

Dear Homeowners,

We have a new board of directors at Eastwood Shores 4 and a new atmosphere. So I'm writing to update you on some of these recent changes.

Many of you told us you wanted more board members living on property, especially the president, and we listened. We now have 3 members on property year around and 1 member on property half of the year. We have a board with a passion to be involved and a dedication to you homeowners and this association. We even appointed a 6th board member as allowed by our by-laws so we'd have an additional dedicated director and a 3rd member on property.

So, let me introduce your board of directors:

Jane Somers, President
Gordon Gould, Treasurer
Tina Dovellos, Director

Dick Page, Vice President
Samantha Krenek, Secretary
Paul Workman, Director

During this new board's first meeting on September 9th, we voted to remove the speed bumps on the north street, and on the 11th, several homeowners and some board members joined together to do just that. Instead of paying the company that installed the bumps to remove them, we saved that expense by removing them ourselves, and in the process of working together, a sense of community was shared.

In the next few weeks, you'll see some of the excess signs on the property removed, some landscaping improvements, incomplete building repairs finished, and a more relaxed atmosphere in the community.

A relaxed atmosphere doesn't mean we're throwing out the rules. Any time you have folks living in an association like this, rules and regulations are necessary. We do plan to review ours to see if and where they may need to be revised. We're of the mind, though, that as homeowners here, you take pride in your community and want to help maintain the integrity and peace we're building and, therefore, will follow the rules of the association. We also believe it is our Property Manager's responsibility to handle situations where someone ignoring the rules is infringing upon the comfort or rights of other residents in the community. As your board, we can and will step in when necessary in a reasonable, professional manner.

It is our goal to bring back a sense of community to this association, and we're already seeing that happening. It is also our goal to watch our expenses and save money where we can. We plan to keep the lines of communication open more with you and encourage you to do the same with us in any number of ways: through our website or our Property Manager Scott, via email, or just stop one of us when you see us walking around the neighborhood. We encourage you to get to know each other and talk to each other as neighbors. Just a couple of weeks ago, several neighbors got together for a cookout. There must have been at least 25 folks out there, some who have lived here for years and who were meeting neighbors for the first time, and all who were raving about how much they were enjoying the new sense of community and relaxed atmosphere.

We're excited about these changes and ready for the work ahead of us. We're grateful for all of you who are excited along with us, all of you who are hopeful for our future, all of you who have offered your cooperation and help. We look forward to working with you and for you. Keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Jane Somers
President, EWS4 Board of Directors
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