



March 2010

BOARD NOTES

Spring is right around the corner and with it come three annual neighborhood events. The first is the Annual HOA Meeting, which will be held on March 16, followed by the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt, which is tentatively scheduled for March 29. Then, on April 17, we will have our Annual Running Deer Garage Sale. Keep reading for more details about these events; we hope you will join us.

HOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual HOA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 pm at Heritage Elementary School in the cafeteria. Please join us to learn more about what we are working on, including the streetlight initiative. New board members are also elected at this meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact president Bob Briggs at rdbiggs@aol.com. Board members attend monthly meetings, give input on initiatives and board actions, enforce the covenants, and assist in other areas as needed and as their time permits.

PETER COTTONTAIL IS COMING TO RUNNING DEER

The Easter Bunny will soon be making an appearance in our neighborhood at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The date has been tentatively set for Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. Watch for more details coming soon and plan to come hunt for eggs and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Make plans now to participate in the Annual Running Deer Garage Sale on Saturday, April 17 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning and get ready for summer. Following the sale, we will schedule a St. Vincent DePaul charity truck to do a pick-up at a TBD location. You will need to be present to load your own items onto the truck. For more information, contact Julie Stratman at 755-9995.

SAFETY REMINDERS

As many of you are aware, there have been several robberies in the West Chester area recently, although none have been reported in Running Deer. The West Chester police report that the suspects are stealing jewelry and electronic items and are possibly driving a white passenger or cargo van. The robberies have occurred between 6 and 10 p.m.

The police are reminding residents to keep their doors and windows locked, keep interior and exterior lights on, and to lock cars and remove valuables. If you go on vacation, you can contact the police at 759-7280 and they will check on your house while you are away.

We've spoken with the police about starting a Neighborhood Watch program. This program would involve volunteers keeping an eye out for suspicious activity and reporting it to the police, as well as to our fellow neighbors through a phone chain. We would also receive signage designating Running Deer as a Neighborhood Watch participant. If you are interested in a Neighborhood Watch program, please contact Shawn Wasilewsky at was@fuse.net.

STREETLIGHT INITIATIVE MOVING FORWARD

Speaking of safety, the board is proceeding with the evaluation and voting process related to installing streetlights throughout the neighborhood. At this point, work is just beginning and details such as placement and how they will be paid for still need to be determined. The board is currently working with Duke Energy and West Chester Township to gather information to present to homeowners.

Once all details are finalized, homeowners will get the opportunity to vote on whether to proceed with the installation. The Township requires a yes vote from 50% of the homes to approve the installation. We would like to hear your opinions about this initiative. Please join us at the annual meeting to give your input.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED COVENANT AMENDMENT

Thank you to all the homeowners who voted on the proposed amendment to restrict the leasing of homes in the neighborhood. We received 81 votes for the amendment and 36 votes opposing it. The amendment needed approval from 75% of the homes, or 137 yes votes, to be approved, so there will not be any changes to the covenants at this time. Again, thank you to all who voted and let the board know your opinions.



NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

2009-2010 HOA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bob Briggs, *President*
Kris Loughrie, *Treasurer*
Phil Japikse, *Secretary*
Donna Beal, *Trustee*

Shawn Wasilewsky, *Trustee*
Debbie Brensike, *Trustee*
Pat Healey, *Maintenance & Special Projects*
Dennis Francis – *Special Projects*

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORIES ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS



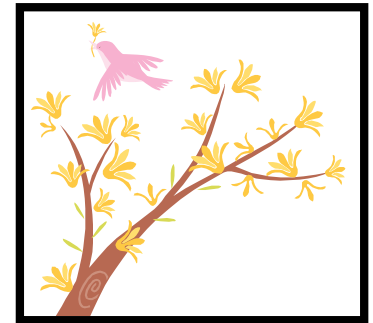
By now you should have received your 2010 Neighborhood Directory. A big thank you to Christine Martin for compiling the information and producing this useful directory. If you have any corrections or updates to your information, please email Christine at cmartin@cinci.rr.com.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE HOA EMAILS

We'd like to be able to communicate important information directly to each homeowner's email box. In order to do so, we are asking you to opt in if you'd like to receive email updates from the board. We will only email you with urgent or time-sensitive information. If you'd like to receive periodic updates through email, please contact Phil Japikse at skimedic@gmail.com.



You can also check the website at www.runningdeerestates.net at any time for Running Deer news and to download architectural request forms, copies of the covenants, and past newsletters. It's also a quick, convenient way to contact the board with any questions or concerns.



Welcome Spring!



REMEMBER:

Tuesday, March 16
Annual Meeting – 7:30 pm
Heritage Elementary Cafeteria

Sunday, March 29 (tentative)
Easter Egg Hunt – 2:00 pm

Saturday, April 17
Running Deer Garage Sale
8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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