



THE RESERVE TIMES

THE RESERVE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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each of you for your service on the Board and for your dedication to the betterment of the Reserve over the past few years.

I would also like to welcome the new Vice-President, Bob Law (also continuing to serve on the Common Grounds committee), and our new Treasurer, Debby Atkinson. Thank you for joining the R.H.A. Board. I look forward to working with each of you this year. Also, thanks to Mary Jane McGinnis for continuing to do a great job as Secretary.

Thanks also to the various committee members who have elected to continue to serve in their various roles:

- Melanie Miguel- Website (the new website design looks GREAT!) and the Newsletters
- Bob Schumacher- Directories
- Amy Flanagan- Garage Sales
- Bob Morrow- Bob's List of Services/ Referrals
- Alyson Alber- New Residents/ Welcoming
- Ken Chaloupek- Architectural/ Design Review
- Joanne Weiler, Stella Micho, Jane Chambers and Corinne Hadley- Gourmet
- John Armstrong- Community Relations (new to this position this year)

Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in assisting the committee members with these posts. It's great to see so many new people wanting to get involved in the Reserve Homeowners' Association. The committee members will be contacting each of you soon.

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HAPPY SPRING, NEIGHBORS!!

The "new" 2009 Reserve Homeowners' Association Board met last week. I'd like to acknowledge Dennis Goik and Dave Lapeus for serving on the RHA Board through 2008 as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. Thanks to

Thank you to the twenty-two Reserve residents who attended the Annual RHA Board Meeting on February 16th, 2009. These meetings provide the opportunity for residents to discuss issues, voice concerns, and make suggestions as

to how we might improve our neighborhood. It also provides everyone the opportunity to review the RHA's balance sheet.

Since the Annual Meeting, there have been a few requests from residents regarding what the Annual Dues go towards. Some of the expenses funded by dues are:

- Landscaping Services -regular maintenance of common grounds as well as the occasional large expense to revamp any of the circles in our development (these can cost \$3000-\$4000 each).
- Entry Signs -the signs on Nettleton and Village Gate cost approximately \$5000 apiece when the neighborhood was developed. Bob Law and his Common Grounds Committee members spend lots of time keeping these looking as good as they do, despite their age. They will, however, most likely need to be replaced in the near future. Although we have not started collecting estimates for these, it is likely that the price of a new sign will be higher than that paid back in the '80's.
- Utilities -to illuminate the entry signs.
- Reserve Neighborhood Activities- garage sales, block party, Annual Meeting, and 4th of July parade
- Hard copies of Reserve Newsletters and any updates/ bulletins

Thanks to the 78% of households that have already paid their 2009 RHA dues. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

I look forward to seeing/ meeting more of you in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
John Flanagan, RHA President

POSSIBLE CHANGE IN DATE OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

In order to accommodate snowbirds and homeowners that go on vacation during President's Day weekend, the Association is discussing changing the annual meeting date to the second Monday of May (the day after Mother's Day) If you have any thoughts on this, please contact John Flanagan.

"Preserving Our 'Reserve'"- What Makes This a Special Place to Live – Continued....

With the arrival of Spring, I would ask that you take a few minutes to review the Reserve's Bylaws and Deed Restrictions (available as a link on our web site). The RHA Board has received a few calls and letters recently regarding some concerns as to whether or not some of these were not being upheld. Some of the items in question are:

- Mailboxes in disrepair (the approved Reserve mailbox design is in this Newsletter, along with information on how to repair/ replace them)
- Retaining walls/ concrete block borders that have collapsed
- Trailers, campers, or boats parked in driveways
- Cutting down trees (Only diseased trees with a 6" or more diameter at base, or any that are safety hazards can be cut).

The bylaws and deed restrictions were established to maintain the beauty of our neighborhood and property values as well. Thanks for taking the time to review these and please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding them or any other RHA matter.

John Flanagan, RHA President

RESERVE TIMES/WEBSITE

Great News!! We are now delivering more than 3/4 of our newsletters via email! If you have an email address and have not yet sent it in, please send it to mm@images.com.

