The Montgomery West Homeowner’s

Association newsletter

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# MARCH 2014

**Letter from the President**

This year we are fortunate to have several first time board members to serve our neighborhood. As a veteran board member, I was elected to serve as President for another year. It is my hope that some newer board members will fill this role in future years. As a self-managed HOA, our goal is that everyone serves our neighborhood community for at least one two-year term. If you have not served on the Board, please consider becoming a board member.

We thank previous board members and you as individual homeowners for your time and efforts to make Montgomery West a beautiful neighborhood. We enjoy a good location and a well-kept community. If you are planning an improvement to your property, please remember to submit an AERC application.

We continue to report that Montgomery West is financial sound. We ask that all homeowners stay current with paying their quarterly dues. If you are not current in paying your dues, please contact us so additional collection efforts are not necessary.

**Mark your calendars for April as a community curbside bulk trash pick-up is being scheduled. Please check the HOA website for the finalized date. (After April 1st)**

**Most items will be picked up (with the exception of appliances and other metal items). See our HOA website for more information.**

\***Items need to be at your curb by 7 a.m.**

Questions?

Email us at: [info@montgomerywesthoa.org](mailto:info@montgomerywesthoa.org) .

At the last Annual MWHOA meeting in November, the membership agreed that the new design of the Montgomery West signs on Centerway would be a welcomed upgrade. If we can obtain permits for the new signs, we plan to install them this year.

In February, a public hearing was held at Strawberry Knoll Elementary School to present the new designs/upgrades for the water retention ponds in our neighborhood. If you are interested, visit the web links for the presentations (see following article).

As the spring approaches with warmer weather, we encourage you to meet neighbors you may not know. It strengthens us as a community to know our neighbors. Please let us know of any concerns or suggestions via email. Consider attending our board meetings at my home. We generally serve pizza and drinks have a good time conducting HOA business. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Patton

**Suggestions for Spring Maintenance**

**Algae on North side of Homes** - To improve the look of our neighborhood, we suggest homeowners to wash the algae growth off the north side of their homes yearly. Home Depot and Lowe's sell a product that you connect to your hose or mix in your garden sprayer and wash the algae away. Quick and easy…give it a try.

**Sheds** - Many of the sheds in our neighborhood are aging and may need some maintenance. Give your shed a power wash or a new coat of paint to match your house color.

**Trash Cans / Recycle Bins** - Our MWHOA Covenants require that trash cans be covered and not be in public view except on the evening before (after 6:00 pm on Sunday and Wednesday) and on the day of trash pickup (Sec. XIIe). Please place trash cans and recycle bins behind your house or in your garage on non-trash days.

# **Split Rail Fences** - If your property has a fence, inspect it and replace rotten or missing fence rails and posts that are broken or falling over.

**Dog Walking – Please clean up after your dog**

Please note that there is a Montgomery County regulation requiring clean-up of dog poop when walking your dogs. Last year the townhouse community adjacent to the pool on Centerway had to put out traps due to a rat problem, which can develop when owners neglect toclean up after their pets. Picking up after your dog not only improves the pleasure of our sidewalks but also improves our neighborhood hygiene.

**REMINDER!**

Quarterly Dues are due on January 10th, April 10th, July 10th, and October 10th each year.

*Effective* ***January 1, 2014****, our HOA Dues quarterly late fee increased to* ***$25****.*

# **Water Retention Ponds – New designs/upgrades**

At the public hearing in February, the Montgomery County Dept. of Environmental Protection presented new designs/upgrades for three ponds adjacent to our neighborhood. This work is at no cost to us and will restore the landscaping when the construction is complete. Please review the presentation if you are interested in more information:

<http://www.slideshare.net/MCDEP/feb-11-2014-public-meeting>

**Upcoming MWHOA Board Meetings:**

March 11, May 13, September 9, and October 14

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

18932 Marsh Hawk Lane

**Your Neighborhood Board Members**:

President John Patton

Vice President Mikayla Higgins

Secretary Jessica Stokan

Treasurer Ashleigh Hapuarachchi

At-large Steve Kwilas

*Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions:*

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