



Kensington Downs Newsletter

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KD's ... garage sale ... May 7 and 8 ... 8 am – 5 pm

President's Letter

Spring brings out beautiful flowers and not-so-beautiful solicitors to the neighborhood. We have a sign posted at the entrance saying they are prohibited from coming into our neighborhood. Unfortunately, that sign doesn't force them to stay out. The Board will be checking into our legal options regarding solicitors, since we've had a couple of questions raised recently. For the time being, every homeowner has the legal right to tell anyone to leave their property. Feel free to exercise that right.

There will be some more sign repair going on this year. Several street signs have been repaired over the past couple of years. But now, the entrance sign needs a new coat of paint to keep it bright, sealed, and protected. Other signs will be evaluated for damage and repairs made as necessary.

A reminder: use phone number 748-8651 to leave messages for the Board. That number will always be checked, even when individual Board members may be away on vacation. Strangely, two messages left in March were from homeowners in Kensington East asking where to send their dues payment!

Good luck with your garage sales on May 7 and 8! And please drive safely; warm weather brings the kids out!

Meet your Neighbors

I had the privilege of meeting Ivory, Dazi, and Angel and their humans, long-time homeowners Troy and Laurie Johnson, the other day. They live at 2021 Kerrigan's Way. In addition, Shalana and Brandon are residents there. Laurie is one of the newsletter deliverers in KD. Troy has accumulated 20 years at B. F. Goodrich! I'm impressed. My only job nearing that length of time is that of "mother."

More recently, I found an e-mail that our KD treasurer, Keith Morrison, sent me back in October (!) advising that 7624 Scarlet Court was changing owners. So last Saturday, I hustled over to meet them. Derek Dane and his children, MacKenzie and Andrew, met me at the door. Their wife and mom, Angela, was away from home at the time. (I'm looking forward to meeting her later!) Derek is a regional sales rep for Behr Paints, and Angela is in human resources with the YWCA.

So if I have missed calling on you, I am sorry ... and please give me a ring (493-8803) to let me know. There are three homes on Bent Willow Drive that are in the process of welcoming new people, so watch this column in the next issue to meet these new residents.

Anyway, we hope everyone in KD enjoys the spring weather!

Meet Your Directors

Larry Landmeier, one of Kensington Down's newest Board members, and his wife Cindy have lived in KD since June, 1988. Their home was the third one built in our addition. Larry says, "I've been so busy working and raising a family that I feel I need to spend more time getting to know people and giving more time back to the community. Programming computers can be pretty anti-social work."

Larry and Cindy have four children, all of whom are grown. Cindy owns Welker Insurance on Lake Avenue. They also enjoy five grandchildren. And if you stop by to chat with them, be sure to meet Jake, their golden retriever. Larry notes that Jake may sound tough, but if you "woof back" at Jake, he will probably run into the house!

Thanks for your willingness to serve on the Board, Larry.

Bits and Pieces

Board member Arlene Klapes reports that since June 2008, Kensington Downs has maintained an interactive website, which is provided to us through the City of Fort Wayne and Neighborhood Link. Over the next couple of weeks, our association website will be switched from the no-cost/free format to a low-cost premium site with many enhanced features. While some of the website areas will remain open to the general public and prospective residents, other areas will become private and password-protected. This premium upgrade will allow us to begin regular postings of various "sensitive" materials (e.g., KDCA Board meeting minutes, financial reports, annual meeting documents). In addition, we will receive our own dedicated domain name on the Web. Thus, our website will no longer be accessed through neighborhoodlink.com; the new address will be www.kensingtondowns.com. So please be watching for these exciting changes. If you have questions or comments, you may contact Arlene who is the website coordinator at drnaklapes@yahoo.com.

The Board of Directors will conduct meetings at the fire station on Lahmeyer Road on June 9, August 11, October 13, and December 7 at 7 p.m. The annual meeting will be on November 11.

Many thanks to all our neighbors (or their kids – or their spouses!) who deliver the newsletters: Julie Goodwin, Laurie Johnson, Lucy McNall, Tim Mowrer, Nancy Louraine, Marilyn Knuth, Larry Stiles, Kevin Holle, and Jim Wenglikowski.

Our condolences go out to Tom Tsiguloff on the passing of his wife, Diane, on January 23.

Many thanks to Carol Griffin for sharing this picture with us ☺

