

MILFORD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR May 2004

President's Pen

Dear Milford Heights Residents;

I would like to welcome all the newcomers to our community and wish them well. If you have any questions or concerns of the affairs of our subdivision simply call one of the Board members whose number is on this newsletter. We will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

In wrapping up another year as your President, I would like to thank all of the Board members for their support and commitment to our Community. I have been truly blessed to have such a GREAT team helping me out. Much was accomplished this year and I couldn't do it without them. The accomplishments are posted later in this newsletter.

There are two very important dates coming soon. One is May 22nd when we will be having an entrance clean up day from 9:00 to 11:00. We will be doing various tasks and we need your help. The other is June 10th, which is the date of our Annual meeting.

Last year, we had only 13 people in attendance with 23 proxies. Remember, if you can't make the meeting; please fill out a proxy so we can hold the meeting. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to try to make the meeting as your input matters.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. It has been a wonderful experience!

Sincerely,

Brett Barnes

ENTRANCE CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 22nd

9-11:00

Residents unite!!! The main entrance began a facelift last week as the trees on the South side were cleaned up and the dead branches cut away. We need your help to finish this large task and this is your chance to become involved in the Community. The Board members will all be there, but to make it complete, what we need is you. We will have refreshments and will be supplying the majority of needed items. But we need your help. Pick a task and bring your family and the tools listed. This is your chance to meet the Board members (many of you already know most of us), but also a chance to get to know one another. The tasks are many, but many hands make the work light!!!. We will....

- Clean up the trees on the North side and cut away debris and dead branches.
- Paint both sides of the fencing. Paint will be provided. Please bring a brush.
- Trim all of the bushes and rake and bag the clippings. Please bring your rakes. Bags will be provided.
- The sprinklers will be turned on and broken heads replace. Please bring a shovel.
- Edging will be added to the South side bed. Edging will be provided. Please bring a strong back.
- Flowers will be planted. They will also be provided. Please bring a small shovel.

Hope to see many of you there!!!

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MHA BOARD NEWS

MHA Board Members

President	Brett Barnes	(04)	676-9057
Vice president	Jamal Aboueljoud	(05)	676-9889
Treasurer	Ellen Georgevich Reed	(04)	684-6665
Secretary	Lori Ebaugh	(05)	685-2868
Board Member	Mark Ewald	(05)	684-0081

TWO POSITIONS OPENING

There are two positions for the Board that will be open and voted on at the next annual meeting on June 10th. If anyone is interested in becoming a Board member, simply come to the meeting and raise your hand to become nominated. Once elected, the five Board members will vote for and fill the officer positions. It's that simple to get involved, until then....

DUES

The dues we all pay are mandatory and monies are used to pay for Liability insurance, Lawn service, Pond clean up, Mail box, sign repairs, and other items. We are very happy to report that for the second year in a row, all dues have been paid with the exception of a vacant house. This is unprecedented and we would like to thank the residents for their diligence in this matter. It makes things a lot easier if the Board doesn't have to act as a collection agency. THANK YOU!!!

Your MHA Board

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2004!!!
THANK YOU...

- Jamal Aboueljoud and family for refurbishing our entrance sign. New gold leaf lettering and caps, major wood repairs, four coats of paint, new posts. Good for another ten years!
- Mark Ewald for taking care of our entrance sprinklers and sign light.
- Lynne Barnes for planting flowers and caring for the front entrance over last summer.
- Lynne Barnes for putting up and taking down the entrance Christmas lights.
- Ellen Reed for arranging last years subdivision garage sale.
- Mike Ebaugh for trimming our entrance trees c the South side. It looks GREAT!
- All Board members for collecting ALL dues.
- The main pond has been cleaned out. Truckloads of debris (trees, bushes, logs), have been hauled away.
- Grubs on the hill are losing as we continue the grub control applications.
- Many negotiations with Farmer Jacks have been resolved.
- The main entrance will soon get a fresh look.
- Many mailboxes have been replaced and refurbished – Thanks Jamal!

SLOW DOWN

Residents of our Community would like to remind all of us that this is a time when our children are outdoors and at play. We need every body to be extra careful in these summer months and to drive safely and SLOWLY through our streets!!

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ANNUAL MEETING
BAKERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 10th
7-9:00pm

We will be having our Annual Meeting on June 10th at Bakers Restaurant in the ballroom. Please make your best effort to attend the meeting. The Board will be filling two positions, as well as approving next year's dues, and addressing any concerns you might have. If you would like to become involved in our community by being on the Board, this is your chance. If you cannot attend the meeting, please fill out the attached proxy form so we have enough representation to hold the meeting. Return it to 422 Dorchester Way... by putting it in my mailbox or paper box.

Thank you.

The Bylaws state that...

Any modifications made to your unit (house and property) must have the approval of the MHA Board. While we do not require you to obtain approval for minor details such as landscaping and the like, we do require that any modifications such as pools, fencing, driveway expansions, additions, have the appropriate approvals. Some standing rules have been adopted and are in force. These rules come from the majority of residents of which the Board has endorsed. A brief review:

- Cyclone fencing is not allowed.
- Privacy fencing is not allowed.
- Sheds of any type are not allowed.

OUR MHA BOARD AT WORK!!!

Your MHA Board toured our common areas in mid - April. Many of you saw us and were probably wondering what we were doing...

We toured the Hill and noted that the grub control is finally working and many bare spots have filled in and the hill is looking much better. We will be continuing the grub application this year to continue this recovery.

We toured the large pond and were very pleased with the contractor work. All of the trees and other growth that had been growing near the pond have been pulled out, ground down and disposed of with truckloads of logs, debris, bushes and the like hauled away. The worst thing for a retention pond to have is trees and bushes around the perimeter. The large growth holds silt and dirt at the root level... thus narrowing our pond and creating stagnation. In addition, when fall arrives, the growth drops its leaves in the pond, creating algae and fill for the pond, which will cause the need for dredging. By eliminating the growth, we can hopefully eliminate the need for dredging, and cut down on the algae.

We toured the small pond and found it very healthy, debris (garbage) will be removed shortly.

We toured the main entrance area and identified the work needed for the Spring Clean up day. Some preliminary work was done (thank you Mike Ebaugh!), that will give us a head start to next Saturday. Hope to see you there...Bring the family!!!

