

MILFORD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION
NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR May 2002

President's Pen

Dear Milford Heights Residents;

Yeah!!! No more snow(???) It's time to exchange the show shovels for lawn mowers and if your lucky, snow skis for water skis. Anyway, much of my responsibilities have been focused on the development for the field area. The plans are in a spin because the Village Council denied the rezoning to B-3 for the Wendys/Tim Horton development. The developer called me shortly afterwards and informed me that if Wendys doesn't materialize, chances are they will revert to the original plan of having a 23,000 square foot strip mall behind our residences. I would encourage all that can, to attend the Planning Commission meetings and the Council Meetings to voice your opinion. On a different note, our annual meeting is coming soon (June 4th), and the Board would like you to fill out the attached proxy and put it in my mailbox (422 Dorchester Way), or better yet, attend the meeting. At that meeting, we will set next years budget and vote in two Board members. Your participation is needed! It has been a very busy year for the Board members and I thank each and every one of them for their efforts.

Sincerely,
Brett Barnes

MHA Board Members

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The Newest Development News

- The Farmer Jack truck deliveries have time restraints and are from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- The spacing of trees that run down the South side of the development has been changed. Instead of the pine trees being spaced every 20' it has been reduced to spacing of 15'.
- Wendys/Tim Hortons plan has been turned down by the Village Council. A return of the small strip mall running down the South side looks imminent.

LOOKING FORWARD

For the coming months, the Board has addressed some issues that are outlined below.

GRUBS BEWARE!

- Grub control has been applied on the 7-acre hill in early April. Another application will be coming in June/July. A notice will be sent out several days prior. Please keep your children off the hill for three to four days after application.

LIGHTS

- After much thought and discussion, the Board has authorized the installation of a light to be installed by Detroit Edison on the telephone pole rather than installing our own light pole on the south side of our entrance. The cost savings are substantial and the light output will be much brighter. A win – win situation for us.

PONDS

- The building inspector for Milford (Randy), has indicated that we shouldn't ever have to dredge

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the ponds unless a **large** amount of earth **continually** is carried into the pond. This is something he doesn't see happening. In fact, he doesn't know of anyplace that has had to acquire this service in all his years as a building inspector. Several other contractors have conveyed the same. At the annual meeting, the Board will not seek to continue to fund the CD for pond dredging. Rather we seek to authorize a service to treat our ponds for algae growth. If anyone knows of a company that would be willing to bid on this service, please contact Brett Barnes.

Interested in becoming a Board Member?

It is quite simple, just volunteer (nominate) yourself at the annual meeting. Once nominations are taken, the residents will have the opportunity to vote for two Board members. There are five Board positions in total. Each position is a two-year term with two members' positions terminating this year, three next year and so on (alternating every year). The last newsletter was somewhat incorrect. Residents will not vote for a new President and Secretary, rather just two Board members. Once the Board positions are filled, the newly elected Board will vote to fill the office of President and Vice President. The office of Secretary and Treasurer are appointed positions and anyone can serve in that capacity regardless if you are a board member or not. Currently, our Treasurer Steve Hartwig, is not a Board member. The Board meets about every other month and the meetings last about two hours. The Board members also volunteer to do other things that save us all money. Mark serviced our sprinkler system, Jamal installed the new mailbox posts and painted the sign and entrance fence, we all obtain bids for different services, etc...

If you would like to be involved, here's your chance!

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.

This year, the Board has successfully collected back dues from four residents, some in the rears for two to four years. However, we still have two residences that have not paid last years dues and we are pursuing the collection of these monies. Due to the fact that we did collect nearly \$800.00 in back dues and late fees, and the possible termination of the retention pond fund, we anticipate a reduction in the dues for 2003!