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Website Links

In the future, this section will hold links that - for those of you who receive our newsletter on-line - when clicked on, will take you directly to an article, document or photographs on our website. For example:

Homeowners' Association Important Information

Link contains information on decorative stone usage, mailbox repair information, transient vendor resolution, etc.

Don't forget to check our website at www.medinareserve.com for the most recent news.

If you would like to nominate a resident for the Curb Appeal award which will be published in subsequent newsletters, please send your nomination to Melanie at mm@images.com . Please add your thoughts on why you feel they should be nominated.

Social Events Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Details
June	18 (Fri)	Gourmet Group	An Evening of Wine & Tapas will be hosted by Bob & Joanne Weiler
July	4 (Sun)	4 th of July Parade	10:30 AM – 12 Noon, details will be sent out via email
August	14 (Sat)	Gourmet Group	Poolside Picnic hosted by Corinne Hadley

A Little Bit of Nature Held in Reserve

Well this year's annual meeting was to say the least, a snowy one, but fortunately the last one in the month of February. Starting in 2011 our annual meeting will take place in May; this change was made to accommodate those residents that travel south for the winter months and nicer weather for all of us. Three of the existing Board members (Bob, Debby, and Mary Jane) were reelected and a new member was added to replace John Flanagan who served all of us for two years. "Thanks!" John and to quote Dr. Seuss, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

We all live in a beautiful tranquil community that welcomes us home each time we exit Interstate 71 or turn off Route 18. We all do it so often that we can begin to take it for granted. But be assured that if it were not for residents like John and the other Board and Committee members it might be a little less beautiful and a little less tranquil.

My name is Dain Redlefsen. Anitra and I moved here from New Jersey way back in August of 1992. Sometime during the time we have lived here I served as president of the association and it is with that knowledge that Bob Law asked me to "throw my hat into the ring again" since John had decided not to continue on as president. After Bob assured me that he would remain as vice president I agreed.

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Did you know – there is a wealth of information on the **Medina Township website**. From there you can also access the township's police department, fire department, road department and Sports Complex and find out about activities in our township.

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So that brings us (and me too) to the point of what does “one who cares” do? The two areas that I think would be a good place to start are financial transparency and continue to make our community a better place to live. Those two areas are really one and the same. How does the Board, with input from the Committee members (and hopefully all of you), use the annual dues to make our community a better place to live? I think that this entails not only cutting the lawn and sprucing up the islands: it is trying to encourage all of us to get to know each other better. I would like to use more of our financial resources to fund events like the July 4th Bike Parade and an annual summer time Block Party. Also maybe a little support for the gourmet group's dinners that have been going on even before we moved here thanks to residents like Stella Micho, Corinne Hadley, and Joanne Weiler. I wonder how many residents have gotten to know each other better over dinner during those many years?

So, I hope I can be of help and assistance because - like all of my fellow Board and Committee members - “I care too!” See you around the neighborhood!*Dain Redlefsen, President, R.H.A.*

GOURMET GROUP



Come and join neighbors for great food and fun! The Reserve Gourmet Group meets about four times a year and will be holding two gatherings this summer.

An Evening of Wine & Tapas will be hosted by Bob & Joanne Weiler on Friday, June 18.

Corinne Hadley will host a Poolside Picnic on Saturday, August 14.

Recipes are provided. Contact Joanne Weiler at 330-723-6312 or weiler@zoominternet.net for more information or to join the group. This is a great way to meet the neighbors and to try some new recipes! The group is open to all residents.

THE RESERVE TIMES

From now on you can expect to receive your copy of *The Reserve Times* quarterly: May, August, November and February. We hope you will enjoy the make-over and new format. You can expect each issue to contain the new Social Events Calendar, along with timely information on a variety of topics. Each issue will have hyperlinks leading to what's new (and sometimes what's old) on the website. This is just another good reason to make sure that we have your current email address, and that you allow mail from melsmex@gmail.com so that it does not go into your junk mail folder.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Each year the association brings in approximately \$17,000 in dues. The previous year's expenses and next year's budget are presented at the annual meeting for approval. This is the annual cycle that has been followed. What I think is missing is making the annual process more visible; more transparent. Transparent not only regarding how we are spending the money, but also what we are saving the money for too!

Presently we have a significant amount of money in the bank and this is a worrisome situation for the Board. Why you might ask is that something to worry about? We need to have a plan in place to not only to fully fund our current operating expenses but also to validate that the amount of the annual dues is commensurate with our projected expenses in future years.

Currently our annual operating expenses account for about 55% of what we spend; so what about the other 45%? In the future the Board will use both our website and newsletter to communicate not only how we are spending the 55% but also what future expenses or purchases we are saving for. This is referred to as an accrual account that is a savings account funded over some period of time so that adequate funds are available when future expenses or purchases are incurred. Expenses or purchases that are "accruable," for example, might be new signs for both entrances or major re-landscaping for the islands.

The definition of **trans-pa-rent - adjective:** easily seen through, recognized, or detected. This is what financial transparency is all about. As the year progresses the Board will let everyone know both how we are doing financially as an association with respect to our annual budget, and what we are planning for (saving for) in the future. My hope is that this will make the collection of dues an easier process and alleviate any questions about how the annual dues that each of us pay are being used to insure that our community continues to be a beautiful tranquil place now and in the future.

SUMMERTIME BLOCK PARTY



Put on your thinking caps and let us know your ideas about our annual summertime block party. Block parties are good people, good food, and good times for young and old. We would like your thoughts and suggestions on all three but especially the good times part of the day. What can we do to make the afternoon fun: have a DJ, a family mini-relay race, a one mile walk by age groups, a hopscotch contest; a jump rope team demo and contest; Chinese jump rope; face painting; a health and safety exhibit from Medina Hospital; a summer safety exhibit from the Township Police; make-n-take craft projects; hula hoop contest; summer reading suggestions from Medina Library; some nice door prizes are some ideas to get everyone starting to think.

Let Anitra and me know your thoughts and suggestions at dain@zoominternet.net or 330-723-6500 leave a message and we'll get back to you. If someone is interested in being a Summertime Block Party Co-Chair please let us know.....*Anitra and Dain*

FREE NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Bob Law, our vice president, has offered his notary public services free of charge to all Reserve residents. He can be contacted at 330.723.0989 or rdlaw@zoominternet.net.

SPRING GARAGE SALE



A big thank you to Amy Rosenwald who, along with Amy Flanagan's help, coordinated the Spring Garage Sale. Officially there were 17 households participating. The streets were lined with cars, the weather was great, and reports of "this was the best sale I've ever had" were heard from many people, including Pat & Ken Chaloupek of Timber Creek Drive (pictured at left). Amy Rosenwald is open to suggestions for the Fall Garage Sale – including dates – please get in touch with her at aerosenwald@gmail.com.

CURB APPEAL AWARD



This edition's Curb Appeal Award goes to Brett and Julie Reynolds of Reserve Drive for their especially appealing curb and property improvements. Keep up the good work!

Please feel free to **contact us** if you would like to nominate a resident for our next edition.