

DEVON HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENTS MEMO - AUGUST 2013

- 1) The board reviewed and approved July financials and minutes.
- 2) The board has received several Request for Change Forms from neighbors concerning fences, windows, exteriors and drainage systems. We are doing our best to follow precedents set by past boards, and by-laws, with fairness and respect for residents' requests.
- 3) A diseased cypress tree in the common area at Devon Valley and Glenway, and a diseased willow tree near the southwest end of the pond are to be removed, along with the remains of the tree that fell into Devon Valley near the entrance. Young trees will be planted in the fall to replace these trees.
- 4) A tree fell from the common area at the end of Devon Valley and damaged a fence. The board and Synetgy had Golden Rule remove the tree. We encourage residents to alert the board and Synetgy to any trees that might pose a danger to their homes.
- 5) The board again discussed our aging security camera system. It can no longer be considered effective. Residents should think about how important a working security system is. Some residents have voiced concern about privacy — cameras recording vehicles as they come and go. These questions, options, and costs could be discussed at the annual meeting. Good security systems are not cheap.
- 6) The board has gotten a proposal to address a sunken / eroded area in North Highlands, and an estimate on the cost. Before we spend community funds on this, Dave Howard has volunteered to monitor the erosion over the next few months to determine when and how fast, the problem is worsening.
- 7) A dog "waste station"¹⁵ in North Highlands will be moved to an area between the homes of Dave Howard and Eric Robinson. There have been complaints by residents about dog owners allowing their dogs to "wet" home-owners' flowers and shrubs. We encourage dog owners to do their best to see that this doesn't happen.
- a) Irrigation systems for our entrance-ways were discussed again. These systems are quite expensive. This could be a topic for discussion and / or vote at the annual meeting.
- 9) The board agreed to pay \$50.00 per month for avian feed for the Swan, as recommended by an avian veterinarian. According to the veterinarian, the swan cannot fill his nutritional needs in our plastic-lined pond. Care is being taken that geese do not participate in this feeding.

On that note, we have had a large number of geese in our pond, yards and streets this summer. We are asking residents not to feed geese. Many of us enjoy seeing ducks and geese around the pond, but two or three dozen geese in our streets and yards is a problem.
- 10) We are planning a "neighborhood gathering" for Saturday, Oct. 27 from 4 to 7PM in the larger common area at Devon Valley and Glenway. Neighbors from all three sections of our community are asked to come, and bring snacks, food and beverages, and yard chairs. We would like for those of us who could bring tables and possibly "fire pits" for hot dogs and marsh mellows to contact us. The "neighborhood gathering" a few years ago was a big success !

As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions. Contact the board at:
boardofdirectors@devonhillsHoa.com. — Rob Crosby Hoar - President