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CURB APPEAL AWARD



This month's curb appeal award goes to Tom and Debby Atkinson for creativity in improvising after their mailbox was destroyed. Speaking of mailboxes, there are many still in disrepair. If you are in need of posts and/or a wood box, please read the following article.

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MAILBOX POSTS

For a limited time, Larry Scudder is still offering SPECIAL PRICING TO RESIDENTS. Get your orders in soon to take advantage of this opportunity and help keep our neighborhood looking good!

PRICES FOR RESERVE MAILBOX POST ASSEMBLY:

- Complete wood box with new post: \$90
- Above, installed and old post removed: \$140
- Wood box only (bracketing, screws included): \$65
- Wood box, installed: \$75

Materials are treated pine and cedar. Boxes include PVC mailing tube and bracket; prices do not include postal box. Custom staining extra.

The wood does not come sealed. The wood used is cedar and treated pine. It should be stained or painted. If you want to "Do-It-Yourself", plans with dimensions are available.

Contact Larry at 330.723.2941 or startap1234@aol.com.

RESERVE SPRING GARAGE SALE



The dates for the Spring Garage Sale will be May 15th, 16th, & 17th (Thurs-Sat.) Thurs and Friday will be 9-4 and Sat. 9-12. Anyone who would like to participate can contact Amy Flanagan at aflanag8@aol.com. Amy will also

look into Craigs List for advertising along with the local papers.



PICK IT UP DAY



Pick It Up Day will coincide with Earth Day, Sat, April 19th. The day will kick-off with an orientation and safety session at 8:30AM at the Medina Township Hall 3799 Huffman Road. After the brief meeting, groups and individuals will go to their locations (throughout the township or here in the The Reserve) to pick up litter. All safety gear, equipment, and other needed items will be provided. At 12:30, the Township police and their community partners will host a reception featuring free food and drinks for Pick It Up Day participants at Streetside Cafe 3790 Pearl Road.

Last year, The Reserve Homeowners' Association was commended by Police Chief Arbogast for its participation. John Flanagan is once again coordinating efforts here in The Reserve. Anyone who wants to help out can call John Flanagan at 330-764-3343. More information can be found on the Medina Township website at www.medinatownship.com.



GOURMET GROUP

The Reserve Gourmet recently enjoyed a Country Cajun dinner at the home of Ken & Pat Chaloupek.

Appetizers included crab balls, Jezebel sauce, crawfish beignets, and a tomato tart with an herb crust. Louisiana greens, jambalaya, shrimp etouffee, dirty rice, corn maque choux, roasted potatoes and smothered okra rounded out the meal. The delectable desserts included sweet potato pecan pie, Cajun bread pudding & flaming cherries jubilee. If your mouth is watering now, come join us at the next Gourmet!

Reserve Gourmet meets on the first Saturday of the even numbered months. The next Reserve Gourmet dinner will be hosted by Dennis and Allayne Reese on Sat., June 7.

Hosts select the theme and the committee helps with the planning and recipe selection. We cater to all levels of cooking. The main ingredients are fun and great food! New members are always welcome and it's a great way to meet the neighbors. For more information or to be added to the email distribution list for future dinners, please contact Joanne Weiler at weiler@zoominternet.net or 330-723-6312.

"BOB'S LIST" NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We currently have 21 different services on the referral list and have more than one company for some of the services for a total of 32. The following services were recently asked for and are not available: Babysitting, Deck Refinishing and Conversion of VHS to DVD. If you have recommendations for these services or can provide these services, please contact Bob.

Please utilize the following format for submissions:

Type of Service:
Company Name:
City:
Contact:
Telephone:
Email:
Mo/Yr of Service:
Reserve Name:
Reserve Address:
Reserve Tele:
Reserve Email:
Comments:

Bob can be reached at: bmorrow@zoominternet.net, 330-725-5893, or linked through the Reserve website.

