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DUES REMINDER

Annual Dues of \$50 are payable now. Please remit to new treasurer Dave Lapeus, 3582 Autumn Tree Dr. We are aiming for a speedy collection this year! Paying dues is not only important – *it is your obligation*. These monies are used to pay for the fixed and discretionary expenses incurred by the Homeowners' Association as listed in the current annual budget, which is also approved each year at the Annual Meeting.

SIGNS

The Board of Directors has approved new guidelines for signage in our subdivision. The following are the new guidelines:

NEW GUIDELINES FOR SIGNS, RESERVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

A proliferation of signs has remained on premises for various construction projects (landscaping, roofing, etc.) for long periods of time and could be construed as long-term advertising. Several comments were made about these signs being inappropriate.

And, as a rule, Medina Township does not permit off-site advertising; "For Sale" signs in common grounds areas would be considered "off-site", and therefore, not permitted.

Guidelines below were established by the Board of

Directors and will be applied per authority given in our Building and Development Restrictions.

AMENDED BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR THE RESERVE

SIGNS: Expressly permitted are all "For Sale" signs, of the normal shape and design, which are installed for the purpose of selling any real estate in the Subdivision. Contractors are permitted to install an advertising sign of reasonable size and design during the construction of a home in the Subdivision, the same to be removed within three (3) months after the home is occupied. Any and all other signs shall be approved by the Association.

GUIDELINE FOR SIGNS:

Signs of normal shape and design displaying contractor's names and business may be placed on the homeowner's property during the time that the construction or renovation is taking place therein. When construction or renovation is completed, signs are to be removed within 48 hours.

House "For Sale" signs, whether by owner or real estate companies, are not permitted in common ground areas. Temporary "Open House" signs may be placed in these areas only during the duration of the real estate open house hours. Signs -- other than those for Reserve Homeowners Association events or meetings -- placed in common ground areas will be removed. Exceptions are made for Timbers I and II. Common grounds encompass land around each home; For Sale signs will be permitted as needed by individual homeowners.

Reasonable normal shape and design political campaign signs may be placed on individual lots, not common grounds areas, in accordance with Medina Township regulations, during the time period specified.

Approved by the Board of Directors, Dec. 6, 2005.

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MEDINA RESERVE WEBSITE

The Reserve Homeowners' Association now has a website! Point your browser to: **www.medinareserve.com** for all the latest Reserve news and up-to-date information. The site is boded with information including forms, past issues of the Reserve Times, pictures, classifieds, Reserve By-Laws, deed restrictions, new sign guidelines and much, much more! We plan on expanding so keep checking regularly.

We are currently in the process of compiling a list of contractors, repair persons, etc., so if you have a recommendation, please let us know. If you have a service to offer, please let us know that, too! This includes baby sitting, yard work etc.

If there is anything you would like to see there, please contact Melanie Miguel at **mm@images.com** or call 330.351.0659. We are also planning on initiating a paperless Reserve Times Newsletter, so stay tuned for details!

Coming Soon! Watch for contests appearing on our website. Everyone is invited! Check there for details!!

DIRECTORIES

We would like to thank Bob Schumacher for all his hard work in revising the Reserve Homeowners' Association Directories. Please read your entry and let Bob know if there are any corrections.

GARAGE SALE

Here's an incentive for doing your spring cleaning: **The Reserve Spring Garage Sale!**

Dates: May 11, 12, 13 - 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

If you wish to participate, display balloons on your mailbox or attach them in a visible place in your drive/ yard.

We will have an ad in The Gazette on the Tuesday preceding the sale, and in The Medina Sun on Thursday.

Signs will be placed at the Nettleton Road and Victor Drive entrances to The Reserve.

Questions or comments? Contact Garage Sale Chairperson Amy Flanagan, aflanagan8@aol.com , 330.764.3343.

GOURMET GROUP

"Springtime in Paris" will be the theme of the Gourmet Dinner, Sat. April 22 at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Mademoiselle Elizabeth Kelley, 3385 Hardwood Hollow. Reservations should be made with committee chair Sherry Brown, 330.723.6568, sherryhon@hotmail.com .

COYOTE SIGHTING

Neighbors on Hardwood Hollow and Salems Way have reported seeing a coyote making the rounds.

Coyotes are adapted to living in cities, suburbs, rural towns and agricultural areas. Although naturally curious, they are usually timid animals and normally run away if challenged.

Discourage coyotes from feeling comfortable in the neighborhood by eliminating attractants – like food sources – from the yard. Pet food kept outdoors or an open grill lid can attract them.

Coyotes will shun groups of people. Children over the age of 5 or 6 generally play in groups and are too large to attract a coyote's interest. Children under 5 years old should be well supervised at all times, whether they are near a pool, around streets, with domestic dogs or where wildlife may be a concern. Likewise, small pets should be watched.

LOST & FOUND

1 pair tortoise-shell frame reading glasses the week of March 20th on Timber Creek Dr. Contact Pat Chaloupek, 330.725.4950.

NEWSLETTER

All articles for the next Reserve Times Newsletter are due at the next board meeting, which is May 16, 2006 at 7:10 P.M. Please consider you or your committee's position in our neighborhood and reflect on what you can contribute to the newsletter. If anyone else has something they would like to contribute, please send it in. - Melanie Miguel, Chairman

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WELCOME/NEW NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE

Sherry Brown, Nancy Wellner, Carol Cary, Sally Giavinazzo and Trudy Walker are street representatives of our welcoming committee. The committee is always on the look out for new neighbors. When notified of new neighbors, they introduce themselves and take them a welcome packet. Once a year the committee hosts a welcome function. This year's event is in the works for late May - June. - Mary Meyer, Chairman.

GREEN IS THE COLOR OF SPRING

by Pat Chaloupek, RHA President

"It's not easy being green," said Kermit the Frog, but "being green" can be worthwhile and satisfying.

As the weather warms, we will spend more time outdoors tending lawns and gardens. Most of us find satisfaction in putting in efforts to make our home's outdoor environment attractive. Let's make it a goal this year to keep our Reserve environment attractive as well.

The Association has invested much of our dues income the past few years re-vitalizing the circles, replacing unsightly plants with new, vigorous ones, maintaining common areas and keeping entranceways trimmed and neat.

Here are ways that our new Landscape/ Common Grounds Chair Bob Law suggests that we all can help:

- Keep lawns mowed and remove unsightly weeds (most people do a good job with this).

- Keep street edging neat: rocks and stones should be filled in, grass trimmed and weeds removed.
- Make sure shrubs are trimmed and not overgrown; this is especially important around front yard lighting, house address numbers, and around windows.
- If you live near one of the circles, take responsibility with your neighbors to weed, water, rake and keep it attractive; a nicely-maintained circle helps to enhance the appearance of your property as well.
- Pick up litter as it accumulates along the road and in common areas. If you do it as you walk on Mondays and Thursdays, there are cans around to toss litter into.
- Clean up after your pets.
- Volunteer to assist Bob and his committee on occasional "work parties" to pull a few weeds, trim plants, paint signs, or clear up common grounds. (reach Bob at 330.723.4898)

We'd like to designate the weekend of May 20th as "ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS" in The Reserve.

Use this time to spruce up our surroundings and make them fresh and attractive and, if you have a couple of hours beginning at 9:00 in the morning on Saturday, May 20, join us for a communal effort in raking mulch in our common areas (weather permitting). Meet at the Medina Road entrance.

And finally, look for a new "**CURB APPEAL**" recognition that will be given to neighbors who have made significant improvements in their home's outside appearance. Contact our newsletter editor if you wish to nominate someone to be recognized.



