

From The Boardroom

As many homeowners are aware, the Bailey's Grove Property Owners Association elect board members to make sure that Bailey's grove continues to be a one of the premiere planned communities in West Michigan. This ongoing article will give homeowners a few highlights of each Board of Directors meeting.

- Brian Toronyi officially retires from BG Presidency. On January 18, the BGBOD gathered for the first time in 2011. Brian Toronyi (President Emeritus) called the meeting to order, shared a few notes on the past 10 years of service to Bailey's Grove and officially retired. Thank you, Brian, for your faithful dedication to our neighborhood. Brian will continue as Public Safety Liaison.
- New officers. We're happy to welcome Denise Johnson as our new President, Blake Driver as Vice President, Dirk VanEyck as Secretary, and Steve O'Conner as Treasurer.
- Pool Pass sales covered pool expenses. The Board doesn't take that for granted. Thanks to everyone for such a successful year. Special thanks to Lisa Elles who did an amazing job this past year.
- New Mailboxes! The Board is proud to announce that replacement mailboxes will be available shortly. REALICO, our property management service, has negotiated a deal with Home Depot to get around 23% off a selected mailbox. Contact REALICO to see how to get a new mailbox today.

Did You Know?

On some Sunday afternoons one might noticed a scattering of "Open House" signs near an entrance and thought "My, there are a lot of homes for sale." And you're probably right! But did you know that Bailey's Grove as a whole has far *fewer homes for sale* than many industry leaders would expect? Most communities expect around a 5-10% turnover rate. Bailey's Grove has well below 5%. One might think that number would be higher because of the many temporary signs near one of the three main entrances, but don't forget that there are three main entrances for over 900 homes!

Social Events Coming Up

Everyone has seen the signs for our monthly "Happy Hour" gatherings. But have they attended one? Each month new and returning homeowners enjoy good food, good beverages, and good company. It's a terrific way to meet new neighbors. Bring along whatever beverage you prefer and an appetizer to share (tip: there's always plenty so if you forget, just come anyway)!

Ever heard of the Taste of Grand Rapids or the Taste of Kentwood? Well, what about the Taste of Bailey's Grove? Our neighborhood represents dozens of different countries and ethnic groups from around the world. What if we had an indoor-picnic with everyone bringing a favorite dish? There's already a growing interest but we need more people to really make it a bash. Contact Dirk at 635.7005 (email: dirkvaneyk@gmail.com) to sign up or better yet, get the neighbors to contact him too!

Welcome Corner

On behalf of the BGPOA Board of Directors, management and the membership, we warmly welcome the following co-owners to the Bailey's Grove community:

Steven & Lori Anvik
3550 Long Grove Drive

Lisa Bidell
3592 Meadow Grove Drive

Esad Fazil
5300 S. Elderberry Court

Victor & Deborah Fraga
5474 West Heathwood Drive

Jeremiah & Jona Gasper
3476 Birch Knoll Drive

Tae Joun & Ji Kim Han
3557 Long Grove Drive

Sheena Harman
3777 Mayberry Court

Peter Longstreet
5555 East Grove Drive

Mevludin & Ejla Turnadzic
3681 Maple Hurst Drive

How to Report a Streetlight Problem



To report a non-functioning street light, visit the Consumers Energy website at consumersenergy.com. Then select Report Power Outage from the right hand side of the page. You will be directed to a new page featuring an article called "Report an Electric Outage." At the bottom of the screen is information about how to "Report a Streetlight Problem." Fill out all the Information, and Consumers will be out to fix the light.

Winter Parking Ordinance Reminder

Vehicles may not be parked on City streets between 1 AM and 8 AM from Nov. 15 to March 15 (whether there is snow on the ground or not), or at any other times when on-street parking could impair or impede snowplowing, cleaning or maintenance operations. The fines for parking tickets in violation of this ordinance are \$20.

Thank you to all homeowners in advance for your attention to this ordinance! It greatly eases the work of our Department of Public Works employees in cleaning our streets.

Free Notification Service

The Kentwood City Police Department has enlisted the services of a new web-based service called 'Nixle'. Nixle offers public safety departments the opportunity to send alerts to subscribers. Nixle is a free service that allows users to receive trusted, up-to-date information about important incidents and advisories that may be occurring in your city or neighborhood.



A user of the software has the opportunity to receive notification through a variety of means such as texts, emails, or over the web. The service is free. Please visit www.nixle.com for more information or access the link through the Bailey's Grove website. Close to 800 cities and villages have signed up to distribute information so far.

City of Kentwood Contact Information

For any parking, plowing or maintenance concerns regarding public streets at Bailey's Grove contact the City of Kentwood at (616)698-9610. For more information visit www.ci.kentwood.mi.us.

Streets labeled "PVT" are the Association's responsibility. Contact Amanda at REALICO, amanda@realico.com or 616.942.7055 ext 8, with any parking violations, plowing or maintenance concerns.

Decrease in Trash Bill



As of January 1, 2011, residents should notice a \$1 decrease the monthly trash bill from Arrow Waste.

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