

Devon Hills Homeowners Association

President's Memo - March 2020

Our annual meeting was held at The Jewish Community Center on Feb. 26.

The "President's Report" covered the following issues :

- 1) Entranceways have been maintained by board members and community members who volunteered to plant shrubs and flowers with the guidance of our secretary, Sandy Williamson. The size and diversity of our entranceways have always been restricted by the fact that we don't have irrigation systems, which would allow us to plant more heat-sensitive flowers. The board has discussed this numerous times. At a cost of around \$30,000 for three separate irrigation systems, it might cost several hundred dollars per household to install the systems. We welcome community input.
- 2) The board authorized the removal of dead entranceway trees, and their replacements. Older cherry blossoms have been pruned to improve their health and appearance. New willows were planted by the pond, and shrubs were planted in the Devon Valley/ Glenway common area where a diseased tree was removed last year.
- 3) Our berms are being deepened in stages to keep our drainage system functioning properly, and head-wall drains are being monitored and cleared on a regular basis. It is crucially important that residents do not rake or blow leaves or any yard waste into the berms, or allow contractors to do so.
- 4) Some sunken areas in the common ground between South Highlands and Bellevue Road are being addressed by the board. Engineers and contractors have inspected the area and we are planning to choose the most cost-effective plan to remedy the situation.
- 5) Community members have complained about some homes that need to be power washed to remove mildew. We should all repair, clean, replace, or paint mailboxes, and maintain exteriors of our homes in order to maximize our property values.
- 6) Our annual "gathering" and yard sale were successful. Some residents would like to make these bi-annual events. Please give us your thoughts.

Financials were reviewed and approved. Thanks to treasurer Harry Perret, and our amazing I.T. expert Dave Howard, along with Dick Krebs and Synergy Property Management, our finances are in good shape.

No new candidates offered to run for election to the board, but thankfully all current board members agreed to continue to serve.

Board positions will be decided at our next board meeting.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Contact us at ; [BoardOfDirectors@devonHillsHoa.com](mailto:BoardOfDirectors@devonHillsHoa.com)

Thanks and best wishes, Rob Crosby Hoar - president