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# Drakesborough

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President's Message

## Why worry about your neighbors?

A few years ago, the DHA board conducted a survey of homeowners to see what gripe they had about the neighborhood. As many of you



may remember, several of the most common complaints had to do

with the maintenance or appearance of neighboring homes.

Some of these complaints were venting about temporary problems. But many were of a more serious nature, involving persistent issues of safety or declining property values.

In response to this survey and to current complaints by homeowners, the DHA board has created the Architecture and Landscaping Committee. Members of the committee have developed expertise on neighborhood restrictions as well as county regulations.

The mandate of this committee is to prevent feuds by advising residents about building restrictions and possible violations of the law before the problem becomes an issue.

Many Drakesborough homeowners are not aware that these issues

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A Drakesborough Homeowners Communication

September 2006



## Fall Social this Sunday

Don't miss this year's Fall Social, good times with good neighbors at the commons on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Activities for kids will include autumn crafts such as ghost necklaces and paper jack 'o lanterns. As usual, the DHA will provide hamburg-

ers, hot dogs, condiments and drinks. Just bring chairs and a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a dessert. If your last name begins with L-Z, please bring a salad or side dish. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 8.

## Drakesborough website back in business



Photo by Jeanie Adams-Smith

An early-morning fog lends an air of mystery at the end of Fisher Lane, as viewed from Mooreborough. Each season seems to bring new vistas of beauty in Drakesborough.

## New format, updated content, useful information

The technical problems that prevented the board from updating information on the Drakesborough website have been resolved.

Web guru and good neighbor Jeff Butterfield re-created the site in an easy-to-use format with loads of information and handy links. It looks great, too!

Residents who have not taken the time to look at the site should give it a try at:

[www.drakesborough.com](http://www.drakesborough.com).

Included on the website: **Information** about the neighborhood and the Drakesborough Homeowners Association, a list of contacts for the DHA and all current board members, DHA membership privileges, dues, and sign-up sheets.

**Maps** of Drakesborough and how to get here, which could help residents who are inviting guests to the neighborhood.

**Vital documents**, such as the Building and maintenance restrictions for all property owners, the DHA bylaws, and the articles of incorporation.

**Annual calendar** of activities.

## Huntington cornered



**Editor's note:** A computer meltdown resulted in the loss of John's column for this issue, and we were unable to contact him by press time. Here are excerpts from one of our favorite columns, updated where necessary, but filled with the wit and wisdom that we have come to expect from this transplanted Californian. Enjoy!

After I joined the DHA board, I was told that Drakesborough Drive was not an extension to I-65. Speed limit is not 70 m.p.h. I never knew that. No one ever tells me these things. I thought since I always leave the house late and that I am important, I could do 70 m.p.h. Probably the black and white Royal Poodles on the corner of Saxon and Drakesborough Drive were trying to tell me something, especially the black one that spins round and round until he gets dizzy and falls over.

After being corrected, I could feel that California in-your-face attitude start to come forth. I then remembered the Drakesborough oath that Californians have to take when they move here: Smile, love and hug your neighbor (there is a boundary here though), no acting like a jerk, and leave the California attitude in California or you're out of here. Life is tough sometimes.

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Everyone living in Drakesborough has been on the DHA board at least once and probably several times. When I moved into Drakesborough, my 6-foot-6, 250-pound neighbor suggested I might want to serve on the board. Whether Drakesborough has benefited from my term in office may be in question, but I have benefited. There are some really neat people living in Drakesborough, and I would have never met them if I hadn't served on the board.

The board has put a limit on how long members can serve in order to bring "fresh blood" into the process. Problem is, we now have to recruit new members every year. For 2007, we need five new board members. We have already found three neighbors willing to volunteer their time and talents serving on the board. We need two more. If you are interested, please call any board member. Our contact information is on the web at [www.drakesborough.com](http://www.drakesborough.com).

**John Huntington**

## Why worry?

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are not only addressed in the Drakesborough building restrictions, but are outlined in the county's National Property Maintenance Code. Enforcement

of violations is handled by the Planning Commission Code enforcement division, among others.

The purpose of the board's new committee is to provide advice and information about

these complicated matters before they become real issues.

So, if you are planning a new addition or outbuilding, please call a DHA board member for guidance. Your neighbors might take offense.



Photo by Jeanie Adams-Smith

Some neighbors have wondered what happened to the grass at the entrance. It's good news: Weeds and "bad grass" are being killed to prepare the ground for power seeding.

## Restoration nearly completed at the Drakesborough entrance

Contractors are putting on the finishing touches at the Drakesborough entrance, which has had a rough year after landscaping and water systems were damaged during the installation of a water pipe.

All systems are "go" now and workers are preparing the lawn

for power seeding.

The DHA appreciates the commitment of the Warren County Water District to restore the entrance to its original condition.

The board has also decided to do some new landscaping at the entrance and tree-trimming at the commons.

## New neighbors

The DHA board would like to welcome new neighbors Heikki and Vicki Rinne and their son, Timo who are now living on Morningstar Court. The Rinnes, whose most recent home was overseas, they have found Drakesborough beautiful and friendly.

The Morrisons, Dave and Tracy and their daughter Kelci, now live on Drakesborough Drive. They are hard at work making their new house a home.

Brian and Jana Rowell and their son, Brian, were very happy to have found their new home on Mooreborough Drive.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have not had a welcome visit, please let Lesli Rohrig know at 746-0089.

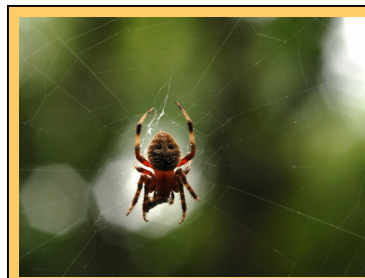


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## Boo!

'Tis the season for ghosts and goblins and witches' brew, bats in the belfry and spiders, too.