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Welcome to the August issue of News & Connections!

Mark your calendars!

AUGUST

- BUNCO: Ann Harrington's @ 7pm on Thur. August 16th
- Brewers Game: Saturday, August 18th

SEPTEMBER

- Progressive Dinner: Saturday, September 29th

DECEMBER

- Annual Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 11th @ 7pm

Holiday Party

If you might be interested in hosting our annual Holiday party please contact Stacy Bader at rabsab91@wi.rr.com. You can also give her dates that work for you in December.

Annual Board Meeting



Please mark your calendar for our annual meeting to be held **Tuesday, December 11, 2007**. The purpose of the meeting is to review 2007 expenditures, present the 2008 budget and vote on special assessments for projects. The meeting will be from 7 - 9 p.m. in Community Room located in the Village of Hartland Municipal Building.

Progressive Dinner

This casual 'round-robin' event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 29th**. Four houses have volunteered their house! We'll start out with appetizers, jump to the next house for salads, then off to the next house for the main entree and finish the night with the dessert. Each house only volunteers their home and paper products and the guests bring the dish. If the weather cooperates, it can be primarily outside. A cart with a beer keg and liquor will travel house-to-house.



The four houses that have volunteered are:

- Appetizer (Swineharts - 1259 Mary Hill Circle)
- Salad (Beths - 1249 Mary Hill Circle)
- Main Dish (Burgers - 1224 Mary Hill Circle)
- Dessert (Pilgrims - N61 W29095 Parkside Place)

Please watch your inboxes for an Evite. If you did not receive the Evite or have questions please contact Stacy Bader at rabsab91@wi.rr.com.

A Note from the Board



As mentioned in previous news letters, the Board as well as our Landscape and Maintenance Committees remain actively engaged with the Village of Hartland to assure "punch list" items are cleaned up prior to the Developer receiving a final release. Although the Developers' "punch list" is shrinking, there remains many important items we are hopeful will be addressed in the next two months. Once the final punch list items are complete, the Village will release the Developers bond and we will essentially be on our own.

Over the past three years, we worked with the Developer to address sub-standard work and items we believed to be left out in the completion of the Development. During this time, we have also worked with Village officials to make certain items are documented and contained on their "punch List". The most current punch list dated 7-19-2007 is posted to the "members only" section of our web-site. You are all encouraged to read this document as it is all that remains prior to the Association taking full and final control of the grounds and any related costs. If you are aware of any significant topic related to common area which has not previously been address or is not contained in this document, you are encouraged to contact a Board Member at your earliest convenience. Also, if you have any questions regarding any of the remaining "punch List" items feel free to contact a Board Member as well.

From the Landscape Committee



We are pleased to report that recently the Developer arranged for quite a number of the remaining punch list items to be addressed. You should notice that the spillways at the front entrance and several problem drainage areas have been re-built.

About twenty trees have also been replaced throughout Mary Hill. The list is not complete yet and the area under the center bridge needs work. However it's nice to see that our many months of lobbying are starting to pay off. We should also soon learn of the final resolution of the problem street signs.

Although we finally got some rain we continue to encourage all homeowners to tend to the watering and insect control for any community trees/shrubs that are on your property. In fact, now that we have newly-planted trees to care for, we need to make a call for volunteers to "adopt a tree" to water, to insure the new plantings survive the dry season. The new trees, both evergreen and deciduous, are clearly marked with a long red marking tape. If you have one of these new trees (or any tree that looks distressed) on or near your property, please do your part to reduce your maintenance costs and preserve your landscape property. How foolish would it be to spend all the effort to get the trees free of charge, only to let them die for lack of water. To make the watering even easier, a number of Mary Hill Park Homeowners have loaned their personal 'Gator Bags' to the cause. These green plastic water bags, installed around the base of the tree, need nearby volunteer homeowners to extend their garden hoses to fill these bags at least once a week until the dry season is over. If you can adopt a tree and gator bag, please call Terry Machut at 367-4575 to register your tree so that we don't needlessly spend money for watering.

These caretaking responsibilities are included in our deed restrictions. If our homeowners do not come though, we have no choice but to hire out the watering and assess the appropriate homeowners for the cost, to include total tree replacement if necessary. This is part of the investment you have made. We trust you will all do your share to protect it.

We have notified our contractor that the spillways all need another dose of weed killer and he promised to give them all another application.

Next, a number of you have called about Lot owners who have not complied with the noxious weed ordinance by mowing their property. These violators have been submitted to the authorities, who by now should have sent out compliance notices. We have been assured by the Village that those who do not comply will be assessed for the mowing.

In similar fashion, a number of home/lot-owners have been identified as non-responsive to repairing contractor damage to common areas. These homeowners will receive confidential notices of their violations and will have the opportunity to plead their case. The consequence for non-compliance will be an assessment for the work which will be contracted out this fall. A simple guideline that we use is as follows: If your home borders common property, then it is highly likely that turf has been damaged by your contractors and you are ultimately responsible for the repairs. In most cases, we are just looking for the turf to be re-graded and re-seeded.

If anyone has a question that their property falls into this category and wishes to discuss the matter, please contact Committee Chairman Terry Machut (367-4575). In most cases, we are just looking for the turf to be re-graded and re-seeded.

As always, thank you for your help in maintaining our landscape. Think 'watering', think 'rain'.

If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, please let us know!

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