

Well, we're having another heat wave. Even though it's now "officially" summer, you've got to admit, it's unusually hot for this time of year. Guess there's nothing we can do about it but stay inside in the a/c; go to the old swimming pool; or maybe run under the lawn sprinklers... whenever they're up & running.

Here's the news...

**From Fred Neil:**

"By a 45 to 36 vote the By-Laws have been changed to allow dues payment until July 1st. Each co-owner of a home may also pay the annual dues, currently \$10 annually, to pay the fee and vote in an election. If you have already paid your dues, and a co-owner wishes to vote the additional dues would be \$10. You have not paid your dues, you may pay \$10 for each co-home owner by the deadline of July 1. "....Fred

(Editor's note: To join, make your check payable to: Wild Meadows Home Owner's Association and send it to Sec'y Diane Doyle 34 Holland Court before July 1. A revised copy of the By Laws will be forwarded in a separate edition..)

**From Ted Torsch:**

**Minutes of the Wild Meadows Home Owners Association May 16, 2010**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm at the Kent County Levy Court with guests Kent County Levy Court Commissioner Allan Angel, Recorder of Deeds Betty Lou McKenna, and late arriving Mayor Carleton Carey and State Senator Bruce Ennis.

Commissioner Angel discussed actions by the Levy Court including the new Kent County Library. He announced that Class C Housing is now available in Kent County. (*Contact President Neil for information.*)

Mayor Carey reviewed action items of importance including the contract signed for the Solar Power Park on the Garrison Tract behind Wild Meadows. He noted the budget deliberations were nearly complete.

Senator Ennis reviewed the status of legislation effecting manufactured housing including HB392, the Club House Bill that passed the House. He said he would make certain that it will receive fast consideration in the Senate.

**Opening Remarks:** President Neil explained the procedure for voting on by-laws change under Old Business. He asked for and received a show of hands from those who received

driveway repairs or lawns because of snowplow damage. The audience indicated that some driveways were repaired. No one indicated lawns were repaired.

Neil also passed along apologies for all 3 City Councilmen who attended a special session of the City Council that evening.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Diane Doyle reported a balance as of April 22 of \$8279.74, minus expenses of \$341.38 (Sunshine 66.38, Welcome booklets 126.25, Levy Court use 80.00, Bug Bait Bags 68.75), leaving a balance of \$7938.36.

**Guest:** Betty Lou McKenna spoke of her background, her role as Recorder of Deeds and the part her office has played in the history of Delaware. She was invited by President Neil to make a presentation showing some of the original deeds in the future. He also introduced the Deputy Recorder of Deeds Holly Malone. Neil said that the willingness of Ms McKenna and Ms. Malone to accept Class C Housing in Kent made it easier for Commissioner Angel to propose it and the Levy Court Commissioners to endorse it.

**Legislative Update:** HB392, granting homeowners associations the right to meet in their clubhouses, passed in the House on June 15 and now goes to the Senate.

**DMHOA Report:** A change of land use for Lakeland Park Community on State Street below Route 13 if granted would result in the displacement of 100 homes in order to use the area for new office space over a 10 year period. If the homes can not be moved the Relocation Trust Authority (RTA) would pay the home owners \$1500 for a single wide and \$2500 for double wide. The Kent Regional Planning Council tabled the request for 90 days seeking input from the Delaware State Housing Authority and the RTA before a decision is made.

**Clubhouse:** Joyce Damask reported that a broken umbrella at the pool will be repaired and flickering lights will be corrected. Residents were reminded to pull the door closed when leaving the clubhouse. She always requests that the groups using the rooms to please clean-up after themselves.

**Activities Liaison:** Don Zimmerman reminded those going to the Blue Rocks game on June 25 that the bus will leave at 4:30. Activities meetings are scheduled for June 30, July 28 and August 24.

