



THE RESERVE TIMES

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Note that "In This Issue" is now linked to the individual articles.

Website Links

This section holds links that - for those of you who receive our newsletter on-line - when clicked on, will take you directly to an article, document or photographs on our website. For example:

Homeowners' Association Important Information

Link contains information on decorative stone usage, mailbox repair information, transient vendor resolution, etc.

Don't forget to check our website at www.medinareserve.com for the most recent news.

Month	Date	Event	Details
April	12	Gourmet Group	See Below

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Reserve is a special place, where for 30 years emphasis has been placed upon conserving as much of the natural landscape as possible, promoting neighborly relations, and maintaining property values. With this in mind, the Board asked this year:

- "What can we do to promote maintaining the natural beauty of The Reserve?"
- "As we look forward to the next thirty years, how can we improve the administration of the Homeowners' Association and oversight of its Deed Restrictions?"
- "How can we be better neighbors to each other?"

In 2014, we plan a campaign to "Preserve the Reserve" by reinforcing sections of the Deed Restrictions that are sometimes overlooked or forgotten by homeowners. A "Preserve the Reserve" flyer will be distributed in New Neighbor packets and in the Annual Directory. You can view a digital copy of the flyer in this newsletter. **See Page 5.**

The Board is working with Kaman & Cusimano (K&C), a Cleveland law firm that specializes in homeowner associations, to ensure that our Bylaws and Deed Restrictions are current. The attorneys at K&C provide valuable resources and expertise to the Board as we strive to stay abreast of best practices and homeowner association law.

We are proud of the efforts in The Reserve to promote neighborly relations and communication. Our website and quarterly newsletter, the Annual Directory, our New Neighbors welcoming committee, the Gourmet Group, Bob's List, and the Fourth of July Parade are some of our major Board undertakings. In addition, it is the kindness that neighbor bestows upon neighbor - taking in the paper and mail during vacations, delivering cookies at Christmas, stopping on the street to say hello - that makes The Reserve a wonderful place to call "home."

.....JaneAnderson, President, R.H.A.

If you would like to nominate a resident for the Curb Appeal award which will be published in subsequent newsletters, please send your nomination to Melanie at mm@images.com . Please add your thoughts on why you feel they should be nominated.

Did you know – there is a wealth of information on the **Medina Township website**. From there you can also access the township's police department, fire department, road department and Sports Complex and find out about activities in our township.

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DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT

In an effort to provide a uniform procedure for the enforcement of The Reserve Deed Restrictions the Board of Directors has investigated other homeowner organizations and conferred with legal counsel.

It is our sincere hope that all homeowners follow the process of submitting all modifications and additions to the exterior of their property to the Design Review Committee for their approval at least 30 days before their anticipated starting date. This includes the removal of native trees larger than 5” in diameter.

When this process has not been followed or if an alleged infraction is detected by a homeowner in good standing, the Board of Directors has adopted the following procedure:

- When an alleged infraction of the covenants or deed restrictions is noticed by a homeowner in good standing, the homeowner must fill out and sign the Reserve Homeowner Deed Restriction Infraction Form. This form will be available on our website.
- The completed form should then be submitted to the Board of Directors or a person authorized by them for investigation and further action.
- The Board of Directors or authorized person will investigate the alleged violation.
- If it is determined that there is a violation, the Board of Directors or authorized person will notify the allegedly offending homeowners of the infraction and give them 30 days to mitigate the problem or remove the offending situation.
- The offending homeowner will also be informed that he has the right to a hearing before the Board of Directors within 30 days to better understand his responsibilities or make a case for dismissal.
- If the homeowner refuses to remove the offending problem, the Reserve of Medina Homeowners' Association, with prior approval of the Board of Directors, can hire a contractor to remove the offending problem at the homeowner's expense or submit the issue to legal counsel for further action, which may include an assessment.

We know that all Reserve homeowners want to preserve the look and value of our neighborhood. In the event that someone inadvertently does not follow the covenants, the above process should provide everyone with a good understanding of their rights and responsibilities.

GOURMET GROUP



Bernhard and Vicky Nann will be hosting our next Gourmet dinner on Saturday, April 12. This will be a very special spring feast. Watch your inbox for more info. **Save the date and think Spring!**

If you would like to be a part of the neighborhood Gourmet Group, please contact Joanne Weiler. weiler@zoominternet.net All are welcome!

