

the Highlander

Your Vote or Your Dollars

Enclosed with this issue of the Highlander is an explanation from your Board of Directors of a **very important issue and a request for your vote.**

The enclosure fully explains the issue. However, in brief, a portion of the by-laws of our Association outlines the obligations of the Association to maintain and repair various parts of our homes. Normally such by-laws state that an association is responsible for the siding, the roof, etc. Our by-laws do that. However, our property manager, Ed Burek, has made your board aware that normal by-laws then EXCLUDE such items as air conditioners, windows, doors, etc. OUR by-laws state that such items which are normally excluded are, indeed, INCLUDED.

Your Board of Directors has called for a vote to change our by-laws to change the word "include" to read "exclude". The reason: if the association remains responsible to maintain and repair all of these additional items, your board will need to begin building a reserve fund to do all of this additional work. Our monthly association fee would increase by a considerable amount!

Your Board of Directors strongly recommends a "Yes" vote to change the by-laws.

In order to change the by-laws a vote must be taken of all homeowners

and at least 75% of all homeowners must vote "Yes" for the change. Please note that this is 75% of ALL homeowners, not just of those owners who are present at the meeting.

So, it is extremely important that each homeowner either attend the next meeting of the board and vote in-person (see the announcement to the left for details) -OR- complete and submit a proxy as outlined in the enclosed mailing.

The Hillside

You "east-siders" will want to know that Ed Burek, our property manager is plowing through much red tape and finger-pointing to determine who is responsible to "beautify" and maintain the hillside behind our property. He's making *some* progress with the City of Lakeville, D R Horton and the association for the stand-alone homes on the hill-top, so stay tuned for further details.

Waste Not, Fine Not ... Again

Your board has adopted a policy and has instructed our property manager to enforce a fine system for failure to clean-up pet waste from property, as required in our by-laws.

If a home owner is cited for violation of the by-laws, our property manager will issue a letter to the owner instructing that the situation be corrected within 7 days. If it is not corrected, the home owner will be fined \$50. And another letter will be

Next Board Meeting

An "All Residents" Meeting

The next meeting of your Board of Directors will be:

Tuesday
June 28th
7:00 PM
Lakeville Heritage Library
(Large Conference Room)

This is a very important meeting because of the vote to change our Association by-laws (see the story to the left).

Your Vote Is Important!

issued with another 7-day limit and an additional \$50 fine. This cycle will continue until the violation is corrected.

Who Lives at: 19126?

by "Smitty" Smith

Darrel and Shirley Weber had just returned from watching a high school baseball game on a gloomy, cold, wet afternoon of the Saturday start of the Memorial Day weekend when they granted me an interview for this column. Why watch a high school baseball game on such a day? Simply because their son, Jim, is the coach for the Fairmont, Minnesota boys team.



Darrel and Shirley have lived at 19126 since June of 2004, having moved into the former model

home at the eastern side, south end of The Highlands. They moved there after living 16 years in Burnsville. They both "love the peace and quiet the neighborhood provides".

Both Darrel and Shirley were widowed at an early age and met and married in 1979, bringing together a family of seven - four boys and three girls. In order of age, Patrick is in the service business with amusement games. Jeffrey heads up the design group for Herman Miller Office Furniture. Jane is in the Marketing Department for Riverbend Office Products. Cynthia works for the Minneapolis United Way. Jim is the above-mentioned baseball coach and teacher at Fairmont High. Daniel is in partnership with dad in the real estate business (they recently sold the home at 19077 Inca.) Jennifer, the youngest, is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing and is now on

leave to provide Darrell and Shirley with their 11th grandchild.

Under the category "It's A Small World", when the couple moved in, Darrel was talking with his new, next-door neighbor, Pete Nelson, and found they attended Blue Earth High School at the same time. Not to be outdone, Shirley, who grew up in Bertha, Minnesota, discovered that she had played bridge with June Ruedy across the street on Inca when they both lived in Fairmont, Minnesota.

Shirley was a rental consultant for Apartment Search while the couple lived in Burnsville. Darrell attended St. Thomas and the University of Minnesota and became a realtor in 1984.

Incidentally, in case you're wondering, Jim's team lost the baseball game by one run, but there's always tomorrow ... and, perhaps, by then, the sun will come out and it will warm up.

I Thought You Had The Keys!

With all of the rain falling from the sky the last few weeks you might not have noticed that our lawn sprinkler system has not been working. That's because when our new landscape company, Johnson Bros, first attempted to start the system they quickly learned that they had not been given the keys to the lock on the control box by the old company. And no-one on the board had keys. After the old company finally found the keys, Johnson Bros. discovered a leak in the main valve, then lack of water pressure, then electrical problems, etc. It's all been fixed now so as soon as the rain quits, the sprinklers will flow.

But, remember, if you want to run through the sprinklers while they're on, you must wear a bathing suit at all times while you're outside! !! !!!

Garage Sale

Lots of cars, lots of people, lots of rain and lots of wind. Those were the ingredients of our community garage sale this past month.

Elaine and Gerry Christianson of 19106 took responsibility for heading-up the event and assembled a team of many other home owners to design signs, post them at various locations, place ads in the newspaper and so on. There were 14+ residents who signed up to have a sale and that was critical-mass enough to attract several buyers.

Some of the buyers who wandered through our garages were our neighbors from the stand-alone homes to our south and east. (I've got to find a different name for those people.) And several of them told Elaine that next year they'd be interested in joining us for another sale. That will make the critical-mass even more "critical" and attract even more buyers.

I think we've got something started!

Summer Party

Do you remember last October when we really lucked-out and had wonderful weather for our very-late-summer neighborhood party? Well, I hear that plans are already under way for another gathering this year. Only, for 2005 it will be a little earlier in the year so as not to tempt the weather gremlins quite so much. More details coming soon - but start practicing the words "progressive dinner".

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