

NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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BOARD of DIRECTORS' NEWSLETTER

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This is the official newsletter of the Northridge Homeowners' Association Board of Directors, to be published as a public service to the residents of Northridge on a quarterly basis.

Board Members:

Tom Cackler - President -
Robert Steffes - Vice President -
Dean Harms - Secretary -
Chuck Schmidt - Treasurer -
*Brian Sorenson - Member at Large -

**Due to Bruce Greenfield's recent resignation (because of his job transfer) Brian Sorenson has agreed to serve in his place.*

Recap of Board Meetings:

May 19, 1998: Bruce Greenfield is moving & resigned his position on board. Bylaws indicate present board to appoint replacement. - - - Annual picnic on June 7 was discussed. - - - Several trees have died over the winter & need to be replaced. - - - Developers will work on root damage on sidewalk between ponds. Dumping debris on vacant lots both by developers and residents has become a real problem - developers & builders will be contacted. - - - Main concern of Safety Committee is **traffic speed on Aspen**. City traffic engineer will be contacted.

July 15, 1998: Tall fescue control in greenspaces is being worked on. - - - Picnic committee needs more active contributors for planning of event. - - - Roy Echer from City safety dept. will be present at next meeting. - - - A couple of lots are lacking the **minimum landscaping required** by the Covenants - owners will be notified. - - - A **path extending south of electric substation & connecting to path at Ridgetop** is being discussed. - - - **Trees are encroaching paths**, suggest a trimming day. - - - **Restrictive covenants need to be clarified**. May need a committee - more discussion next meeting.

August 11, 1998: Due to the great response to the new plantings & stone placements in the greenspaces the committee has prepared another project request from the city to put up **namesigns** for the greenspaces, put 6 more trees and to beautify the beehive drains in Rose Garden & Willow Rock. - - - Ames Parks & Rec will extend the bike path south of the electric substation to Moore Park. - - - The tree trimming project of Sat., Aug. 1, was accomplished with help from 9 volunteers. - - - Roy Escher of Ames Police Dept. reported the city had done a **traffic survey** one evening with 1 regular & 1 unmarked patrol cars - they issued 1 citation in 2 hours. It was decided that a **petition** requesting a **4-way stop at Evergreen & Aspen, a 2-way stop at Valley View & Aspen** (stopping traffic on Valley View), and a **stop on Aspen at Ridgetop** would be prepared & presented to the city. Roy advised a copy go to our city council member, Officer Escher, Steve Schainker, & Scott Logan. - - - Sanjeev Agarwal has agreed to serve as chairman of the Safety Committee. - - - A list of specific goals and a committee to study concerns regarding **Restrictive Covenants** will be discussed at next meeting.

September 17, 1998: Report of 2 traffic control hours with **19 tickets** written. Status of petition to be checked. - - - Willows are growing thru asphalt between bridges. Need to be fixed before turned over to Association. Playground equipment in spaces was discussed and it was decided to **leave spaces open** - input from Greenspace Committee will be requested. - - - Several neighborhoods have organized picnics that have been well attended-discussion of continuing all park picnic will continue. - - - Discussion regarding Restrictive Covenants concerns continued.

October 13, 1998: Social and Picnic Committees are being **disbanded**. - - - The **annual picnic** is being **discontinued**, but **smaller block-type parties** are **strongly encouraged**. A list of **organizers** and a **pre-negotiated contract with HyVee** catering service is **available to anyone interested** in organizing one from the Board. - - - Some greenspaces need to be reseeded and one may need a little fill dirt. - - - Petition is being worked on by Safety Committee. - - - Developers redid the path between bridges. Path south of bridges is bulging - may need to be fixed. Irrigation systems in greenspaces were discussed - may cause problems when paths need to be replaced, can't just pave over path because of drainage patterns. - - - Moore Park path construction will occur next spring - discussion of alternative routes will continue. - - - **Restrictive Covenant Committee** has been **formed** - Glenn Bastianns, Dean Ulrichson & Carolyn Bolinger. They will review the restrictive covenants and try to come up with a more uniform covenant for all additions. - - - A notice of **1999 dues** will be enclosed in Newsletter.

November 19, 1998: Annual dues to stay at \$80.00. - - - Ken Jansen will be invited to a spring meeting after the next board election to review the drainage plan for Northridge. - - - The **safety petition** has been retyped and is being circulated. - - - City is doing **Aspen traffic count**. - - - Greenspace committee will clean brush along hosta path. - - - A complaint about Regency house - sales office - at 2505 Bayberry will be discussed with the city.

THE COMMITTEE COLUMN

GREENSPACE & ENTRYWAY:

Mission - *To be in charge of the commonly owned greenspace areas. Make recommendations for maintenance and reasonable enhancements to the subdivision's commonly owned greenspace areas. After Board approval, arrange to carry out the plan as approved. Meet regularly during the growing seasons.*

Liaison, Member-at-Large - Brian Sorenson
Chairperson - Carroll Marty -

Members: Penny Adam, Pete Buck,
Michael Cowan, Tom Harrington,
Wendy Harrod, Ginny Huntington,
Mon Lin Kuo, Bob Lee, & Dan Staedtler

NEWSLETTER:

Mission - *To provide the much requested noncommercial vehicle for the Northridge Board of Directors to directly communicate to the residents regarding the matters that are of importance to the Northridge community.*

Chairperson - Jane Cunningham -

Members: Dee Murphy -
Dick Cunningham -

We would like to use more photos in the newsletter - if you have any you think would be interesting to your neighbors, please submit them to us along with some descriptive comments for publication.

RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS:

Directive - review the restrictive covenants and attempt to come up with a more uniform covenant for all additions.

Members: Glenn Bastianns
Carolyn Bolinger
Dean Ulrichson

SAFETY:

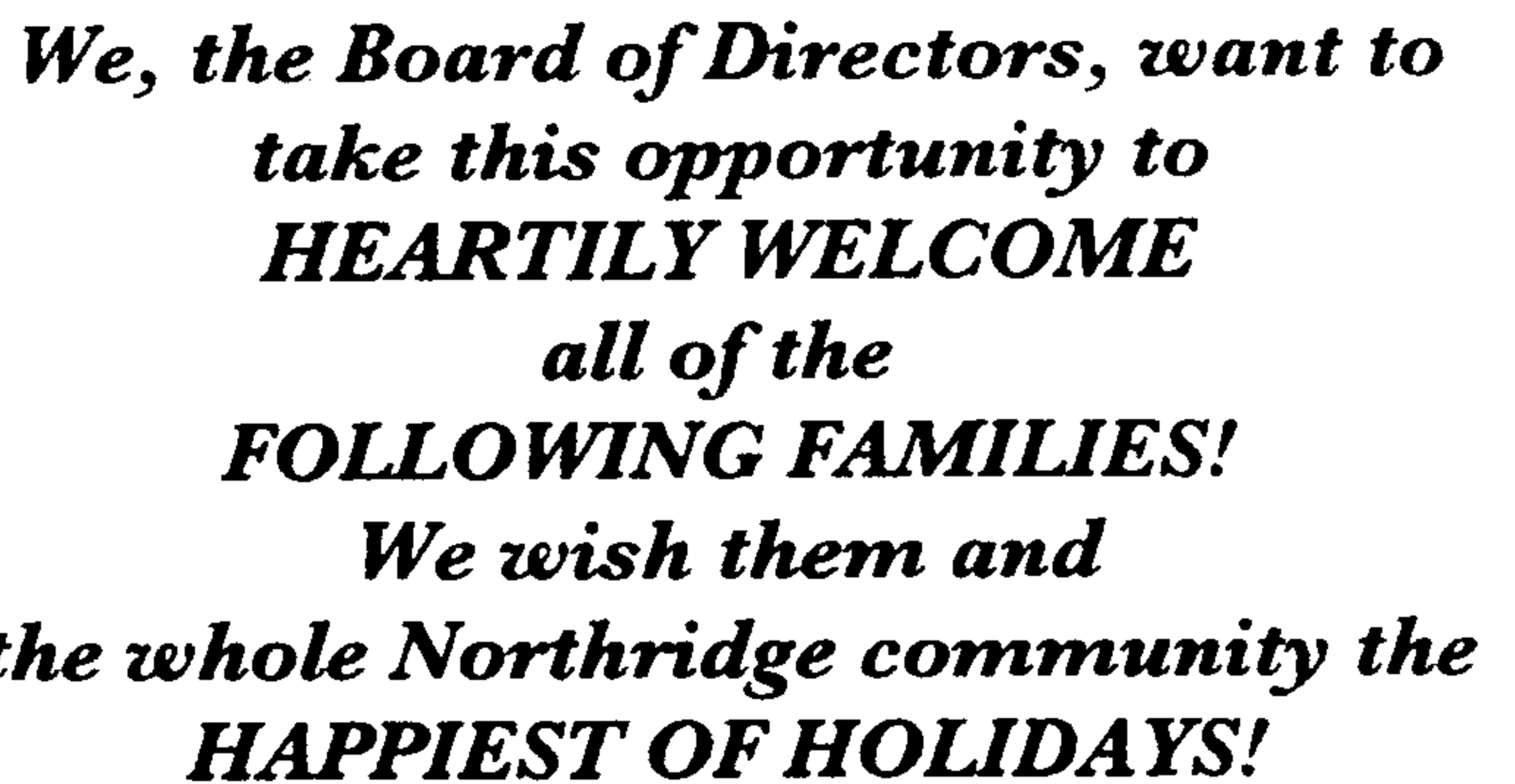
Mission - *To promote & advocate a safe and harmonious community for the residents of the Northridge community and will work closely with the residents, appropriate city offices and programs and then make recommendations to the Board. Areas of safety will include traffic patterns, pets, children and any other areas that affect the safety of the residents.*

Liaison, Member-at-Large - Brian Sorenson
Chairperson - Sanjeev Agarwal

Members: Kathy Bates, Marge Hunziker,
Yuri Kameda, Janet Schultz

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Dee Murphy at***

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Tom Cackler, President

