

# ***Northridge Homeowners' Association***

*A Newsletter for the Northridge Community*

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## **2007 NORTHRIDGE PARKWAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS**

Dick Geil, *President*

Wendele Maysent, *Vice President*

Becky Williams, *Treasurer*

Lois Pedigo, *Secretary*

Jeff Mann, *Member at Large*

Kate Sordelet, *Member at Large*

LeAnn Hillier, *Administrative Asst.*

Carroll Marty, *Green Space Project Mgr.*

## **MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE**

The monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Greater Iowa Credit Union in the Somerset development. Kate Martin, Branch Manager, has gracefully permitted our board to use their facility at no charge.

## **NEW TREASURER**

Becky Williams has accepted the position of board treasurer. There are several members of the board who will be assisting Becky in simplifying the dues payment process for homeowners.

## **GREENSPACE REPORT**

The board approved the purchase of three park benches to be placed in locations within the development as identified by the Greenspace Committee. A low cost and minimal maintenance design was selected for the benches. The committee will be asking for volunteers sometime in the future to assist in the construction of concrete bases for the benches. If you have any suggestions for locations, please contact Carroll Marty for consideration.

If anyone in Northridge would like firewood this fall, please contact Carroll Marty at 296-2802.

The Greenspace Committee is looking for families to adopt floral planting areas in common areas of the development. The committee will be placing signs in those areas identified as needing adoption. Please contact member of the committee if you wish to help maintain the beautiful appearance of Northridge.

## **DUES REMINDER**

There are 29 remaining homeowners who have not sent in their annual dues to support the association. If you've already taken care of the dues, please disregard this reminder. Members of the board will be contacting those homeowners who have not paid their dues in the very near future.

## **AUGUST GARAGE SALES**

The fall "Back to School" sale on August 4<sup>th</sup> was a success despite the rain! The neighborhood was alive with unbearable traffic whose owners were finding treasures we no longer wished to store in our homes. The board discussed future dates for next year and tentatively agreed to a Saturday in May and September (exact date yet to be determined).

## **E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS**

We hope to have nearly everyone's e-mail address for this newsletter mailing, possibly linking to the website where we hope to have the latest information including monthly meeting minutes.

## **SUMMER SOCIAL**

Over 225 people attended the summer social held in July at Moore Park! The ice cream sundaes provided by ColdStone Creamery were delicious and the music was very enjoyable. With the vote on the questionnaire 53 in favor and 17 against, we will be continuing the new tradition of a summer social next year.

## **REQUESTS FOR PERMANENT CHANGES TO HOMEOWNERS LAWS**

The Northridge website contains references to covenants and forms required by homeowners to request changes in their personal lawn areas. The covenants are a standard to maintain consistent public spaces for those using our greenspaces and walkways. Please refer to these documents and guidelines to assist you in future planning.

## **LEISURE EXERCISE GROUPS FORMING IN NORTHRIDGE**

Anyone interested in forming leisure walk/job/run groups in our development should contact Dave Elsenbast at 292-9448, or via e-mail [dcelsenbast@mchsi.com](mailto:dcelsenbast@mchsi.com). Individuals and families are welcome!

## **NEWSLETTER IDEAS**

The board can always use new, interesting, and special ideas to publish in the newsletter. Please send newsworthy information by e-mail to the Northridge website. We plan to publish a newsletter quarterly to keep homeowners informed.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITY AREAS**

The possibility of youth activity areas in the North 40 drainage lot passed with a majority vote of 43 yes and 28 no. The board will be discussing the possibility of placing a baseball backstop and/or soccer goal for the Northridge youth.

## **ENTRYWAY SIGNS**

The survey question on replacing the north two signs on Bayberry and Valley View passed with a majority of 41 yes to 30 no. The board will be looking at different materials that approximate the two south entrance signs in a smaller version to keep the cost under \$2,000 for each of the two north entrances – one sign per entrance. Total cost goal will be less than \$4,000. We are also limited in the space in which these signs will be placed.

The entrance sign lighting issue on the survey passed with a majority vote of 48 yes and 25 no, and the board concurred with the previous boards' approval to purchase one solar test light to enhance the visibility of our entrance signs.

## **SPEEDING**

There have been many complaints of visitors and homeowners' alike speeding through the development potentially endangering our youth, walkers, and visitors who frequently play and cross streets without looking for traffic. The speed limit in Northridge is 25 miles per hour. Please respect the safety of others.