

COVINGTON WOODS NEWS

Newsletter of the Covington Woods Homeowners Association

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Welcome & Directory
Nancy Streeter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Let me begin this year as your new president by acknowledging the work and leadership of our immediate past president, Nancy Streeter. After many years on the Board, the last two as President, Nancy decided not to run for another term. I want to thank Nancy for her dedication to Covington Woods and her work on the Board over the years. I hope I can meet the standard she set.

As indicated, at the organizational meeting in December the Board of Directors elected the officers for 2015. The Officers and Committee Chairs are listed on the right. I want to thank all of the Officers and Committee Chairs for agreeing to take on these jobs and responsibilities.

The Board and Committees are all comprised of residents who volunteer their time and energy. We are always looking for additional volunteers. If any resident would like to help with the Landscape, Newsletter, Social or Welcome & Director Committees, please contact the Chair of that committee or me. We especially need volunteers to help with the events organized by the Social Committee. In addition, as we begin work on the comprehensive 3-year plan we will need volunteers. You do not need to be a Board Member to help with a committee.

The Annual Dues of \$100 is due January 31, 2015. Invoices were mailed on December 29, 2014. Thank you to all of the residents who have already paid. For those who have not paid, please make sure payment is mailed no later than January 31, 2015. Late payments are subject to an interest charge of 1.5% per month, plus a late payment fee of \$25.00 per month.

Nancy has completed the work on the new Directory which is being mailed with this Newsletter.

Stay warm and think Spring!

Cheryl

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Review

By Rob LaMorte & Sandy Mason, Co-Chairs

The Good Neighbor award goes to Chris Polito for not only replacing his mailbox, but for also replacing the mailboxes for two of his neighbors. There are still several mailboxes which are out of compliance with the *Standards* (p. 8). Please take a look at your mailbox and repair, paint, or replace it if needed.

There are still a few trash cans that remain visible to the street after trash day. If this is you, please address.

The Town of Guilderland has a leash law on the books. There has been increased compliance with this law. Thank you. Unfortunately, some individuals are not picking up after their pets. Please be a responsible pet owner and pick up after your pet(s). Take a plastic bag along to pick up the feces when you walk your dog. Then take it home and dispose of it properly.

Thank you and if you have any questions or issues contact Rob LaMorte at 518-456-4800 or Sandy Mason at 518-452-0606.

Landscape Committee

By Brian Sipperly, Chair

This fall the Board solicited bids for the 2015 landscaping contract. After evaluating the bids, the Board selected NVS Landscape Services. NVS will handle spring cleanup, ongoing maintenance of the four cul de sacs and two entrances, and fall cleanup. Additionally, the Board is considering a comprehensive 3-year landscaping plan, more to follow.

Newsletter Committee

By Cheryl M. Wood, Chair

Newsletters are distributed to homeowners via regular mail or email. They are also posted on the Covington Woods website. If you would like to receive your Newsletter via email, please email me at cwood43@nycap.rr.com stating your preference.

Social Committee

By Marie Creighton, Chair

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Garage Sale, Picnic or Halloween Parade, please call me at 466-6418.

Treasurer's Report

By Jeffrey Rothman

As of January 25, 2015, 65% of the homeowners have paid their dues for 2014. The 35% of the homeowners who have not paid, have until January 31, 2015, to mail their payment. Thanks everyone for keeping the Covington Woods economy solvent.

Please remember when selling your house that a statement from the Association is needed at the closing to show that a seller is current with all financial obligations to the Association. To avoid any delays, please contact me (Jeffrey Rothman), the Association treasurer, at least two weeks before the closing, so paperwork can be completed on a timely basis.