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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY JIM MCGRATH

Happy New Year! Ok, we are already two months into 2006 and there is so much going on around here. Spring sports have already started, flowers are trying to make it out of the mulch, and kids are ready for school to be done!

That also means it is time to get your application in for the **BWF/MP Annual \$1000 Scholarship** which was started last year. You can be sure that Ashleigh Miller (or at least her parents) is glad she turned in her application last year, as she was the first recipient of our scholarship. You can find the scholarship form on our Website at www.bwfmp.com. April 1 is the deadline for submission. See the entry form for all the details.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, please try to get them in as soon as possible. We are anticipating some projects this year, including a street light at Harmon Road, and some additional sidewalks that were never finished by the developer. We also have some trees and other greenery that need planted ...

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Spring has sprung!

Neighborhood Events Coming Soon!

Rhonda Van Arsdale

Easter Egg Hunt

It is time for our first event of 2006 -- the *Easter Egg Hunt*. Please mark your calendar for **April 8** for our annual egg hunt (rain date being April 15). Please return the enclosed RSVP by March 31 (the mailbox will be in its normal location at Winners Circle and Steeplechase).

Summer Block Party

We are also in the initial planning stage for a summer block party at Harmon Middle School. Please hold the date of **June 24** (with a rain date of June 25). If you are interested in helping with the planning or just want to offer suggestions, please let me know. Final details will be in the Summer newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding either event, please give me a call at 577-9337.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONT.)

With all the houses for sale, we need to keep the neighborhood looking nice so maximum selling prices can be realized. If you are selling your house, please remind your Realtor not to place signs at the entranceways except for when you are having an "open house".

We have a full slate of seven Trustees again for our Homeowners' Association. Welcome to Diane Klein, Rhonda Van Arsdale, and Denise DeNunzio. Sharon Lach and Wayne Whitehead were re-elected to another 3-year term as well. "Thank you" to all who volunteer to keep this neighborhood running so smoothly. To facilitate getting us all together, we have changed the monthly meeting date to the first Tuesday of each month, at the Violet Township offices. A resident had recommended we use Harmon School for our meetings, but we were told we would have to pay for janitor services, and the Township offices are free, so at this point, we will stay there. We will be putting more information on the Website such as minutes of meetings, our annual budget, etc., so please visit it at www.bwfm.com. Recently, we were part of a survey of other Pickerington Associations and their annual dues. That information is also on our Website.

One final item, we are still getting vandalism and graffiti in the neighborhood, especially where kids can hang out at night. If you see anyone vandalizing property (that includes painting), or causing problems in the neighborhood, please call the Sheriff.

**NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE
BY SHARON LACH**

Communications Committee: The babysitters list is only updated when someone calls me with a change or addition. Please review the list and call me with any changes. The new phonebook should be ready by late spring. The volunteers on this committee will be hand delivering the directories.

Grounds: The most recent improvements to the common areas include 2 more trashcans at the pond along with 2 new benches. More benches will be installed this spring, weather permitting.

More gravel will be needed in the spring to repair the path around the pond. Harmon Road will be re-seeded (again) this spring with hopes of the grass taking to the added soil. The entrance flowerbeds are still being planted. If anyone would like to "adopt" a flowerbed, or just help for a few hours, please contact me. Our common areas include 8 flowerbeds and over 10 acres of grass. The drainage basin will now be treated for weeds to prevent spreading to surrounding yards. The warm winter allowed our lawn service to start the spring cleanup 2 months early. The trees have been trimmed and tree beds edged and mulch fluffed. Cleanup has been started on the flowerbeds as well. If you find an entrance light burnt out, please contact a trustee. A cleanup work party for the pond will be scheduled later in the spring. Our white (now green mold) fences will be power washed as well.

On a Special Note: I would like to thank Denise DeNunzio for taking over the Welcome Wagon for me, and for those "unseen" homeowners who pick up trash from the common areas. Diane Klein has volunteered to take over our annual garage sale task leaving me more time to concentrate on the grounds. I will still have the pleasure to be Santa's helper at Christmas time. Santa and his Elf visited 81 children this past Christmas. Contact myself or Jim McGrath if you want the pictures that were taken on disk.

Upcoming dates: The community garage sale will be the third weekend in May, the 19th and 20th. Diane will put up signs at all 3 entrances and advertisements in 2 local newspapers. Put balloons on your mailbox for better visibility.

