

## **TRINITY CREEKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

### **HOA General Meeting**

**Board Members Present: Kevin Richard, Geri Morris, Elzie Banks, Ron Wright, Diane Hodges**

**Homeowners Present: 22**

### **Guest Presentation: Robert Sanders, South Suburban Housing Center**

Mr. Sanders provided a comprehensive overview of programs available to assist homeowners who may be experiencing financial circumstances that could lead to foreclosure. His presentation included programs such as the Cook County Foreclosure Mediation Program and the Hardest Hit Program.

He provided information that informed the group that Cook County was one of the hardest hit counties in the United States and that the south suburbs, Matteson in particular, were among the highest foreclosure rates. He recommended that homeowners, facing circumstances that might lead to inability to remain current with mortgage payments, immediately contact their lender to inform them of the situation to try to work out some arrangement. He reminded the group that the South Suburban Housing Center provides free services to assist homeowners.

If any homeowner is facing financial challenges and were unable to attend this meeting, feel free to contact Robert Sanders at the South Suburban Housing Center, 18220 Harwood, Suite 1, Homewood, IL.

### **Budget Report (Kevin Richard)**

Due to the amount of time consumed by Mr. Sanders' presentation, Kevin Richard provided a limited financial report, indicating that we currently have approximately \$12,000 in our treasury.

### **Update on Lighting of the Monumental Sign (Elzie Banks)**

Cross Country Electric was hired to install lighting on the monumental sign. They were delayed in starting the project due to inclement weather. The Battles family agreed to allow electric service through their home. Since this meeting, the lights have been installed.

### **Community Communication (Geri Morris)**

Geri Morris suggested that homeowners inform the Board of death, sickness among homeowners. If the Board is informed in a timely manner, cards and/or flowers will be sent. We do not want to send condolences weeks after the death, as that seems inappropriate. Elzie Banks added that there are a number of widows alone in homes now and that it would be helpful, if we call, stop by and visit to offer assistance and support.

Also it was suggested that the homeowners inform the Board, if anyone sees work being done on a home without a permit being visibly displayed.

**Miscellaneous Topics:**

- Pete's Market website indicates that several stores in other communities will be opening before the Matteson store. According to the information we currently have, Pete's is still coming to Matteson.
- Mr. Sanders announced that the South Suburban Housing Center is searching for the position of Fair Housing Enforcement Coordinator, whose job is to train and coordinate the testers. The salary is estimated at \$35,000 to \$40,000.
- A complaint about vicious dogs was voiced. It was suggested that the person check the Village of Matteson website, as there is an ordinance that covers animals that are viewed as a menace to the community.
- It was suggested that we ask Larry Rogers to make a presentation on property taxes.
- A question was raised regarding the Manheim Auto Auction – why is that business not being taxed?
- Concern was expressed about low voter turnout in Matteson
- Denise Johnson invited the group to the next Concerned Neighbors of Matteson (CNOM) meeting. She was unsure about the exact date.

Submitted by: Diane Hodges, Secretary, Board of Directors, Trinity Creeks Community Association