

VILLAS VIDETTE

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

News from the Board

We have had some concerns from several villa homeowners regarding the removal of the Ash trees. The removal of the Ash trees will take place over several winters. We chose to do the removal over the winter as it is less expensive and causes less damage to the lawns, as the ground is frozen.

This fall the Board members will do a walk through with Scott from Bartlett Tree Experts to determine which Ash trees will come down this winter. Ash trees that are disease free and are not a threat to any villa or common area will be put on the low priority list. We will also take into consideration the wishes of the homeowners whose property is near any of the Ash trees.

If you have any concerns or problems with grass cutting, please contact Justin Hickman from JLH Lawncare & Landscaping at 616.897.4212. Justin and his crew want each Villa homeowner to be satisfied with the way their lawns look.

The Board met with Joy Phillips from JP Landscaping on Friday, August 14th to discuss tree and shrub trimming. We learned the following from the discussion with Joy:

- The Boxwoods planted around the electrical boxes have been trimmed this summer to encourage good root growth, so that we will get fuller Boxwoods next summer. No more trimming will be done this summer.
- Each shrub and tree has a right time to be trimmed. Proper trimming of trees and shrubs does not happen at one specific time, but continues throughout the season.
- When the original landscaping was planted in the Villas, it was done to make the Villas look good at that time. Many of the shrubs and or trees were probably not the best choice as they have grown quite a bit and cannot be properly trimmed without destroying the shrub or tree. In early September you will receive a letter regarding your landscaping. We would like to update your information about weeding and trimming. We will also ask you to list any concerns or problems you may have with your specific landscaping. Joy and her crew are willing to help you resolve any of these concerns or problems.

Our Block Party on the 26th was wonderful. Many of the Villa homeowners met at the overflow parking area on Mill Point Ct. for an evening of perfect weather, good conversation and great food. A big thank you goes to the members of the social committee!

There will be a Board meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the REALICO office. Homeowners are welcome to come to the meeting. If you wish to speak to the Board about a specific item, please call Mary Harrison at the Heglund-Sova Realty/REALICO number of 616.942.6636 ext. 5, no later than NOON on the day before the meeting so your item will be on the agenda.

Social Events and Activities

The Villas Men's Club – Educational Series

The Villa Men's Club is resuming their educational series. The Villa men will meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the clubhouse from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Pizza will be ordered, but please bring your own drink. There will not be a meeting on September 7th, as many will be returning home from the Labor Day weekend.

Villas Men's Club

The Villa Men will meet for lunch on Tuesday, September 8th at 11:30 at the First Wok on the north side of 44th Street, west of Breton. All Villa men are welcome to come for lunch and good conversation. These luncheons will continue throughout the year on the second Tuesday of each month. The locations for the lunches will be in the newsletter, or you can call Connie at 554.0792 or Jerry at 656.8661.

Happy Hour

Our Happy Hour will be held on September 30th at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage.

Coffee Hour

The dates for Coffee Hour are September 2nd and 16th. We will meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 am. Please bring your own coffee.

Book Club

Attached to this newsletter is our completed list of books. The book club will meet the second Wednesday of each month, except during July, at the clubhouse from 2-4 pm. The next meeting will be on September 9th. Please join us!

Reminders

Please continue to save your plastic newspaper bags. Bring them to Marge's house (5987 Mill Point. Ct.) or give her a call at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.



Recycling days are Saturday, September 12th and Friday, September 25th. Please remember to secure your recycling bags.

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