**Community Baby Sitting List****Adults:**

Stephanie Charache (PM Kindergarteners) Pacer Drive 860-0227

Teresa Harness Harness Place 755-2861

Kelly Marcum Arabian Court 861-9058

Tina Murphy Derby Court 501-4707

Teenagers:

(Listed Under Parents' Name)

Terry Anderson Thoroughbred Drive 861-1206

Laura Goslee (2 Teenagers) Saratoga Lane 755-9567

Chris Taylor 866-0396 (Red Cross-trained for babysitting)

BENTWOOD FARMS/MALLARD POND SCHOLARSHIP

Entry Information

The Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond Scholarship, established by the Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond Homeowner's Association, is funded by the dues provided for the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life for residents of our neighborhood. The scholarship consists of a single \$1000 tuition grant to be awarded to a graduating high school senior that is a resident of the Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond Subdivision in Pickerington, Ohio, Violet Township. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to a deserving student in advancing his/her education. The scholarship may be applied to any type of schooling whether college, technical, business, or vocational post-high school advanced training.



Application forms for the scholarship can be obtained from the Pickerington North and Central High School Guidance Departments, from members of the Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond Homeowner's Association Board of Trustees, or via the Homeowner's Association Website www.bwfmp.com beginning in January of the application year.

2005 / 2006 BUDGET REPORT : CURT ANDERSON

Expenses	2005 Actual	2006 Projected Expenses	
Accounting Supplies	\$ -	\$ 30	Checks, bank supplies
Community Events	\$ 1,269	\$ 1,200	Net of income from registrations
Electric	\$ 1,149	\$ 1,200	On going costs, no new improvements
Grounds Special Projects	\$ 1,520	\$ 7,000	Side walks, trees
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 2,010	\$ 500	Electric work, light bulbs, fence repairs
Insurance	\$ 1,018	\$ 1,040	
Lawn Care	\$ 22,780	\$ 23,000	Mowing, edging, tree trims
Legal/Government fees	\$ 857	\$ 1,500	Lien fees & Legal items
Mailing Supplies	\$ 873	\$ 1,400	Mailing Stamps & Paper supplies
Taxes	\$ 837	\$ 1,200	
Scholarship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
Legal Reserve	\$ -	\$ 1,500	
Total Expenses	\$ 33,313	\$ 40,570	
Income			
Homeowner Dues	\$ 33,633	\$ 33,680	421@ \$80
Other income	\$ 145	\$ 300	Community events, news letter
Interest	\$ 228	\$ 120	
Total Income	\$ 34,006	\$ 34,100	
Net	\$ 694		
Ending Cash Balance 2004	\$ 11,286	\$ 11,286	
Allowance for non pays		\$ 1,120	14 households
Net		\$ 3,696	
Owners who did not pay 05 Dues (15 households)		\$ 1,200.00	Excludes interest charges and filling fees
Total non pay outstanding		\$ 3,286.00	Includes filling fees

Neighbor News

By Denise DeNunzio

We delivered "Welcome Folders" to six new residents of our neighborhood in the past three months.

If you see these new neighbors out in their yards, please stop for a moment and welcome them to our neighborhood. They are:

- Gerald & Mary Brewster 12890 Bentwood Farms Dr.
- Marcus & Tonya Brown 9082 Appaloosa Dr.
- Mike & Akiko Brown 12861 Bentwood Farms Dr.
- Mario & Tracie Bustamante 12938 Arabian Ct.
- Kay & Patrick Mushill 12186 Derby Ct.
- Hemant & Geeta Shah 12047 Mallard Pond Dr.

In our next newsletter, we would love to include other exciting news about residents in our neighborhood. We are looking for entrance into military or post-high school institutions, weddings, significant anniversaries, scholarship acceptances, births, etc.

If you would like your news to be included in next quarter's newsletter or have new neighbors in need of a Homeowner Welcome Folder (these packets include our neighborhood phone directory, past issues of the Duck & Pony Show, and other useful information), please contact Denise DeNunzio at 759-9958, or dkd@insight.rr.com.

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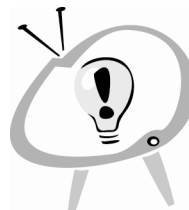
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