

DEVON HILLS HOA - PRESIDENT'S MEMO - April 2020

Having served on the board of directors for several years, this is my most conflicted moment as a board member. I am not a "rule-oriented" person. It's not my nature to tell others what to do, or not to do. Having served with current board members for some time now, I can assure you that none of us are "authoritarians".

But the board has been faced with an issue that requires us to look at by-laws, and consider what we believe is the correct way to enforce them.

You should, by now, have received a notice from Synergy Property Management regarding common areas above our berms that have been cleared of leaves and bushes, and in some cases, used for personal, recreational use by a few residents.

Many, or most of us, in Devon Hills, are here because we enjoy the natural forest around our community. If all of us claimed forested land above the berms for our own use, clearing ground and placing furniture, grills, fire-pits, bird-baths, etc., in those areas, we could create erosion and run-off problems that might impair our berms' proper function. It would also create an entirely different view of the area around us.

After intense discussion and debate, your board agreed with Synergy Management that we should point out to all residents that clearing, and use of, common area above the berms is not allowed. This board does its best to be transparent, responsive, and sensitive to all residents' needs and concerns. We are sorry if we have offended any community members by this decision.

- 1) We discussed the sunken areas in the common area between South Highlands and Bellevue Road. We agreed to have dirt brought in to fill these holes.
- 2) A motion was approved to remind all residents that open burning is not allowed in Davidson County and that grills and fire-pits are not allowed above our berms.
- 3) Officers were elected ;
Harry Perret - Treasurer
Sandy Williamson - Secretary
Justin Baker - Vice President
Rob Crosby Hoar - President
Chip Waterfield, Nathan Sharkey, Mostafa Shamsuddin - board members

And we are thankful to have Dave Howard continue his role as I.T. person.

We continue to appreciate Dave, Eric Robinson, and Chris Craig for volunteering to maintain dog waste stations.

As always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. Email us at:
boardOfDirectors@devonHillsHoa.com

Sincerely, Rob Crosby Hoar - president