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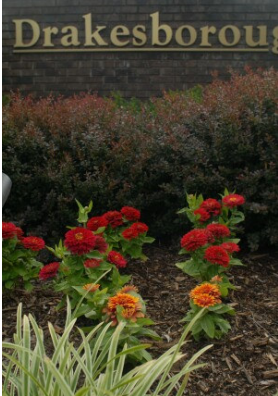


Photo by Jeanie Adams-Smith
Newly-planted zinnias highlight the entrance landscaping.

President's Message

The unsung heroes of Drakesborough

A number of our neighbors—many with special talents and skills—do work around the neighborhood that makes Drakesborough a special place to live.

I'd like to name a few today, and offer a big "thank you" from all of us:

Mike Huffman, who repaired our swing set this spring, has had a hand in almost every building project in the common areas. His work defines the look and character of Drakesborough.

Jeff Butterfield, who built us a beautiful and information-packed website, continues to maintain and upgrade the site on his own time.

Flora Templeton Stuart files our annual DHA non-profit corpo-

Work continues on entrance, commons

Swing-set repairs, sprinkler system among projects

One of Kelci Morrison's favorite things about her new house in Drakesborough is the little park nearby, where she can climb and swing to her heart's content.

Kelci, daughter of David and Tracy Morrison, has become one of the regulars at the commons. But it wasn't such a pretty picture a few months ago, when the swings had been removed because one of the upright supports had begun to rot.

Although a number of parents called to complain, the repairs couldn't be completed until spring. Good neighbor Mike Huffman did the work, which included new uprights and cement, at a minimal cost to the homeowners association.

That was just one part of the ongoing maintenance and upgrades planned by the DHA board this year.

Other projects at the commons include power-washing and regular cleaning of the tennis courts. The board is also consid-



Photo by Jeanie Adams-Smith.

Kelci Morrison tries out the slide at the commons. She also had a great time on the recently refurbished swing set.

ering bush and tree trimming.

Work also continues at the entrance, where the sprinkler system had to be replaced because of damage caused by the installation of a new water line.

Larry Smith, the contractor for the sprinkler system, has been experiencing some problems, but the board is expecting the work to be done by publication time.

The Lawn Doctor suggests we wait until fall to put in topsoil and sod. The Warren County

Water District remains committed to its pledge to bring the entrance back to its original condition—or better—and we are thankful for their commitment.

Meanwhile, the entrance is looking pretty good. Zinnias are now in place, thanks to Kathi Milam and Carol Adams, adding a splash of summer color to the landscape. And the board is considering some low-maintenance shrubbery for the back wall of the entrance.

DHA website under construction

With its many important documents, past newsletters, maps and photographs, the DHA website has been a great asset to the neighborhood. This year, however, we have experienced technical difficulties when trying to update and add new documents, such as our quarterly newsletter.

Our neighborhood website guru Jeff Butterfield

is helping us resolve the problem and freshen up the site. Meanwhile, we urge residents to visit the website for information about the neighborhood, as well as vital documents, like the DHA bylaws and the building and maintenance restrictions.



DHA newsletter and more online

<http://www.drakesborough.com/index.html>

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What's bugging you?

A mild winter and a rainy spring has brought a lot of interesting critters into the neighborhood. This grasshopper is one of the nicer ones.



Photo by Jeanie Adams-Smith

Huntington cornered



The Spring Social held at the commons was awesome. It was organized by Lesli Rohrig. Husband Mark cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs which were consumed very quickly thereafter.

About 45 people showed up, including some new neighbors, and there was plenty of fun stuff for the kids to do, also organized by Lesli Rohrig. Function was from 1400 hours to 1600 hours (2 to 4), but at 1700 hours (5 o'clock) Drakesboroughians were still kibitzing because they liked each other.

There is something neat about mixing with neat people. If you missed the function, you screwed up.

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Drakesborough received the coveted Most Beautiful Entrance Award presented by the Drakesborough International Entrance Association Committee. Barrington Manor came in second again. For making this happen, many thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hess, who sold us these beautiful blooms, and to Kathi Milam and Carol Adams, who planted them at the entrance.

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Lesli Rohrig (Miss Energy) marketed the Drakesborough Yard Sale that occurred June 9-10. A few hopeful yard merchants set up on Friday, but the weatherman soon put an end to that. Saturday was a lot better, with plenty of stuff for sale and a constant flow of gawkers driving through the neighborhood.

With the exchange of stuff from the yard sale, it gets a little confusing now when you go into a neighbor's house, because you don't know whose house you are in.

John Huntington

Building restrictions

Every homeowner should be aware of the Drakesborough building restrictions, which set the standards for maintenance, additions, or outbuildings. These standards, provided for in a legal document filed with the Warren County Clerk, are designed to prevent neighborhood disputes and maintain high property values. Any homeowner has the right to file a complaint to enforce these restrictions. If you have a project in mind, please contact the DHA for review and approval. Following are some excerpts. A complete version of the building restrictions is available online at www.drakesborough.com.

- Only one residence may be erected on each lot. No structure shall be erected, altered or permitted other than one single family dwelling.
- All detached buildings, including dog pens or runs, shall be constructed so as to favorably compare with the character and design of the main improvement and shall be screened by landscaping so as not to detract from the harmony of the neighborhood.
- No noxious or offensive trade, or activity, or business of any kind shall be carried upon any lot in the subdivision.
- No trailer, basement, tent, shack, garage, barn or other outbuilding erected on any lot shall at any time be used as a residence.
- All building plans, specifications and placement shall be subject to review and approval. The residence must be suitable to the site, and in harmony with surrounding homes.
- It shall be the duty of the owner of each lot in the subdivision to keep the grass on the lot properly cut, and to keep the lot free from weeds and trash, and otherwise neat and attractive in appearance.
- All driveways must be surfaced with concrete or bituminous macadam from paved surface of the street to the end of the driveway.
- No commercial vehicles, such as trucks, may be housed or maintained on these lots.
- No security lights or other means of continuous lighting will be approved that will detract from the planned continuous lighting for the development.

Unsung heroes

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ration papers *pro bono* and offers legal advice when we need it.

Rick Aldridge, former board treasurer, has been keeping track of the neighborhood's natural gas rebate fund for residents who first brought in the gas lines.

Eddie Freeland, who volunteered to keep the street lights maintained, not only has all the lights working but also got the fixtures and poles painted for us this year.

Teresa Lanham, a former board member, continued her work this year dealing with the water company and its subcontractors to make sure our entrance

was restored. She and her husband Gary keep an eye on the entrance to make sure it is well-maintained.

Gary Lanham replaces burned-out lights at the entrance and puts out the American flags when the occasion calls for it.

Kathi Milam went out and got the zinnias that grace our entrance, and she can often be seen pulling weeds and touching up the flower beds. We don't have to ask her for help. She just sees the need and takes care of it.

Now these are the kind of neighbors that make us all look good.

Thanks!

David Adams-Smith
DHA president