

The Communicator

Cedar Day Newsletter

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President's Report

You'll notice in this article, that Bob Fortenbaugh is stepping down as Vice President of the HOA.

I want to thank Bob for his many-hours of involvement for all the homeowners in Cedarday. Bob not only served on the HOA board, but also served on the Design Review board for many years. His participation in the community will certainly be missed.

Thank you, Bob

Vice President's Resignation

Because of personal issues, I have decided to resign my post as Vice President. Please respect my privacy. It has been a pleasure serving on the Board over the past many years.

Bob Fortenbaugh

Although we are losing Bob, I'm happy to announce that HOA board member Fran Mergler will be moving into the Vice Presidents position. Fran has served on the HOA board for a number of years now and I'm looking forward to having him as V.P.

I'd also like to welcome our new HOA board member Mike Dean. Mike is new to Cedarday and I'm looking forward to his fresh view and participation on the board.

Cedarday Community School Redistricting.

I recently received an email from one of our homeowners, alerting me to the upcoming school redistricting plan. It is proposing a major shift in the quality of schools for our community. You'll see more detailed information on other pages.

One point I'd like to focus on is your involvement. I say this based on what I saw at the community input meetings for the Monarch Glen Community. The plan was done and the community input meeting was just a necessary formality.

There was one change that did get made though. The plan had two exits that went through the Fairway community. The county council explained over and over again, how they were necessary and had always been in the future plans. I say the council explained it over and over because every homeowner from Fairway attended the meeting and made them explain it.

If you drive through Monarch Glen, you'll notice there are no exits roads connected to Fairway.

Our county councilman is Curtis Beulah.
CBeulah@harfordcountycouncil.com



Annual Dues Notices

This year has been a little more challenging for our annual dues collection. But it really shouldn't be. By having the HOA board members print out, mail out and collect the annual dues, we save a minimum of \$10,000.00. That is the cost of having a management company do it for us. We've been doing this for 14 years. This is math even I can do.

Every year we have about 15 homeowners, who for one reason or another, don't get their payments in on time. Although the covenants don't require us to, we attempt to contact them to let them know we haven't received their payment. The problem for the board is, we don't have emails or phone numbers for many of our homeowners. We also use the Nextdoor app to try to contact them. That does give us a way to contact many of our homeowners, but not all.

So, what can you do to help? You can join Nextdoor or send an email to me at "mannel807@hotmail.com" with your contact information. This information will only be used, by the board, to contact the individual homeowner. Any contact made through Nextdoor, will be through Private Messages. Mark your calendar to remind you when your dues are due, January 31, just in case your invoice gets lost in the mail. I must say that over the past 14 years, we've mailed out some 2,250 dues notices and less than 4 have not been delivered.

Help us keep saving you \$10,000.00 a year.

Gerry Mannel

Treasurers Report

| | 2021 Proposed | 2021 Jan - TD | 2021 Prj.Remain | Projected Actual |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Assessments | \$37,513.00 | \$35,437.20 | \$2,075.80 | \$37,513.00 |
| Interest | \$1,500.00 | \$289.20 | \$1,210.80 | \$1,500.00 |
| Total Income | \$39,013.00 | \$35,726.40 | \$3,286.60 | \$39,013.00 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Meetings | | | | |
| Annual Meeting | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Professional Fees: | \$6,600.00 | \$3,614.00 | \$2,986.00 | \$6,600.00 |
| Accountant | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Advertising | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Attorney | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Insurance (Liability & Bond) | \$4,500.00 | \$3,614.00 | \$886.00 | \$4,500.00 |
| Utilities: | \$400.00 | \$28.23 | \$371.77 | \$400.00 |
| Maintenance: | \$13,621.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,621.00 |
| Mowing of Ponds | \$6,125.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$6,125.00 |
| Routine Pond Maintenance | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| Mowing: sign and common areas | \$2,496.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,496.00 |
| Landscaping - Sign | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Maintenance Sign Landscaping | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Pond Survey | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Office Supplies | | | | |
| Ink, Paper, Envelopes | \$375.00 | \$0.00 | \$375.00 | \$375.00 |
| Website | \$175.00 | \$145.99 | \$29.01 | \$175.00 |
| Postage & Delivery | \$425.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$425.00 |
| Stamps | \$320.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$320.00 |
| Certified Letters | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| P.O. Box | \$150.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$150.00 |
| Welcome/ Social | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |
| Taxes: | \$490.00 | \$479.00 | \$0.00 | \$479.00 |
| Federal | \$390.00 | \$376.00 | \$0.00 | \$676.00 |
| State | \$100.00 | \$103.00 | \$0.00 | \$103.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$22,436.00 | \$4,267.22 | \$4,086.78 | \$22,375.00 |
| Total Reserve (Income - Expenses) | \$16,577.00 | | | \$16,638.00 |



Treasurer
Laurie Mergler

Comments from the Community

CEADRDAY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

HCPS Redistricting Community Input Forums
Wednesday, April 14 5:00-7:30
Wednesday, June 2 5:00-7:30

As soon as I have the links to the zoom meetings I will add them.

Why is this important?

- * The redistricting process is changing the schools some neighborhoods are zoned for to alleviate crowding at the schools.
 - * Current, early, proposals for elementary, middle and high school designation show direct impact to our community.
 - * All residents are impacted by these changes whether you have school aged children or your children attend private schools.
 - * Changes to our current school options will impact home value.
- Additional Background and Timing
HCPS has started the planning phases of redistricting process.
- * The first phase of work which included data analytics and developing guiding principles is complete.
 - * The process is now in the second phase and will be complete in June 2021.
 - * This phase includes development of recommendations, advisory team review, community input through surveys and forums.
 - * The third phase is when the Superintendent takes the proposals and presents them to the board and is slated for June through August 2021.
 - * The 4th phase is from September 2021 to February 2022 and includes BOE public hearings and a BOE decision.

Community Yard Sale and Cleanup Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The annual Cedar day Community yard sale has been set for Saturday, May 15 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. The rain date is Sunday, May 16, same times. This year, as in any year, we hope we don't have to use it. We did have to use it last year and, of course, participation was at an all-time low. Here's a toast for a May 15 that is sunny, warm and dry. Once again, Amelia Hentschel, will handle the logistics for the event. The community will be given further notice by a flyer and the sign near the entrance to the community.



Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors will hold their meetings at President Gerry Mannel's home at 807 Deepwood Court. Meetings start at 6:30.

2021 Board Meetings

April 8
June 10
August 12

Annual Meeting
September 15, 7:30

October 14
December 9



The board encourages all homeowners to attend these meetings. We value your input and opinions.

Herb Freiberger
Editor