

DEVON HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MEMO - SEPT. 2018

- 1) August minutes and financials were reviewed and approved.
- 2) The first item on our agenda was a continuing effort to deal with a homeowner's request to put "temporary" fencing around flowers she has planted behind her yard, on "common area". The board is being careful to keep our by-laws in mind, while attempting to be flexible and "resident friendly". Many of us have plantings, bird-baths, hammocks, and other removable items on the commons areas behind our homes. In the past the board has denied a request to fence in a small portion of common area in order to make a fence symmetrical so we need to keep that precedent in mind as we consider any exceptions to rules.
We are considering the possibility of allowing the resident to put down 36" high, plastic "garden fencing" that can be pulled up by hand, in order to keep ducks out of the flowers she has planted. The board will keep all residents informed as we make our decisions.
- 3) The board continues to deal with a request to install a drain in a side yard. We are asking for additional sketches and photos.
- 4) The board discussed ideas for continuing to beautify our entrance-ways, and appreciate the good work by Steve Cox.
- 5) Limbs from an aging and / or unhealthy tree have fallen across the roof and fences of 2 Devon Valley homes. We have had discussions and have done research regarding insurance, and responsibilities of the HOA. We have determined that the HOA is responsible for removing limbs or trees that fall from common area onto properties, but that each resident's home-owners insurance must cover damages. As far as the board can determine, this is the way home-owners insurance works in general.
We remind all residents to report unhealthy trees, or limbs that could pose a danger, so that the board can have the opportunity to remove common area trees and limbs before they fall on private properties.
- 7) Thanks to information from Dick Krebs at Synergy, and research by Dave Howard, our I.T. person, we may have found a good and inexpensive security-camera and monitoring system. We will keep the neighborhood informed as we learn more about it.
- 8) A motion was passed to have pond shrubs pruned as soon as the changing seasons create the right conditions for the shrubs' health.
- 9) Please remember the "Neighborhood Get-together" planned for Saturday, Oct. 27, from 4 until 7 in the common area at Devon Valley / Glenway. We need volunteers to provide tables, or make-shift tables, and suggestions about fire-pits or grills if some of us would like to toast marshmallows or roast hot-dogs, hamburgers, etc. We hope residents will come out in large numbers with coolers, beverages, snacks, and food. Horse-shoes anyone ?

RS. - Dog owners please "pick up after" your dogs, and don't leave waste in neighbors' yards!

The board will meet again in October. We welcome your thoughts and ideas.
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Thanks ! Rob Crosby Hoar - president