

MILFORD HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

June 2006

President's Pen...

Dear Milford Heights Residents:

I'd first like to thank Brett Barnes and the outgoing board members for their hard work and diligence in making Milford Heights a great community. Your efforts have kept our neighborhood a beautiful and friendly place to live. Thank you!

Next, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my excitement regarding my new role as the president of the Milford Heights Association. When my husband, Bill, and I moved to the neighborhood almost 2 years ago, we were very warmly welcomed by so many of you and felt at home instantly. We now have a 1-year-old son, and are enjoying the family atmosphere of Milford Heights even more. Over the next 2 years, I'd like to strengthen our community network by welcoming newcomers, offering social gatherings, providing e-mail communications and compiling a neighborhood directory for those who are interested. There has been a good deal of turnover in the neighborhood in the last few years, and I'd like to help neighbors get to know each other better through these activities. I'm also interested in hearing your ideas on making Milford Heights an even better place to live! If you have ideas you'd like to share concerning these goals, or ideas or concerns about the Milford Heights Association in general, please feel free to call, stop by or e-mail me any time. I'd love to hear from you! I look forward to working with you!

*Sincerely,
Heather Venner*

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A Message from Brett Barnes...

I would like to thank all of the Board members and the residents for their support during the last 6 years that I served as your President. I felt that it was time to step aside and let some fresh ideas and new blood take its course, so I chose not to run for re-election. At the Annual meeting, we had three volunteers step up to the plate and were elected to serve our community as new Board members and I look forward to seeing their fresh ideas being implemented. Congratulations to Heather Venner who will be taking over the reins and serving as your new President. I would personally like to thank Jamal, Lori, Mark and Ellen for a job well done. The laughs we shared were many; the friendships we made will endure. It has truly been a pleasure.

Thanks again!

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2006/2007 Dues

As discussed and approved at the MHA Annual Meeting, dues will be \$137.44 per household, and are due to Lori Ebaugh by **July 15, 2006**. Lori will be sending out a letter with more detailed information in the weeks to come.

Upcoming Events

6/3/06 - Front Entrance Clean-Up Day

Bring your garden tools, chain saw, shovels, and gloves and help clean up our front entrance this Saturday, starting at 9:30am. Clean up will begin at 9:30am and flower planting will follow. Tammy Villemure will provide flowers, and will be available at 1pm for those interested in planting.

Donuts & coffee (and ice water) for all volunteers!

7/1/06 and 7/4/06 – See the Fireworks!

7/1/06 – Camp Dearborn Fireworks

7/4/06 – Kensington Metropark Fireworks

The top of the “big grassy hill” on the south side of Dorchester Way offers a great view of both fireworks displays. If you don’t have direct access to the hill from your property, be sure to ask your neighbors who do adjoin the hill before crossing through their property. Also, please remember to take trash with you, and leave the hill top as clean as (or cleaner than!) you found it. Bring a blanket and enjoy!

9/9/06 - Block Party

Bring your family to come meet the neighbors and have some fun to round out the end of summer. Date is tentative, more details to follow. If you are interested in helping to plan this event, contact Katie Bell.

New to the Neighborhood? Give a board member a call or stop by to say “Hi”. Let us know what we can do to help your move-in go more smoothly, and what questions you have about Milford Heights or the area in general. If we don’t know we can direct you to someone who does!

Announcements

- **If you would like to make an announcement in the next quarterly newsletter, please contact me before August 15.** In the future I’ll use this area to add anything that you would like to announce to the community. Anything is game as long as it is from a resident... Garage sales, Babysitters, Lawn Mowing Services, Items for Sale/Trade etc. just let me know.

- **Neighborhood E-mail Distribution:** This newsletter will be distributed in hardcopy form quarterly (at minimum), but I’d like to supplement with an e-mail distribution for those who are interested. I envision the distribution being used for things like neighborhood safety awareness, social activity announcements, requests for volunteers for neighborhood projects, and general MHA updates. If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution for up-to-date information and happenings in the community, please send me an email at heather.venner@gmail.com. Please include the following information in your e-mail message:

Name

Home Address

Topics of Interest (Safety, Social, MHA General News, etc.)

Privacy Preference (Note whether you would like your e-mail address to be invisible to those on the distribution, or visible so that others in the neighborhood e-mail distribution will be able to respond to you directly.)

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.

NOTE: You should have received a copy at your closing. If you do not have a copy of the bylaws, please contact me and I will provide a copy to you.