



Magnolia Ridge



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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(Director: B. Davis, director@magnoliaridge.org)

NOTES FROM THE LAST HOA MEETING... .. September 13th, 2007

Reminder Residents: Real Estate Signs are only allowed in the common areas during the weekend. Please remove your signs on Sunday evening!

- Dennis Weiss asked Dave Hering to have the swing set at Holliman playground checked out. One of the posts may be rotten and there should be an inspection. He recommended using a V-support rather than a single post. The President also noted that the canvasses have been replaced at the playground.
- Dick Toskes said that the financials appear to be in order. He asked Dave Hering to check on the expenses to the Printing and Reproduction accounts as for the past two months, these have seemed high. There is more than \$166,000 in the Reserves account and past due assessments have gone down.
 - In reviewing the budget, he noted some “unplanned” expenses: legal costs, back payment of some fees to DMA, picking up full costs of DMA fees, pool furniture for two years, and some paving which may be transferred as a Reserves account expense. He suggested that in order to get expenses in line with the budget, contributions to Reserves be suspended for the remainder of the fiscal year and resumed April 1, 2008 after determining what is needed to maintain an appropriate balance in Reserves.
- Dick Toskes said the 2006-2007 tax return has been prepared and needs to be signed by the President.
- **Motion** was made and unanimously approved to suspend contributions to Reserves beginning October 1, 2007 until the beginning of the next fiscal year, April 1, 2008.
- There was discussion of need for and use of storage at the pool house. Dick Toskes said there is a space about 12 feet by 5 feet (where there had been a drink machine) where doors could be installed and the grill and other supplies could be stored out of the way of pool supplies and pool furniture. Becky Davis added that it is a good time to think about all storage needs and consider an add-on to the pool house. It was noted that some supplies are being kept at home and could be more properly stored in bins at the pool house. Dennis Weiss suggested that the doors should

be installed at the recessed space first and then see if more space is needed. The board asked Dave Hering to get a proposal for installing doors.

- Dave Hering reported that the tarps have been replaced at the Holliman playground.
- Bernard Cordeau has repaired and installed a replacement part to the playground equipment at Holliman and the board thanked him for his help.
- A **Motion** was made and unanimously approved authorizing replacement of anchors for the pool cover by Swim Metro at a cost of about \$567.00. This is based on an estimate made by Swim Metro last year.

We meet the second Thursday of every month. A location for next month’s meeting will be sent in a separate notice. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend. These meetings are a great place to get up to date on the happenings in the neighborhood and a forum to express any concerns, questions, or compliments. All meetings follow Roberts Rules of Order. NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY, October 11th!

POOL COMMITTEE (Chair, C. Bender, pool@magnoliaridge.org)

The 2007 Pool Season is over!
We hope you enjoyed yourself at the pool this summer.

If you have any questions, suggestions or complaints, please contact the Pool Committee, at the e-mail address listed above.

Thanks!

GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Chair, Open, president@magnoliaridge.org)

- Dennis Weiss said he has ordered more doggy waste bags. Also, he has found there is a 5th doggy waste station on Runnymede. Becky Davis said that Tilley’s has removed a tree on Bellamy. Dave Hering was asked to follow up to see that the area was sodded over. Also, he is to remind Tilley’s about trash at the gazebo.
- Dennis Weiss suggested that there be bidding by companies to do landscaping. Eric Wilder and Becky Davis thought a letter should be sent to Tilley’s outlining the concerns and all agreed they should be given an opportunity to correct the problems. There have been on-site meetings with the supervisor from Tilley’s.

If you have any questions, suggestions or complaints or are interested in joining the Grounds Committee, please send an e-mail to president@magnoliaridge.org

Thanks!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE (Chair, E. Platania-Slattery, social@magnoliaridge.org)

Ebony Slattery, Chair of the committee said she is losing committee members but will continue to plan events as she can. The recent events have been very good; however, she is not sure she wants to have another “adults only” party as while a number of people sent an RSVP, many did not show up.

- A yard sale is being planned for **October 20** with an ad placed in the newspaper and signs displayed in the area to direct traffic. Residents should place balloons on their mailboxes if they

are participating in the yard sale. Dennis Weiss will send a mass e-mail with information about the yard sale and Ebony Slattery asked that he include a request to e-mail the Social Committee for residents interested.

- Dick Toskes asked her to plan a budget for the next fiscal year and Eric Wilder added that about the first of the calendar year, it might be useful to send out a list of anticipated events for the coming year.
- Dennis Weiss said that the current budget is \$3700 and the Chair had been asked to reserve \$500 for a thank you event for volunteers but he has no objection to using that money for upcoming events. Dick Toskes suggested that the Chair work out plans for events and then ask for additional money if needed.
- Ebony Slattery inquired about an updated community directory. Becky Davis explained the cumbersome process required in the past. Joy Nyman said that she will review the information when the pool committee begins work on the pool pass registrations next year and it was agreed that directory information might be gathered at the same time. Dennis Weiss suggested that once information was collected, a company could be hired to produce the directory.

The social committee could always use extra help in planning and coordination. The more involvement we can get from the community, the more that we will be able to offer everyone at these events.

Please contact Ebony Platania-Slattery at (804) 562-3072 or via email at social@magnoliaridge.org with questions for the Social or Welcoming Committee

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (Chair, Open, communications@magnoliaridge.org)

Community newsletters are distributed only by e-mail, and are always accessible from our community web site at <http://www.magnoliaridge.org>. Just go to the web site to sign up! Your e-mail address will never be made available to outside parties; it will only be used by the HOA to send you community news.

If you are new to the e-mail newsletter distribution list, look under "Downloads" on the web site for past newsletters and meeting minutes.

Next newsletter scheduled for e-mail distribution on October 28th.

CLASSIFIEDS (Residents may post here free through our community web site)

"We are looking for ladies to join our Bunco group. Interested persons must be willing to participate once a month and take a turn hosting once a year. Interested persons should contact Patricia at 266-7098 or Muff333@aol.com (mailto:Muff333@aol.com) for further details. The group plays every second Tuesday of the month, taking turns at each other's house. The game cost \$10 per game. Come join us for lots of fun and a night of relaxation.

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