in our easements where necessary to replace their wiring. They hung cards on many of our doors but seemed to miss some. The following is a picture of the card.....

We are working in your neighborhood.

This week, we'll begin working in your neighborhood, making improvements to our network.

Our crews will be working in your neighborhood's utility easements, so you may see the local power company and other utilities marking the area where their lines are installed. (These markings help us avoid damaging utility lines when we dig, so please try not to remove them.)

Sometimes the utility easements are located in the side yards or backyards of a neighborhood. If our crew needs access to your yard, we'll let you know. If you have pets, we'll ask you to secure them while our crew is in your yard.

If you're an XFINITY customer, you may experience some service interruptions, such as temporary loss of your XFINITY Voice service, including the ability to make or receive emergency 911 calls. We'll do our best to keep interruptions to a minimum, but if your service is out for an extended period of time, please call us at 1-800-XFINITY.

If our work disturbs or damages the landscaping in your yard, please call 1-844-322-2524.