



THE RESERVE TIMES

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HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING

All Reserve Homeowners Association members are invited to attend the:

Reserve Homeowners Association
Annual Meeting
Mon. Feb. 19, 2007
7:30 P.M.
at Washington Court Athletic Club

(Note: this is a new location for us as the other meeting room was not available)

ANNUAL DUES:

Your Reserve Board of Directors has recommended that the Annual Dues be increased from \$50 to \$75. This was not an easy decision, but one that needed to be made in order to keep our neighborhood looking good and functioning well.

Rationale:

- Predicted budgetary expenses will use up reserves unless we have an expanded income
- There are increased costs in everything from landscaping to insurance, from information management to utilities.
- As our neighborhood ages, more needs to be done to keep it an attractive place for residents and prospective residents.
- Fewer persons have volunteered their time for maintenance responsibilities and more has had to be contracted out.
- We need to develop a contingency fund (about \$5000) to allow for unplanned expenses that could occur.

Agenda:

Business Meeting
Annual Reports
Election of Officers
Establishing Annual Dues Fee

Special Guest: A Medina Township Trustee has been invited to come and discuss questions regarding traffic control, maintenance, and other concerns.

Ballots to go out: Annual meeting notices and ballots for officers for the 2007 fiscal year are scheduled to be mailed by the end of this month to all those who are current in their Association dues.

Your response is important. Please take the time to complete the ballot and return to the president's, Pat Chaloupek, 4874 Timber Creek, box before the annual meeting date, or bring it to the meeting on Feb. 19.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to our neighbor and member of our Board of Directors, Bob Law, on the loss of his wife, Jean, who passed away at the end of November. She is missed by all of us.

PONDERINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach a new fiscal year for our Reserve Homeowners' Association, we can look back and review our accomplishments in 2006.

- We had two successful garage sales under the direction of chairperson Amy Flanagan
- Two family events enabled neighbors to meet and enjoy each others' company – the 4th of July Children's Parade and the October Block Party
- The Gourmet Group had increased participation under the able direction of Sherry Brown and her committee
- New residents were welcomed to our neighborhood by Mary Meyer and her block chairpersons
- Bob Law provided oversight on renovation and maintenance of common grounds and worked with the Township to fix problem areas in our roadways
- "Bob's List" was organized by Bob Morrow and will be expanded for residents who recommend and need household services
- Led by Ken Chaloupek, the architectural review committee worked with residents to keep changes made to homes and property in compliance with our deed restrictions
- We established a "Curb Appeal Award" to recognize residents who have done outstanding jobs in making our neighborhood attractive
- We enforced new "guidelines for signs" and encouraged neighbors to keep yards neat and mowed
- Communications were re-vitalized through timely newsletters and an expansion of our web site through the efforts of Melanie Miguel
- Financial reporting and dues collection efforts were streamlined by our treasurer Dave Lapeus
- Our directory was updated and published under the direction of Bob Schumacher.

Several officers and committee chairpersons have completed their term and are stepping down this year. We thank them for their service and their time: Sally Giovinazzo, Vice President; Tom Jones, Secretary; Mary Meyer, New Neighbor/Welcome committee chair; Brian Maxwell, Community Relations chair.

We encourage neighbors to become involved in the Association by attending our annual meeting next month and by volunteering to chair or assist on one of our committees. Your participation is needed and welcomed!

-----**Pat Chaloupek**

CHRISTMAS CURB APPEAL AWARD

In spite of a lack of snow as a backdrop, The Reserve sparkled during this past holiday season. Lighting was spectacular; there were more houses decorated this year than we have seen in any previous year.

Our "**Curb Appeal Award**" is given to several families who created displays that were truly awesome:

- The Welleners, at 4681 Salems Way
- The Hulthens, 3372 Old Hickory Lane
- The Wilsons, 3419 Old Hickory Lane
- And The Walkers, 3590 Reserve Drive.

Special commendations go to the entire street of Salems Way for their lighting effects and to Timbers I for their décor.

Congratulations to all for making our neighborhood look really festive during the Christmas season!

MEDINA RESERVE WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out The Medina Reserve Website at www.medinareserve.com for up-to-date information for the Medina Reserve and the Medina Reserve Homeowners' Association! Don't forget to send in your favorite Reserve pictures & recipes for publication on the website.

GOURMET GROUP

The next Gourmet Group meeting will take place at the home of Bob and Joanne Weiler, 4792 Timber Creek, on Sat. Feb. 24th, at 6:30 p.m., to celebrate Chinese New Year. Contact the Weilers at 330-723-6312, or weiler@zoominternet.net, for more information.

MEDINA RESERVE NEWSLETTER

Everyone on our e-mailing list will begin receiving the newsletter via email beginning with this publication. If you receive this hard copy and would prefer to be on our email list, please fill out the form on our website. All articles for the March Reserve Times should be submitted no later than March 15th.

BOB'S LIST NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Can you recommend a tree removal service or a window washer? How about a plumber or a roofer?

Bob Morrow, new coordinator of The Reserve Referral Reference, aka. "Bob's List" can use your input as he builds up a data base of services and contractors for residents. Contact Bob with information about services you have used. Include type of service, name of business, owner or contractor, location, contact information and pertinent comments as to whether you recommend them or not.

If you had a good experience, it will be helpful for others to know; if the service provided was poor, neighbors would like to know that as well.

We can use recommendations on lawn care, landscaping and landscaping design, electricians, plumbers, heating and air conditioning, painting, general handyman, housekeeping, baby sitting, dog walking, etc. When residents need referrals, they will be able to check Bob's List. To give a referral, please use the form on our website.

Bob may be reached at: bmorrow@zoominternet.net, 330-725-5893, or linked through the Reserve website.

CHANGES?

Please send any revisions of names, addresses, phone numbers, email, etc. to Bob Schumacher for the 2007 Reserve Directory at rcschu@gmail.com.

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DINING OUT

Interested in trying out some new restaurants? Have you had a hankering for sampling a down-home Amish meal? Did you want to find out what tapas are?

The neighborhood Dining Out group enjoys exploring area restaurants and experiencing new tastes.

Couples or singles are welcome to join in the adventure. The group meets every two months by beginning with aperitifs and beverages at a host home. Members take turns at hosting. The host selects the restaurant at which the group will dine and makes reservations and arrangements. Car pooling is encouraged.

If this appeals to you, contact coordinator Bob Schumacher, rcschu@gmail.com or 330-722-5751 for more information.

REMINDER ABOUT SIGNAGE

For Sale signs are permitted on individual properties, but advertising is not. Contractors may place their business signs on a property during the time that they are working there, but not afterwards. Advertising for churches, special events, etc. is not permitted.

Please help us keep up appearances of our residential neighborhood by observing these restrictions.

To review the policy for signage, go to our Association web site, <http://www.medinareserve.com>.

Our Association BYLAWS as well as our Deed Restrictions are posted on the web site. You may download and print them out for reference.

A BIG THANK YOU...

- To Dave Lapeus for making this past year the best ever in collecting annual dues
- To everyone who paid their dues
- To everyone who organized & participated in our Block Party
- To our President, Pat Chaloupek for all her efforts