TIMBER CREEK POND

You may have noticed that the water level of the pond on Timber Creek is very low. The County Engineer's office sent a camera down the overflow riser near the pond edge on Timber Creek and found the source of the leak. The 17' vertical riser connects to a 4' horizontal pipe that carries water from the pond under Timber Creek Drive. At the top of the connection point between the horizontal pipe and the vertical riser, the mortar has broken away and water is leaking through the opening. The good news is that there is no danger that the road will collapse. The bad news is that we will need to wait until the weather warms up before the repair can be made. In the meantime, we just need to sit back and wait for Spring!

NEW NEIGHBORS

When neighbors notice that someone new has moved in next door or across the street, and after they greet and welcome them, please give Maureen Wickey, our New Residents Chairperson, names and contact information at 330.764.3103 or mwickey@zoominternet.net. She will get a packet of RHA information to them and they will be put on our lists to get Association news.

RESERVE DIRECTORY

Welcome to all of our new neighbors who've moved into The Reserve over the past few months! Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please forward the information you would like listed in The Reserve Directory to Susan Cooper (coopermorrow7@yahoo.com), including contact information you would like included (phone, email). For all residents - as we'll be printing 2014 Directories soon - kindly review the information we have listed in The Directory for you, and make sure the information we have on file for you is current.

THE RESERVE TIMES

The Reserve Times is almost paperless. This saves time, money and paper. Please send your email address to mm@images.com to receive your next copy via email. To receive a hard copy (only if you do not have a computer) please phone Melanie at 330.241.4406. Remember, you can always view past and present issues on **our website**.

.....*Melanie Miguel, Chairperson*

CURB APPEAL AWARD

This edition's Curb Appeal Award goes to The Snow Family Sentinels that have been "on guard" throughout the season at 3468 Old Hickory. Thanks to the Hoane Family for creating them.



BOB'S LIST



Don't forget to check out Bob's List when you need a repair person! Bob has a variety of names and references for painters, electricians, plumbers, roofers, etc. Bob is currently updating his list. You can help by giving new recommendations (good or bad) and by letting us know if you are aware of a person or company on the list that is no longer in service. You can contact Bob directly at 330.725.5893 or coopermorrow7@yahoo.com. Bob's list can also be found on our website at www.medinareserve.com.

MEDINA TOWNSHIP NEWS

Medina Township's Third Annual "Toss Your Trash" Day: Scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2014. Bring your large items to their dumpster. An industrial shredder might also be available. It will take place at the Roads Department: 3718 Huffman Rd. More information will be posted on the Medina Township website.

Medina Township's Eighth Annual "Pick it Up Day": Scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2014 – So many people have volunteered in the past 7 years and have made such an impact on our community. If you are interested in helping again this year or have never before attended this great event, please call Laurie Shoemaker 330-721-1394. This is great for community service hours plus you will enjoy free donuts in the morning and a pizza lunch. Come help clean up our community and have fun at the same time. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER FOR "PICK IT UP" DAY.](#)

The Medina Township Fire Department is now able to offer AED and CPR training and certification classes. Several dates will be available for open classes. More information can be found on the township website.

Neighbors, Let's Work Together!

PRESERVE THE RESERVE



Save the Trees

- Before cutting down any trees in your yard, contact the Architectural/Design Review Committee chairman, listed in Section 1, Page 1 of your Reserve Directory.
(Section 11 of the Deed Restrictions)

Submit Your Plans for Modifications or Additions

- If you'd like to make changes to the exterior appearances of buildings or structures or additions such as decks, garages, fences, swimming pools or gazebos, you will need the approval of the Association.
- At least a month before making any changes or hiring contractors, submit your plans to the Architectural/Design Review Committee chairman listed in Section 1, Page 1 of your Reserve Directory.
(Section 7 of the Deed Restrictions)

Mind Your Pets

- Pick up their waste.
- Don't allow them to disturb the neighbors.
(Section 20 of the Deed Restrictions)

Signage

- "For Sale" signs are permitted on individual properties, but advertising is not.
- Contractors may place signs in yards while a work/construction project is active; however, they must be removed when that project is completed.
- Advertising for churches, special events, etc. is not permitted.
(Section 17 of the Deed Restrictions)

Mailboxes

- Please keep your mailbox painted in a natural color and in good repair.
- See Section 1, Page 3 of the Directory for the contact information for the local contractor who has built and/or repaired many Reserve mailboxes.

For more information please refer to the Deed Restrictions you signed when you bought your home, or call the chairman of the Architectural/Design Review Committee, listed in Section 1, Page 1 of your Reserve Directory.