RESERVE TIMES

Why are we attempting to send as many newsletters as possible via email? Many reasons: reduces costs & labor, better for the environment as it saves paper & landfill usage, and, you'll receive your expanded edition about a week before paper distribution in full color, along with expanded photos! If you have an email address and have not yet sent it in, please send it to mm@images.com.

Remember that you can always download the latest *Reserve Times*, along with previous issues by clicking on the issue date in the left column of our homepage @ www.medinareserve.com.

STREET CAPTAINS NEEDED!!

Since about half of our newsletters are being delivered as hard copy, your editor needs some volunteers to help deliver them. If you'd like to volunteer, please send an email: mm@images.com or phone at 330-241-4406.

RESERVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held February 28, 2008. The following slate of officers were elected unanimously by ballot:

John Flanagan: President
Dennis Goik: Vice President
Dave Lapeus: Treasurer
Mary Jane McGinnis: Secretary

Dues for the 2008 year were set at \$75.00 per homeowner and were due by the month following the annual meeting.

Medina Trustee Mike Todd was introduced by Pat Chaloupek; discussion on traffic control as well as township growth plans followed the meeting.

Residents awareness for speeding traffic in the neighborhood and possible solution to the problem were discussed. Results of the "Stealth Survey" run on Hunting Run on July 30 found limited number of speeders, but that speed and increased traffic had occurred. The Township plans to run a more complete study at a future date. Ideas including addition of Stop Signs, Speed Monitor Signs or Speed Bumps and Newsletter Campaign to "Slow Down" were all discussed. Any action must be achieved through the Medina Township Police Department in cooperation with all the residents of The Reserve.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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Keep a close watch on our website as it is being revised and improved upon! If there is something you would like to see on the website, please let me know: mm@images.com. Past issues of *The Reserve Times* can be read/downloaded. Photos from events such as the Block Party and 4th of July Parade can be viewed. Residents can send in photos of wildlife and mother nature in bloom. And, all coming events, such as Gourmet Group dinners can be viewed. Do check our website to stay current on Reserve news and events!!

SPRING FEVER – HINTS FROM COUNTRY LIVING MAGAZINE

Spring arrives as a welcome break from the winter doldrums. Start your spring cleaning inside, then move outside as the weather warms up:

CLEAN THE DECK to remove grime, pollen, fungus, and mildew. Scrub the surface with a deck cleanser or this homemade cleaning formula: Add one cup of powdered laundry detergent to a gallon of hot water, and add 1/2 cup of chlorine bleach to kill moss or mildew.

CHECK SHRUBS AND TREES FOR WINTER DAMAGE and prune accordingly. Remove deadwood or broken branches. Replant any shrubs that have heaved out of the soil during a freeze-thaw cycle, before the roots dry out.

BRING YOUR GARDEN HOSE OUT OF STORAGE. Check for cracks and leaks and examine the rubber or plastic washers at the connectors as well.

PUT UP WINDOW BOXES. Dump out old soil and clean the boxes thoroughly. Line wooden boxes with garbage bags to protect them from moisture. Make sure there are drainage holes. Replant with potting soil.

FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN A high-nitrogen fertilizer should be applied twice a year, once in spring and again later in fall. If a weed killer is needed, try an organic brand.

ACCORDING TO THE LAWN EXPERTS, the best time of day to water your lawn is just before dawn. Not only is the water pressure in most municipal systems the highest (as demand then is the lowest), watering in the early A.M. lessens water loss from sun evaporation. Regularly watering late at night is not recommended; constant moisture on the lawn at night can promote fungal diseases and other lawn problems.

EVERYONE WANTS A HEALTHY, GREEN LAWN. The best way to get one? Go organic: it's an approach that focuses on conservation and natural methods, explains Paul Tukey, spokesperson for safelawns.org and author of *The Organic Lawn Care Manual* (Storey). Start with grass seed that's right for your region. Drought- and shade-tolerant varieties such as buffalo grass reduce the need for mowing, watering, and fertilizing. The use of compost and grass clipping improves the soil and, in turn, the grass. For more tips and educational videos, visit safelawns.org.

