

# MILFORD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

June 2003

### *President's Pen*

Dear Milford Heights Residents;

I would first like to welcome all newcomers to the subdivision and wish those who are in the process of moving... a fond farewell. For all of the new residents, you should have received a copy of the Master Deed with the Bylaws at the closing of your loan. If not, please call one of the Board members and we will get you one.

I would like to thank all of the Board members for their hard work throughout the year and a special thanks to Steve Hartwig who has diligently served as our Treasurer for many years...his efforts are greatly appreciated!! Steve has requested to take some time off and Ellen Georgevich Reed has graciously accepted the position of our new Treasurer and I am looking forward to working with her. As you are all aware, Farmer Jacks development is moving at a good pace and completion of the main store is upon us. The Board continues to work with the Milford Council and Planning Commission to represent the interests of the residents.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at Bakers. If you cannot attend, please make every effort to sign the attached proxy and put it in my mailbox (422 Dorchester Way). This will ensure that we can conduct the business of the Association with a Quorum... that is mandatory. I would encourage all that can to attend the meeting, but if not, please... please... please return the signed proxy.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting!!

Sincerely,

Brett Barnes

### MHA Board Members

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

### Annual Meeting June 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Bakers Restaurant Old Mill Room

The Annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. We will be voting to fill three openings to serve as Board members. If you would like to be involved in the Community in which you live, simply volunteer at the annual meeting. We meet about 4 - 5 times per year (2-hour meetings). It is important that you be represented. Please plan on attending or returning your signed proxy. We will address the dues, budget and any other concerns you might have.

### 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
- Lawn service which accounts for over a third of the collections.
- Water, flowers, grub control, fertilizer, and electric bills for the front entrance.
- Mailings and meetings expense.
- Other misc. expenses.

This year the proposal for the dues will be approximately \$100.00-\$125.00.

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### *THIS YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THANK YOUS*

#### -Thank you-

- Steve Hartwig for serving as our Treasurer.
- Mark Ewald for servicing our sprinklers.
- Lynne Barnes for putting up and taking down our entrance Christmas lights.
- Lynne Barnes for planting this years' flowers.
- Jamal Aboueljoud for fixing the mailbox posts that were run over this winter by a vandal.
- Ellen Georgevich Reed for assuming the Treasurer's role.
- All of the Board members for attending the meetings and following up on assignments!
- Mark Ewald for repairing the street light on the South side of our entrance and the sign light.
- Jamal Aboueljoud for painting the front entrance fencing and sign.

#### Accomplishments

- All of the above mentioned items!!
- A large Beavers dam was removed from the large pond.
- A large amount of debris was removed from both ponds.
- Board members attended several meetings with the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals on behalf of the residents.
- A new water meter at the entrance was installed.
- A grub control was applied to the hill area last summer and one is scheduled for this June as well.
- A fertilizer application to enhance root growth on the hill was applied in late May, 2003.
- The entrance sign light has been replaced several times.
- The pond was locked and signs posted to keep kids off of the ice to avoid exposure to any liability.

### GOOD NEWS!

All residents... with one exception (one year in the rears)... are current with their dues! Thank you!!!!

### **It's too late now but...**

Next year's winter...please remember that our Bylaws state that there is no sledding on the hill. Several residents expressed great concern that many unsupervised children were sledding on the hill into the residents' property and trees. This is extremely dangerous and not allowed. Please use Kensington or another source. In addition, skating on the ponds is not permitted.

### PONDS

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.
- Pond assessment (basic). It was found that the large pond has 10"-21" of very loose silt that is resting on the bottom depending on the location (as it should). At the deepest part there was 52" of water and 20" of silt.

### Garage sale

We will be having our annual subdivision garage sale in the very near future and is being organized by Ellen Reed. More information will be coming soon.