

# MILFORD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

June 2002

### *President's Pen*

Dear Milford Heights Residents;

Well, another year has come and gone (fiscally speaking), and progress marches on. The MHA annual meeting took place and I was reelected to serve on the Board for a second two-year term. I would also like to thank Ellen Georgevichreed for volunteering to serve on the Board for a two-year term replacing Gail Simon's Board position. A BIG thanks goes to Gail Simon for serving on the Board and all the hard work she put forth as your MHA Secretary for years.

### **THANKS GAIL!!!**

The Bylaws state that once the new Board members are elected and soon after the annual meeting, the Board is to meet and elect it's new officers. We all met and the results are listed later in this paper. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our Treasurer Steve Hartwig for all the hard work he has done. We all thank him for last years efforts (over \$800.00 in back dues collected). He has volunteered to serve in this capacity for yet another year and the Board is very grateful for his ongoing efforts.

The Board has also addressed some issues that we felt worthy of pursuing this year. Tops on the list were the ponds, how to treat them, maintain them, do they need dredging and if so...when. Also on the list of priorities was the continuance of the grub control and the proposed Farmer Jacks development. We will actively pursue these issues and try to keep you all posted. Until then, have a great sun - soaked summer!

Sincerely,  
Brett Barnes

### MHA Board Members

<u>President/Sec</u>	<u>Brett Barnes</u>	<u>(04)</u>	<u>676-9057</u>
<u>Vice president</u>	<u>Jamal Aboueljoud</u>	<u>(03)</u>	<u>676-9889</u>
<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Steve Hartwig</u>	<u>(app)</u>	<u>685-0698</u>
<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Mark Ewald</u>	<u>(03)</u>	<u>684-0081</u>
<u>Assist Secretary</u>	<u>Gwen Luczycki</u>	<u>(03)</u>	<u>684-8379</u>
<u>Assist Treas.</u>	<u>Ellen Georgevichreed</u>	<u>(04)</u>	<u>684-6665</u>

### **GRUBS BEWARE!**

- Grub control/fertilizer to be applied on the hill Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Please keep your children off the hill for three to four days after application.

### **DUES**

The dues you pay are mandatory. We all legally own 1/81 of the common areas as outlined in your master deed including the 7-acre hill, two detention ponds, and the front entrance. The dues are used to pay;

- \$1200.00 premium for the legally required liability insurance that we have to carry for the common areas.
- Lawn service which accounts for over a third of the collections.
- Water and electric bills for the front entrance.
- Flowers for the front entrance.
- Grub control.
- Mailings and meetings expense.
- Other misc. expenses.

As you probably know by now, the annual dues for 2002/2003 are \$106.00 per household. You should have received the notice/bill this week. Please make

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every effort to pay your dues no later than July 30<sup>th</sup>. We, as Board members volunteer to do somewhat enjoyable tasks. We, however, do not enjoy acting as a collection agency.

**PONDS and GRUBS**

Some facts found out... we cannot and you should not...

- Apply any type of insecticide or pesticide near any type of pond. The runoff can kill beneficial organisms and animal life that are needed for a healthy pond.
- Apply any type of fertilizer near any pond. The fertilizer runoff creates extreme algae growth.

In light of these facts, the grub control will be only applied to the hill.

Currently, we are in the process of determining the life left in the pond and if and when it needs dredging.... how much will it actually cost.

You will soon see a crew cleaning out the algae, tree limbs, and growth on the banks as well as the trash. If you live next to the open pond, you can help by keeping any of these items from going into the pond and by minimizing your fertilizer applications near the banks of the pond.

**Annual Meeting Notes**

At the annual meeting, several residents wanted to know how the Board would enforce Bylaws, neighbor complaints and things of the like. To date this year as well as last year, the Board has had no complaints from any residents or any noted Bylaw violations. Keep in mind that –

- The Board will NOT act as a mediator between feuding neighbors.

- Legal complaints against neighbors should be handled by the legal authorities (noise disturbances, abandoned cars, inappropriate/illegal behavior, etc...).
- The parking of RV's and Boats in the driveways is against our bylaws and in most cases against the ordinances of Milford.
- The Board will seek legal assistance if needed in regards to dues collections and Bylaws enforcement. This cost is all of ours to bear. Fortunately, none has been needed thus far, although an attorney has been previously consulted (at no charge).
- Any viable complaint should be made in writing and submitted to the President of the Board. All Board members phone numbers are posted.

At the annual meeting many residents expressed concern about the rate of speed that vehicles are traveling down our roads. All agreed...

Before a serious accident  
occurs, all residents should be  
mindful that there are a lot of  
children in our subdivision.  
This is a season to play  
outdoors so...

PLEASE  
**SLOW DOWN**  
**CHILDREN AT  
PLAY!**