Don't forget to visit our new improved homepage @ www.medinareserve.com. A discussion forum has been added. Feel free to begin a new topic or respond to one already there. There are also polls you can respond to. Feel free to suggest more!

Is there a topic or an issue you would like to see discussed here in *The Reserve Times* or on the website? Ideas are always welcome and encouraged!

RESERVE DIRECTORY

A big thank you to Bob Schumacher for the great job he did in getting together and distributing the *2009 Reserve Directory*. Thanks, Bob!!

USE YOUR POOPER-SCOOPERS!!



There have been complaints about some pet owners who allow their dogs to do their thing on their neighbors property and not clean up afterwards. Here are some good rules from Dog's Etiquette at www.WillasArk.Com :

When you are walking your dog, he should always be on a leash. There are electronic leashes that are very effective, but you will have to check the laws in your area to see if they are considered legal. The leash and collar should be strong enough that when your dog wants to make a break for it, you can hold him. If you are not strong enough to hold your dog, he should be walked by someone who is. One of the biggest causes of death in cats is a dog attack. People love their animals, and keeping your dog away from their animals will help to keep neighborly relations friendly.

When you and your dog meet a stranger, it is best to keep your dog close to you with no slack in the leash. Do not let anyone pet him, unless you know for SURE that your dog will not bite strangers. If he bites someone even when they pet him without asking, you can be at fault. Even if you warn them that he might bite, and your dog does bite, you are liable. A dog who bites can be euthanized, so don't fool around with this.

If your dog "poops" when being walked, it is your responsibility to clean up the mess. This is a law in most cities. The easiest thing to do is carry a few Ziploc bags, big enough for your dog's mess. When he goes, just turn it inside out, put your hand in the bag (now inside out), and grab the blob, and pull your hand through to make the bag right side out. Zip it closed, and dispose of the waste properly. It's a yucky job, but better the dog owner does it than expect some stranger to take care of it. Neighborly relations are important, especially when you are walking by everyday!

Keep your dog off of other people's lawns and out of their flower beds! We all know your dog loves to smell everything, but many people go to great lengths to keep their yard looking pretty, and don't appreciate your dog trampling through their flowers and pooping on their lawn. If you want him to sniff and smell green grass (never mind eat it), take him to a park. There are many dog parks where you can bring your dog and he can roam around off leash. Find one in your area, but remember, other dogs will be there too, so you have to be ready for dog/dog conflicts.

Don't let your dog slobber on strangers. You might think your dog is adorable and sweet when he wants to be friendly with strangers, but some people don't like dogs and don't appreciate dog slobber and "germs". We don't know who they are, so it's best to keep him close to you around strangers unless someone asks to be slobbered on. And again, be careful, if he bites it's still your fault even when they ask to pet him!

GOURMET GROUP



The Reserve Gourmet gathers on the first Saturday of the even months. Each dinner has a theme and everyone is given a recipe to prepare. (See the Reserve website for recipes from recent dinners.)

Gourmet is a great way to get to know our neighbors, try some new foods and have some fun! Our next dinner will be hosted by Bob Morrow and Sue Cooper on Saturday, June 6. Please contact Joanne Weiler (weiler@zoominternet.net or 330-723-6312) to be added to the Gourmet distribution list or for more information. All are welcome!

SPRING GARAGE SALE



Don't forget that the Spring Reserve Garage Sale is May 14th, 15th, & 16th (Thurs-Sat.). The times will be 9-4 Thursday and Friday, and 9-12 on Saturday. You choose the days and times of your sale! Place balloons out at the end of your driveway when you are open for business! All advertising and signs in the neighborhood will be provided. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Amy Flanagan at 330-764-3343 or aflanag8@aol.com . Good luck sorting out your sale items!

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS



It seems that not everyone is aware of the lane changes to turn right and left or to go straight at the intersection of Village Gate and Route 18. Please take note of the new signs.

CURB APPEAL AWARD



The winner of this issue's Curb Appeal Award is the Pickering Family of 3441 Hardwood Hollow for their Easter Egg Tree. Cute Project! Congratulations!

CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!!

