

Reflections News

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DANGER!

DO NOT ENTER DAM CONSTRUCTION AREA!



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 4th at 7:00 PM. A written notice of the meeting, along with sample and absentee ballots, will be mailed out not later than November 17th. There are two scheduled items on which we are asking members to vote.

1. There are three members of the current Board of Directors whose term will expire at the end of December 2017.

Anyone interested in being considered as a candidate for election to the Board must turn in a brief resume to the Reflections office not later than November 15th.

2. While the final decision is up to the Board of Directors, there will be an advisory vote on whether to continue paying \$10.00 per month toward retiring the debt arising from the reconstruction of the dams. There will be two options – paying at a lesser rate over the maximum repayment period of 30 years, or continuing at the current rate, to allow us to retire the debt in approximately twelve years.

Construction update:

- The Mirror Lake dam is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving. Paving of the dam might not be done by that time - if not it will follow shortly thereafter.
- The Otter Lake dam should be complete by mid-December.
- We are expecting a bid to reconstruct the large pier in Otter Lake this week. We also expect a bid for the roads this week.
- We have completed the amount of fencing we are going to do in 2017.
- Unbeknownst to us, we own about two acres on the left as you exit the Ulmer Road gate. When that was determined we had to spend nearly \$5,000 clearing that area and removing trees that endangered homes in Emerald Lake.
- More information will be provided to members at the annual meeting.

Warnings:

- In Twin Oaks and Southbury please park ONLY in designated parking places, not along curbs that are NOT parking places
- Last week I drove down toward the Mirror Lake dam from the Rawlinson Road side, when returning I had the right of way – there is a stop sign on Lazy Acres before entering Stoney Creek. A car coming from Lazy Acres failed to stop for the stop sign, almost leading to a collision. There is a significant amount of authorized traffic on that portion of Stoney Creek; if entering from Lazy Acres please respect the stop sign at the corner.

I look forward to seeing a large number of you at our annual meeting!

From the Architectural Committee

This cooler fall weather makes it easier to get outdoors and do some yard clean-up before winter sets in.

As you do that, you may see bushes or limbs in the common areas that need trimming or attention in some way. Let the Reflections office know by filling out a work order on the Reflections website. That way, the work can be prioritized and worked into the schedule for the grounds crew.

You may also want to get together with your neighbors to plan a work day to do some sprucing up in your neighborhood. It's always more fun and a lot easier when you share the load.

The county will take away yard debris on Mondays as part of the regular trash day. You do not have to bag it, but you may find it's an easier way to dispose of leaves, weeds, sticks, and limbs. If not bagged, limbs must be cut down to four feet or shorter. Yard waste should be stacked near but not beside your trash roll-out bin.

Remember that trash and recycling bins should be put out no earlier than the night before pick-up and must be put away out of sight by the end of pick-up day. New reminder forms from the Architectural Committee will be placed on bins that are not put away according to the schedule. Residents who do not respond to the first reminder notice will be subject to a fine of \$10 a day. The trash/recycling schedule can be found on the Richland County Solid Waste and Recycling website. A convenient phone app is also available.

Have you heard the saying, "Sometimes things have to get worse to get better"? It can be like that with livings things too – like with plants. Here at Reflections, much of the original planting in the common areas was done 40 years ago. And even plants have a life expectancy.

Working with professional landscaper George Pickels (whose firm did the original landscaping plan), members of the Reflections board, the Grounds Committee, and the Architectural Committee have been studying ways to make the landscaping in our neighborhood even more beautiful, especially as we come closer to having our dams and roads rebuilt.

Some pruning of bushes has begun and will continue as appropriate for the season and the plant. Care is being taken to prune them at the time that best suits the plant, whether it is a blooming one or not.

You may begin to notice some of this pruning around your house. Please do not be alarmed as plants need regular maintenance, just like the rest of us. When done correctly, pruning can stimulate growth and revitalize the plant. Some of our plants were not thriving and needed some attention. Those that have lived their lifetime will be pulled up and replaced.

The results of pruning are only temporary. Watch how the shrubs rebound in the coming weeks and months. Cooler weather is a great time to prune because plants go into a dormant season then and they don't produce a lot of new growth that could be killed by a cold snap.

Winter weather is unpredictable, so we may see some new growth on shrubs that have been pruned. Spring will be a perfect time to see the pruned shrubs rebounding. They often grow quickly when stimulated by pruning. You should start seeing beautiful results in just a few months. Our neighborhood will be revitalized by newly growing plants and shrubs, new dams, and freshly paved roads.

Celia Whitten

Reminders!

- 1. We are planning to "go digital" next year. We will publish our newsletter on our website and distribute it by email only. Maggie needs your email address if you would like an email copy.*
- 2. Regime Fees were raised \$10.00 starting in July to cover the SBA loan payment; it seems several of us forgot to make the change. If you forgot please make the change and add the forgotten amount to your next payment.*

STAY INFORMED BOARD MEETINGS!

Board meetings are held in the Reflections' Clubhouse 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please bring your suggestions and ideas. . You will have an opportunity to be heard. Residents may address the Board in resident comments beginning at 7:00 pm.

OFFICE HOURS/CLOSURES

The office is open for residents/guest Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 and Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 4:00, Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. The office has extended hours the third Thursday of the month 1:00 to 6:30.

Want to write for this newsletter? Please bring your articles to the office or email to maggie-reflections@sc.rr.com by November 30, 2017. We cannot promise all will be published but we would appreciate articles.

WANTED

NOMINATIONS **TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

REFLECTIONS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

If you want to contribute to the continued progress of the Community to protect and improve your investment, then you should submit your name as a nominee for the Board or nominate someone you think would help in sustaining the Community.

ROA residents are invited to suggest nominations for the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Self nominations are welcome.

● Nominations should be in writing with (1) a short biographical sketch [250 words or less] that should include the nominee's address and how long they have lived at Reflections and (2) a statement from the nominee that they are willing to be nominated.

● Please submit all nominations to Maggie Perry at the Reflections Office no later than November 15TH in a sealed envelope. Maggie will forward the sealed envelopes to Cese Newcomer, chair of the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

New Board members will be elected at the
December 4th Annual Meeting.