

Villas Vidette

The Official News and Notification Forum of the Villas of Bailey's Grove

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Villas of Bailey's Grove Annual Meeting was held on November 5, 2009. The following items were addressed:

- Approval of 2008 annual meeting minutes
- Confirmation of Carolyn Rubin and Jim Thompson as Board members
- Review of the Treasurer's report
- Introduction of Board members, the Management team, and the following new homeowners: Joan Hawley, Scott Luecht, Phillip and LeAnn Smart, and Shannon Spettel.

Jim Thompson gave a report on a property survey and the October 20th letter sent to all homeowners. Over the summer months it became evident that the Board needed to research and understand the information in the Villa By-laws concerning the difference between the General Common and Limited Common elements and the Board's responsibility for their maintenance. All homeowners' concerns regarding the Oct. 20th letter were recorded and the Board will continue to work on this situation in the coming months.

Again, we ask homeowners to contact REALICO with any concerns or problems. You may contact our Property Manager, Mary Harrison, at or 942.7055 ext. 8 or at 942.6636 ext 5. Contact Mary by email at maryh@realico.com. Please **DO NOT** contact individual Board members.

VILLA TREES

Recently, Bartlett Tree Experts and JP Landscaping have been working on a "girdling" problem with many of the trees in the Villas. In arboricultural terminology, girdling is the choking of a tree branch either accidentally through a material applied by a human, such as a wrap used in grafting, or through a vine that has vigorously enwrapped a tree, such as bittersweet. The flare of the tree is supposed to be even with the surface of the ground. When planted too low in the ground, like many of our trees, secondary roots develop that circle the trunk of the tree, instead of growing away from the trunk. This process of "girdling" can reduce or eliminate proper circulation of the tree, especially as it grows. This reduces vigor and shortens the life span of the tree. To correct this problem of "girdling" for established trees, a root collar excavation is done to remove the excess soil in contact with the trunk and the secondary roots.

Bartlett and JP Landscaping are removing the excess soil and roots around our trees. Please **DO NOT** fill in the wells around the trees. They also recommend that no flowers are planted around the trees.

Scott from Bartlett gave us two good articles about this problem. You can find them soon on the Bailey's Grove Website under Villas. If you do not have access to the website, please give Marge a call at 656.8661 and she will send you copies.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Christmas Party!

The Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 4th at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse. If you have not RSVP'd for the Christmas Party, please give Marge (656.8661) or Carolyn (554.1117) a call.

Happy Hour

There will be no Happy Hour in December because of the Christmas Party.

The Villas Men's Club – Educational Series

The Villa men completed their educational series on Geology at their November 16th meeting. They will **NOT** meet in December. The educational series will start up again in January. Times and dates will be in the January newsletter.

Villas Men's Club

The Villa men will meet for lunch on Tuesday, December 8th at 11:30 am at First Wok (located on the north side of 44th Street, west of Breton). If you have any questions, contact Connie at 554.0792 or Jerry at 656.8661.

Book Club

We will meet on Wednesday, December 9th from 2-4 pm at the clubhouse to discuss the novel, Tidings of Comfort and Joy by Davis Bunn. This is a story about the end of WWII, and what happens to 309 orphaned children in a small village in England. How a young woman and a vicar fight through red tape to find them homes in America. A great little Christmas novella that shows us even in the midst of our darkest hour we can allow God to work through us.

Coffee Hour

We are trying something different this month as many of the ladies have not been able to come to coffee. **We are having a luncheon on Thursday, December 17th at 11:30 am at Applebee's at 1685 Marketplace Drive. Please join us!**

REMINDERS

Please continue to save your plastic newspaper bags. Bring them to Marge's house or give her a call at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.

Recycling days are Friday, December 4th and Friday, December 18th.

LOST & FOUND

A black women's sweater was found in the clubhouse. If you think it is your sweater, please contact Jenn at jprefontaine@sbcglobal.net.

**May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.**

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!