A new chairperson is needed to coordinate the Annual Block Party. Please contact John Flanagan if you are interested.

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION DUES

As of this date, 173/223 homeowners have paid their dues for 2009. If you have not, please send your check for \$75 to Debby Atkinson – 4933 Timber Creek Drive.

PICK – IT – UP – DAY

The third annual PICK – IT – UP – DAY will be held on Saturday, April 25th. Click here for details [April 25, 2009 - Third Annual "PICK IT UP DAY" Details](#) – or go to the Township Website @ www.medinatownship.com/MTPD.

101 WAYS TO GO GREEN

- Buy organic food
- By local products
- Use reusable containers to bring lunch to work
- Buy fair trade coffee, chocolate and other products
- Compost your food scraps
- Skip the bottled water
- Eat less meat
- Adjust your refrigerator and freezer temperatures
- Bring your own grocery bag to the supermarket
- Buy unpackaged produce instead of prepackaged
- Grill corn in its husk instead of aluminum foil
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Avoid the drive-through
- Only buy sustainable, environmentally friendly seafood
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer full
- Grow your own food

- Allow food to cool down to room temperature before putting them in the fridge or freezer
- Buy FSC certified wood products
- Recycle! Bottles, cans, paper, etc.
- Donate used items in good condition instead of throwing them out
- Bamboo
- Install a low-flow shower head
- Install a low-flow toilet
- Invest in a front-loading washing machine
- Wash clothes with cold instead of hot or warm water
- Hang your clothes out to dry instead of using your dryer
- Harvest your rainwater
- Make sure none of your water fixtures are dripping
- Insulate your hot water heater
- Have your furnace or boiler cleaned
- Harvest your greywater
- Get a home energy audit
- Replace your lightbulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's)
- Make sure to turn appliances off completely (with a power strip, or unplug them)
- Winterize your house
- Buy energy-efficient appliances
- Install renewable energy
- Install a solar hot water heater
- Buy rechargeable batteries
- Use recycled paper to wrap gifts
- Use geothermal heat
- Turn your thermostat down
- Close your curtains or drapes at night during the winter
- Close your curtains or drapes during the day in summer (to view all 101 hints, please go to the following website: <http://www.greenstylemag.com/blog/?p=394>)

MAILBOXES & MAILBOX POST REPLACEMENT

As stated earlier, there have been many comments by residents about the sad state of many mailboxes and mailbox posts. Congratulations to the many homeowners who have repaired theirs in the past two years!

A big THANK YOU is in order for Larry Scudder, who for many years replaced posts and mailboxes at very reasonable prices. Thank you, Larry!!

A new builder has been found to replace/repair. The information to get in touch is included, along with a diagram of structure and parts. Of course, you can always repair/replace on your own if you wish.

A hint: call early to get into the build-out schedule as soon as possible!

Lindy Builders, Inc.

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April 20, 2009

**Bob Law, Vice-President
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Dear Bob,

During our conversation yesterday you mentioned that your Association would like to have a breakdown of the various costs of replacing mailboxes in the Reserve. I have replaced several over the past three years and have a basic schedule of costs that I follow. They are as follows:

Complete Replacement – Includes new post, box base, new basic mailbox, numbers, stain (brown or cedar tone) and installation including newspaper tubes and homeowners' news tube. \$240.00

Complete Replacement - Includes new post, box base, stain (brown or cedar tone) and installation including homeowner provided mailbox, numbers, newspaper tubes and homeowners' news tube. \$210.00

Complete Replacement – Includes new post, box base and installation of homeowner provided mailbox, numbers, newspaper tubes and homeowners' news tube. \$205.00

Box Base Replacement – Includes new box base mounted to existing post, new mailbox, stain (brown or cedar tone) and installation of mailbox, newspaper tubes and homeowners news tube. \$130.00

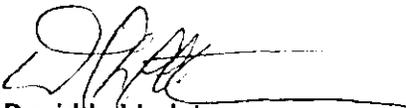
Box Base Replacement – Includes new box base mounted to existing post, stain (brown or cedar tone) and installation of homeowner provided mailbox, newspaper tubes and homeowners news tube. \$110.00

Box Base Replacement – Includes new box base mounted to existing post and installation of homeowner provided mailbox, newspaper tubes and homeowners' news tube. \$105.00

Post Stabilization – Price varies by individual circumstances and depends upon what it takes to stabilize the post. Range would be from \$10.00 - \$50.00 and would be in addition to prices quoted for Box Base Replacements.

