



# HIGHGATE GREENS UPDATE

Highgate Greens  
Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter  
December 2008

## *Presidents Message: Bruce Klinger*

Dear Neighbors,

December 2008

Greetings and Happy Holidays!!

Thanks all who attended the annual Highgate Greens HOA meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Texas Ranch Steakhouse. This was a very productive meeting as well as a great time to get together as a community. During the meeting, all committee members gave their annual reviews and answered questions as well as concerns. There were some great points and suggestions made, elections for new officers and committee persons, and 2009 budget approval.

Our Vice President, Kathy Chander, gave her report on homes sold for 2008 (2 homes) and homes currently on the market (3.) Kathy, after serving 2 years as secretary and one year as vice president will be stepping down for 2009 and Nikki Suazo was unanimously elected to take her place as Vice President.

Many have agreed that the landscaping for Highgate Greens has looked better in 2008 than it ever has before. As all homeowners know, beautiful landscaping does not happen for years, but can become a train wreck in weeks. Mike Childress has continued to do an outstanding job coordinating this effort while managing to keep expenses very reasonable. Mike has agreed to continue as committee chairman for this position. We will also continue to use Rescom as our landscaping contractor for 2009 to maintain neighborhood common areas. We also had a generous donation from Fred Vanbourgonidien of Upper Greens. **During the meeting Fred donated 3000 (tulip bulbs) on behalf of his company (Mike, help me out here.) Thanks Fred!!**

Scott Lovell and Dave Hinchee of our legislative committee addressed progress on Sherwood Lakes, the new development behind us. Scott also filled us in on time lines for extension of Nimmo Parkway, future construction of a new Kellam High School, and the possibility of extending the sidewalk along Princess Anne Road from Three Oaks to our entrance.

Nancy Childress, our Treasurer, presented her annual budget report and presented the 2009 budget which was unanimously approved. Nancy has done a phenomenal job serving as treasurer for the past 6 years and will be stepping down for 2009. Taking her place will be Mike Furchtenict who was unanimously voted for the position.

Finally, Additional nominees for positions included Doug Riggs as our new Architectural Committee Person and Lori Logan will act as the coordinator for our neighborhood watch committee.

With regards,

Bruce Klinger



## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

### Congratula

To our Annual  
Meeting  
Raffle  
Winners

Maria  
Richards a  
\$25 gift  
certificate  
to Panera  
Bread (and  
the others

**Happy Hour:** If you would like to host a Happy Hour, please call Jackie or Scott Lovell at 427-2429 for more information.

**Holiday Open House:** Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 pm. This is an adult progressive party and we will need 4 homes to host a 1½ hour event. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Jackie Lovell (427-2429)



*Treasurers Report: Nancy Childress*

Hi, neighbors.

Thanks to all neighbors who are up to date and help to make the treasurer position easier. There are still 10 households with unpaid dues status for 2008. There is also 1 household that has not paid dues for both 2007 and 2008. The HOA has obtained a judgment against the owner's of this particular household and filed a lien on their property. If you are one of the individuals who have not paid their HOA fees, please do so as soon as possible.

Welcome to new neighbors and folks returning to the area.

The board is looking for a volunteer to fill the treasurer position for 2009. I'll assist the new treasurer for a smooth transition.

I look forward to seeing you all outside during the beautiful fall weather to come.

*Architect & Grounds Committee:  
George Fuller*



All residents are reminded that the bylaws of our homeowners association require all capital improvements to be reviewed and approved in writing by the Architectural Standards Committee prior to starting construction. All homeowners who are planning a new or replacement capital improvement to their property such as a home addition, swimming pool, yard fencing, deck, detached garage, detached storage building, detached pool house, or bulkhead are requested to contact George Fuller at 427-3870 to coordinate the committees review and written approval of the planned capital improvement prior to ordering construction materials or signing construction contracts.

The committee is looking for two additional volunteers to serve who have engineering or construction experience. Contact George for additional information.

NEIGHBORHOOD News

**Sunshine/Welcome Committee:**

We now have a Sunshine Committee and a Committee Chair Person: Nikki Suazo. The role of the Sunshine Committee will be to welcome new neighbors, offer assistance to neighbors who have fallen ill and offer condolences to those who have lost a loved one. Please notify Nikki Suazo of any appropriate neighborhood information: [suazo1024@yahoo.com](mailto:suazo1024@yahoo.com) Once this news has been received by Nikki, an e-mail will go out to ask other neighbors to help with meals, transportation, babysitting or any other service needed. While there is a Sunshine Committee to welcome new neighbors, please also do your part to make them feel welcome - stop by, say HI, bring them some cookies - it is tough moving to a new town or neighborhood and not knowing anyone. Let's make folks feel like they made the best decision by moving to Highgate Greens.

**Neighborhood Directory:**

The Sunshine Committee will be updating the neighborhood directory for next year. The new directory will have our neighbor's information, local utility and shopping directory, a lot map of the neighborhood and a directory for services our neighbors can offer: babysitting, pet sitting, pet walking, lawn mowing, etc. If you or someone in your family would like to offer their services to the neighborhood or if you have any updates to your listing information, please e-mail Nikki Suazo at [suazo1024@yahoo.com](mailto:suazo1024@yahoo.com).

Are you a Stay-at-Home mom looking to get together with other SAH moms in the neighborhood? If so, please e-mail Nikki Suazo with your information (name, ages of children, activities you are interested in doing: beach, parks, zoo, shopping, swimming, etc.). [suazo1024@yahoo.com](mailto:suazo1024@yahoo.com)

## Legal Reminders

**Motor Bike License Plate:** According to the state's Department of Motor Vehicles, it is illegal for a person, young or old; to operate a motorbike that does not display a license plate.



**Scoop the Poop!**

People walking their dog(s) within the City Right-of-Way (i.e. sidewalks, parks, and common areas) are required to cleanup after their dog(s) and dispose of the material in a "safe and sanitary manner." (Please do not throw these "doggie" bags down the storm sewer – it will only end up in the lake or the canal). It is also a violation of City code 5-16 for any owner or person in control of a dog to "knowingly or willfully allow his/her dog (or any other pet) to urinate or defecate on the private property of other persons without their consent or that of the authorized agent of the one having control of the premises." Violation of this code constitutes a Class 4 misdemeanor.



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