

IRM CIVIC ASSOCIATION ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to our new officers. John Jung (our elected Vice President) became our new President after Lou Baumgartner resigned as of the first of January; Kay Neffenger is our Secretary; and Stephanie Howard is our new Treasurer. If you need to contact any of these officers, here are their numbers:

John Jung, President: 793-2381
Kay Neffenger, Sec'y: 718-0082
Stephanie Howard, Treasurer:
570-9185

The position of Vice President is now open. If there is anyone who would like to serve in this position and take a part on our Board, please contact John Jung.

Another resident who is serving our Association is Michael Welsh. Michael has done a wonderful job developing our new site and you can access this new website at: <http://www.indianrunmeadows.org>. The site offers neighborhood information including current and past newsletters, and deed restrictions. Additionally, timely information regarding issues and events in Indian Run Meadows will be posted.

Joining us also are our new social chairpersons: Cynthia Mack (336-0012) and Laurie Brennan (336-8198). Look for new planned social events to come in the future.

Bobbie Cannizzaro will continue as our Street Captain Chairperson.

THANKS TO OUR PAST IRM OFFICERS

Thanks to Farid Masri, Gayle Mowery-Reynolds, and Stephen Leonard for their many hours of service as our past officers. Their

time and services were greatly appreciated.

TREASURY REPORT

By Stephanie Howard

Annual invoices for mandatory dues have been sent out. Thank you to those of you who have already paid your dues! We received approximately a third of the dues within a week of the invoices being sent. The dues are stipulated in your Deed Restrictions documents when you purchased your home and are assessed annually. The funds cover the cost of landscaping, maintenance and improvements of the land maintained by the civic association (cul-de-sacs and main entrance) supplies, postage, other expenses and social activities and events coordinated by the civic association. Civic Association Trustees are volunteer positions and are not paid monetarily by the civic association. Please pay your dues promptly as delays only cause time consuming duplicate invoices and increased postage and supply costs.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please contact any one of these members before you make exterior changes to your home or property to insure compliance with our deed restrictions. This is in addition to city building permits.

Michael Mack
6881 Erie Ct. – 336-0012

Mark MaGinn
6890 Blackhawk Court – 792-6795

LUMINARY UPDATE

At the annual meeting last May those attending the meeting voted to eliminate the neighborhood luminary display on Christmas Eve. We apologize for not letting the residents know about this in December but we were still in the

process of getting our new officers together and wanted to list them in the newsletter. As of the middle of January, John Jung agreed to become our President on a temporary basis after Lou Baumgartner gave his resignation early in December. Thanks, Lou, for serving for the period of June to December, 2003.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Indian Run Meadows residents, Jeff and Heidi DeShon for receiving Dublin's annual Spirit of the Season award. The award honors a Dublin family for their commitment to service in our community over the past year. We also want to recognize the Jack and Jackie Mack Family (another IRM family) for winning this award last year.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

You may have noticed this past fall the beautiful fall plantings at the main entrance at Valley Stream. Luxury Landscapes has continued to provide our lovely flower plantings to enhance our entrance as well as maintain all thirteen cul-de-sacs.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

It was unfortunate that a hail storm created a lot of damage this past spring, but we are happy to see the renovations and general sprucing up of the homes in the neighborhood. This keeps all of our resale values up for our neighborhood.

STREET CAPTAIN UPDATE

By Bobbie Cannizzaro, Chairperson

There are still three areas in Indian Run Meadows that are in need of a street captain. Those areas are:

Area J (Blackhawk Court and a couple houses on Fallen Timbers)

Area P (Wichita Court)

Area R (Muncie Court and part of Schoolcraft). See Street captains map in the resident directory for the



exact boundaries. Please contact Bobbie Cannizzaro at 764-0916 if you can volunteer.

FROM THE E-MAIL BAG:

• Mailbag Question

I recently received an invoice for "annual fee" associated with my residency of this neighborhood. To begin with, the dues state that they pay for among other things landscaping, lighting, etc of common areas. I live on a corner and our area has no common area associated and I am not seeing any of the above being done in our area. I have lived here since February and at no time was I told by anyone or is it in my deed that this property had a "fee" associated with it. I moved out of a condo complex specifically to avoid fees to live in my own house. In my opinion unless you can prove to me that this fee benefits me in any way or that my property deed specifically states that I must pay this, I am politely refusing to do so.

• Mailbag Feedback

Before I begin my response let me ask that you not shoot the messenger.....Unfortunately, you have **no** choice on the fees..... Neither do the rest of us in Indian Run Meadows. The developer and city officials established deed restrictions to the Indian Run Meadows division at the time of the plans to build our development. The Deed Restriction for Indian Run Meadows, Section 1 part 1, were recorded July 8, 1984 in Official Records Volume 4488, Page H-20. As subsequent sections were built, the same deed restrictions were applied to the land in IRM. These restrictions follow the LAND and are not a personal homeowners choice. I am truly sorry that you were not informed of these deed restrictions by your real estate agent, previous home owner or closing company because it sounds like it may have

affected your decision to purchase here. You may be interested to know that most housing developments in Dublin HAVE some type of deed restrictions and annual dues. Dublin likes to maintain high standards in this community to prevent a decrease in property values and overall aesthetics. I have been in meetings with other Dublin civic associations leaders and have heard that their annual dues can be as much as \$100 per year. Our dues are fairly reasonable at \$35.

Indian Run Meadows includes 325 homes which are on both sides of Muirfield. Our development includes 13 cul-de-sacs and a front entrance at Valley Stream and Muirfield. The 13 cul-de-sacs and entrance have plant life that need to be maintained and are the responsibility of the civic association (not the city). Our civic association officers are elected "volunteers" who are **not paid** to be responsible for our neighborhood. We hire people to plant and maintain the common areas. We collect dues, balance budgets, write these newsletters, and directories, maintain deed restriction compliance, interface with the city on issues that affect our area, attend City council meetings, planning and zoning meetings and any other city sponsored meeting which affect us. These duties are done in addition to our family and regular job demands. We also try to have some neighborhood sponsored events (note this newsletter). One large challenge with the neighborhood events is the fact that we do not have a Social Events Officer to organize events. (Hint: this could be your opportunity to volunteer so we can spend more money on something that personally affects you) In the past we have had Halloween parties, Easter Egg hunts and Garage sales. We did not have them this past year due to no one volunteering to run them. As you have read in the Treasury report in this newsletter, we have a few households that have yet to pay.

We are very seriously considering the option to place liens on delinquent homeowner's properties in order to collect the funds. We do not want to do this because it uses our funds for legal fees that should be going into our neighborhood instead. The vast majority of us pay dues on a timely basis and it isn't fair to allow those who refuse to support our neighborhood. May I politely suggest you send in your check today and also welcome you to Dublin.

• Mailbag Question

Quite often there are vehicles parked on both sides of Fallen Timbers Drive. Do you feel we should limit parking to just one side of Fallen Timbers?

• Mailbag Feedback

The law states that the street must allow room for emergency vehicles at all times. Many times passing between cars parked across from each other has been almost impossible, especially with all the home improvement vehicles this past year. Let's make sure we park our vehicles so that ongoing traffic can pass easily. If we limit parking to only one side of the street, we have to get approval from the City and a petition is needed.

GARAGE SALE

We are having a garage sale on Saturday, June 19, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Cynthia Mack at 336-0012 if you would like to participate.