**Sunshine Committee:** Audrey Hoffman reported that during May and June get-well cards were sent to Flo D'Ottone, Ann Gargiulo, Ken Hornberger, Joan Yentsch, Agnes Robinson, Fred Hodgson and Charlie Racz. Ann Notaro was sent a healing card. Sympathy cards were sent to Carol and Lyle Johannson (her mother), Joe Notaro (mass card for Ann), Ken and Paula Hornberger (mother), Rennie Quible (for husband Norm with donation to Indian Reservation), Cathy Geyer (for husband Alan with contribution to St. Francis bread line). Call the Munroes at 678-8924 to report anyone needing to receive a get well or sympathy card.

**Vendors:** Claudia Leverton reported on updates to the list. She will provide a written update. Periodic updates will be printed in the news letter.

**Old Business:** Members voted, 45 in favor and 36 against, to amend the by-laws to allow each co-owner whose name is on the lease one vote with the payment of annual dues of \$10.00 per co-owner. The deadline for paying dues has been changed to July 1. Eligible co-owners who pay dues by July 1 can vote at the October annual meeting.

**New Business:** Jim Brockton urged all to call or e-mail city council members to express their concerns with the city budget before it is passed. Arnie Young warned residents not to touch any water or soda bottles that may be thrown on lawns, street or driveways. They may contain an explosive combination.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ted Torsch, Secretary, with thanks to Treasurer Diane Doyle.

**From Joyce Damask:**

"As a result of a comment of concern directed to me at the last Home Owners Meeting, I have followed up and provide this statement:

Residents are reminded that when they use the club house for cards, dominoes or any other reason, that the area in which they were using should be cleaned up before they leave. Many of us take in food & beverages. This sometimes spills and should be cleaned up right away. The tables should be clean for the next group to use. The cleaning service does not come in every day and washing down tables is not part of their contract. Please leave the tables and surrounding area like you would leave them in your own home. Crumbs, etc. will draw unwanted critters and we don't need that. This is not intended for any particular group of persons, just a reminder to be kind to your fellow residents who will also be using the facility. There are dish clothes, towels, paper towels in the kitchen for wiping down the table. There are trash containers, a dust pan and brush and, if a large mess, a sweeper is in the maintenance room."...Joyce

**From MaryAnne Cordalis:**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Together with our sponsors, Bayhealth Medical Center, Dover Behavioral Health Systems, State Street Assisted Living, Kohl's Department Store, and 2010 Heart Walk Chair, Louisa Phillips, the American Heart Association invites you to join us for the **Start! 19th Annual Kent County Heart Walk, September 18, 2010 8:00 AM , Mirror Lake, Dover DE.** Participating in the Heart Walk is an important step in fighting our nation's leading cause of death. Last year, more than 747 walkers raised

almost \$72,000 for lifesaving cardiovascular programs. This year-with your help-the goal is to raise \$120,000” .MaryAnne

**From Betsy Stewart:**

"Bob, The fellow from the Dover PD came this morning and set two traps for the cat. He put one by our deck and the other out by the Gazebo. I sure hope we catch that damn cat. He told me that anyone caught feeding the cat would be asked by a judge if they had giver the cat shots, was is neutered and other questions. Anyway, the fine for feeding a wandering cat is \$145.00. Thought people would like to know that. I will let you know if he is caught"....Betsy

( Update from Betsy a/o 6/23: "Caught one already. I hope it doesn't belong to anyone. It is gray with markings just like what I thought was a black cat. Officer Moore said they would check it to see if it had a sensor in its ear".... Betsy)

**Medical News:**

Flo D'Ottone, 131 Maureen Place, is back in Kent General hospital again, undergoing medical treatment.

Anne (Queenie) Gargiulo, 302 Persimmon C.W. is in the news again. This time, it's because she fell & broke her right arm.....She's undergoing therapy at home. She asks that if anyone has a shower stool she can borrow, to please call her at 674-9120.

Wanda Warns, 20 Vernell Court, was taken to Kent General yesterday (6/23) via ambulance. Today she's undergoing numerous tests and says she is "recuperating fine".

Keep all of them in your prayers for their speedy recovery.

That's all the news for now...so, stay cool!

Regards,

Bob Schmidt