



FALL 2009

### Connie's Comments

I really should forget my column as John H. captures all the good stuff in such a congenial way. (See next page.) Thanks, John. So I'll tackle the hard stuff.

We get concerns and questions and comments; we all try to address them as they arise and delegate to the proper board member or "go to" person. The general questions about dues are usually fielded by Rick, Mike, or me.

#### Lessons Learned:

Dues represent income. Income pays for expenses for the joy or "niceness" of living in Drakesborough. While we may not use the seesaw, or even walk up and smell the flowers at the front entrance, imagine life without a freshly mowed yard or driving by bare brick walls!

Lawn upkeep, maintenance for Commons area, bills for lighting and water, replacement costs for street signs, a modest amount for neighborhood socials, and reserve for deferred tennis court maintenance are but a few recurring expenses. We've tried this year to compromise and lessen the cost of newsletters by opting for e-mail when possible and by doing only one side in color, by scaling back on binding materials for the Directory.

Deferred maintenance on tennis courts might seem silly. The lesson learned is that if we let the courts deteriorate like they did 10-

15 years ago, then the expense is nearly prohibitive to revitalize. Now that we have them "served up," we want to be smart about ongoing commitments.

We have 83 homeowners out of about 120 houses (with about 10 vacant) so we're not all on board yet. Perhaps a New Year's resolution? Join DHA.

Thanks!

### Minutes Matter

What we've discussed at our recent meetings:

- Have a tech savvy WKU student update our web site and maintain iPower for one more year. Hits are still around 1,000 per year.
- Hold yard sale the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June so as not to compete with Longest Yard Sale.
- Make final distribution of separate Drakesborough Natural Gas Funds since 120-day public announcement appeared in Daily News.
- Discussed concerns about unkempt yards, etc.

### You're Invited to Become a DHA Board Member; RSVP to Current Board or at Fall Social

#### DHA Board 2009

- Connie Foster, President
- John Huntington, Vice President
- Leanne Stewart, Secretary
- Rick Aldridge, Treasurer
- Mike Cobb, Asst. Treasurer
- Linda Moore
- Gary Wyatt

### Welcome New Neighbors

**Anthony & Elizabeth Gilbert,**  
665 Scottsborough Circle.

**Paul and Marlon Sanders & family,**  
161 Mooreborough Ct.

**Glen & Ada Morris,**  
655 Scottsborough Circle

### Did you see?

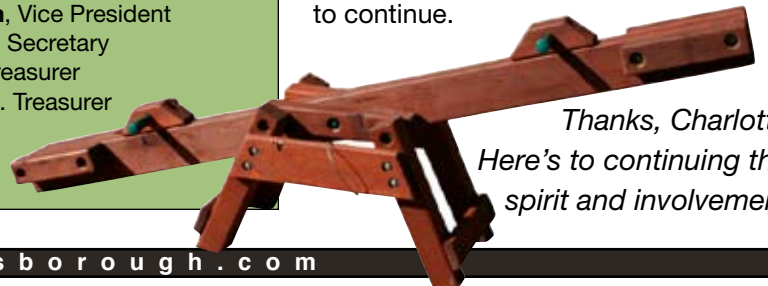
Mike Huffman and family refurbishing, replacing, staining, power washing, mulching ...



(Whew! and it WAS HOT) Thanks for skills and services in refurbishing the Commons Area.

### Special Appreciation

to **Charlotte Hudson** who has served and jump started our DHA group more than once. From 1996-2000, 2008-09, and maybe more. She and her husband moved here in Jan. 1990 and began the movement towards DHA. Volunteerism can only go so far and mowing front and Commons, weeding, etc. was just too unpredictable, and, besides, we do have "day jobs." June 1996 marked a time for removing dying pine trees, adding new lighting to the front and brass letters, regular mowing and planting and, yes, if you remember, replacing the decaying wood fence at the front with wrought iron. Her energy and that of the early board provide a legacy and model for us to continue.



*Thanks, Charlotte. Here's to continuing that spirit and involvement.*



## Huntington (Nicely) Cornered

John Huntington, VP, DHA

Only really nice people are allowed to live in Drakesborough. (You probably knew that)

Board members to the Drakesborough Homeowners Association (DHA) can only serve 2 years at a time. (You probably knew that too.) This helps prevent a board from establishing a kingdom.

The present board has only 2 or 3 more meetings and half the board will be vacated. (Maybe or maybe not you knew that.)

### Benefits for board members:

- You find out that Drakesborough really does consist of nice neighbors. It is not just propaganda.

- You get a feel for where the dues are spent and how it protects your property value.
- Meetings are held once a month at a board member's house so you get to see inside a neighbor's house.
- The most important thing, though, is that food is served at the meetings.

By Dec. 2009, there will be a need for 2 or 3 new board members. If you really think this is a really nice neighborhood, you could be a really nice board member. The only requirement is that you have to be a nice person, but then again, if you weren't a really nice person, you couldn't live in Drakesborough. (You probably knew that.)

See a nice DHA board member at the Fall Social, October 17, and just tell them that you are nice person and would like to be on the nice board.

## Fall Social: October 17, 3:30-5:30

According to your last name, please bring:

**A-J**, salads, veggies      **K-P**, desserts

**Q-Z**, chips, dip, etc. for snacks

DHA provides meat, buns, etc; water, juice drinks for kids.

**Rain date:**

**Sunday, Oct. 18, 2-4 p.m.**  
**No other dates planned.**



**2009  
Summer Social Fun!**

**Lower Left: Rick Aldridge hoses sliders**

**Below: Shade-seeking non-sliders**