I do not repair box bases because the replacement is less costly than costs for time and effort to repair existing box bases. I rarely reuse address numbers because of damage trying to remove old numbers. However, it is not uncommon to reuse existing mailboxes that are in relatively good condition. The wood box covers used in Timbers II carry an additional charge if they are in poor condition and need to be replaced. That price is determined on a case by case basis. Specialty mailboxes (homeowner provided) may carry an additional charge when special mounting is needed.

I hope this meets your needs for presentation to your Board and homeowners. I look forward to assisting in your efforts to present a unified appearance throughout your community.

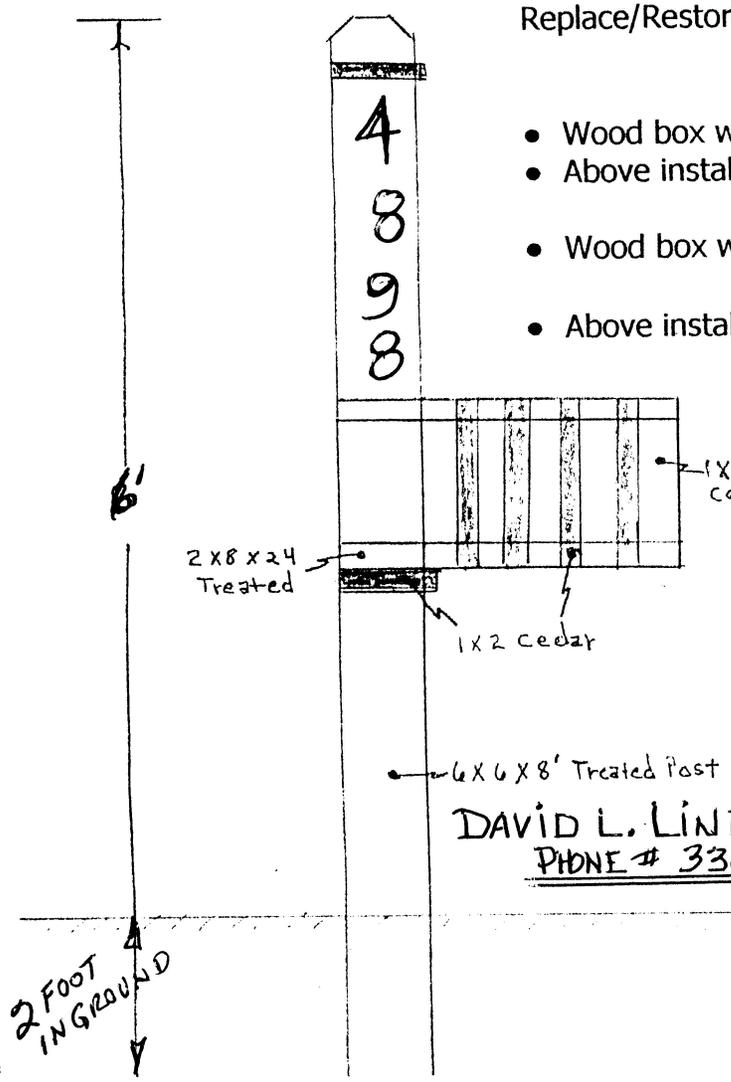

David L. Lindstrom
Owner, Lindy Builders, Inc

Enhance Your Home's Curb Appeal

Replace/Restore your Reserve Mailbox Post Assembly to the original condition

- Wood box w/New post \$240.⁰⁰
- Above installed w/Old post removed
- Wood box w/mounting h/w and flyer tube
- Above installed on existing post \$105.⁰⁰

(WITH STAIN)
(WITH NUMBERS)



Materials and design are same as originally supplied when your house was built.

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 Ground level