



# The Arboretum News

April 2008

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## April Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held April 8, 2008 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order. Directors Bob Ahlers, Jay Ervin, Joe O'Donnell and Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Jo Hitchuk. The minutes of the March 11, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Tom Kehoe reported that the operating fund balance as of March 31 was \$32,688, and the long-range fund balance, \$57,636. Expenses included window replacement (\$398) and insurance (\$11,707). The increase in insurance was due to was wind and hail (\$5,200 last year, \$7,654 this year). Propane consumption was down. Historically, consumption over the last 7 years has gone down about 12 1/2 percent for March. Last month, it only went down 7 percent, so it was still a little high. In March 2007, we used 711 gallons, and this March, we used 630, but the March average for the last 7 years is 537 gallons.

## Upcoming Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Arboretum Clubhouse at 7:00PM. All Arboretum Community Association members are encouraged to come and make your voice heard.

- May: Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- June: Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>
- July: Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

There were no long-range expenses in March. There are two delinquent dues payments, and letters have been sent out.

## Committee Reports

- **Landscape** – Jim Czekalski stated that 15 people took advantage of the pine straw program, which totaled 465 bales. Green Man Landscaping will be doing a lot of work in the next several days because of all of the oak leaves which have fallen. Also, Jim is obtaining pricing for installation of a well at the Clubhouse.

Bob Ahlers thanked Jim for handling the pine straw program. It was delivered early, and in great condition.

Bob Hittinger remarked that he had received calls from residents who told him that the workers were blowing leaves and debris from the street onto their property. He asked Jim to mention to the workers that they should be mindful of where they blow the debris.

- **Caswell Sewer Service** - Howard Newett said the plant is operating normally and we are in compliance with everything. Some time ago, we were in exceedance, and levied a \$375 fine plus investigative costs, which brought the total to over \$400. Howard appealed the decision, and the fine was reduced to \$200, plus an investigation fee of \$29.

John Wall stated that there are two Arboretum property owners who are well in arrears on their sewer bills. The Caswell Sewer Service is passing on a request to Class A members that reimbursement by the Association be made within the next ten days.

## 2nd Annual Neighborhood Block Party On The "Bridge"

When: Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Where: The Arboretum Bridge

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

DJ Music by Rodney Axson

Bring your beverages of choice, chairs and a "delicious dish" to pass.

(plates/forks/napkins will be supplied)

Please drive your golf carts as parking is limited!

Make this a wonderful neighborhood event.

Donations toward the music will be appreciated

- **Buildings and Grounds** – Joe O'Donnell said there was nothing new to report. He is looking at getting the asphalt contractor here to identify the most critical areas and see how far our money will go, considering the price of asphalt this year.
- **Social** – Judy O'Donnell was absent. Anh Baginski stated that starting Monday, April 14, Flea Market donations can be dropped off at the Clubhouse. Help is extremely short this year, so if anyone has time to work at the April 19 Flea Market, it would be very much appreciated.

- **Pool/Spa** – Pat Wells stated if residents haven't already had an opportunity to look at the pool area, please do so. Bob Hittinger and Joe O'Donnell cleaned all of the tiles in the top row, which required using pumice and chemicals, and then re-caulked the area. It took them several hours, looks fantastic, and saved Arboretum residents a great deal of money.

Over the weekend, someone knocked one of the framed license operator certificates off the wall. Shards of glass were on the floor the next morning. It would have been good if the party responsible had called Jay Ervin, Bill Loyd or Pat so they could have cleaned up the glass that night. Had the County made an inspection and discovered the glass, the pool could have been shut down several days and would have had to be vacuumed several times. It's very important to contact a member of the group if there is an accident or breakage.

Someone will check into having the license operator certificates covered in plexiglas.

Parents and grandparents are reminded that children under the age of 18 are not allowed in the pool room unless accompanied by an adult.

- **Caswell Beach Liaison** - Jim Hinkhouse reported that the next Town meeting is Thursday, April 10 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall. It's still budget-setting time, so if you have a service or upgrade that you would like to see included in next year's budget, now is the time to make your wishes known to Town Council.

There is an update of the Town zoning map for the first time in about 20 years. If there are no objections, it will be proposed that the maps be adopted at the next meeting. A second item is the proposed amendment on the flood damage prevention ordinance. This is a state-mandated ordinance, and as

written, was found to be interpreted very strictly, and in fact, is more restrictive than FEMA. This will be changed, but has to go to the legislature and probably will not be brought up this session, and therefore, it will be some time before the matter is resolved.

Joe O'Donnell asked if the change in voting location is temporary or permanent. Deborah Ahlers said it is hoped that the church will be the new permanent voting location. There isn't enough room in Town Hall for the machines, workers and voters, which presented a privacy issue for those voting.

- **Architectural Review Board** – Jerry Johnson stated there was nothing to report.
- **Clubhouse Reservations** – Bo Plant was absent. Bob Hittinger stated that for the month of April, there are three reservations – a private party, the opera class, and the Flea Market.
- **Clubhouse Manager** – Pat Wells reported that on March 12 there was a pest control inspection and treatment. Tomorrow, Mansfield will be here for their final inspection for the heat and air conditioning units. The contract with Mansfield will be finished at that time, and as of next fall Bell Heating will be providing this service.

New carpeting will be installed in the back hall Thursday or Friday.

Two windows were replaced by Sunshine Glass in Southport, and they did a beautiful job. Replacement was needed due to gas leaks which most likely resulted from reverberations.

## Old Business

- Bob Hittinger said he had a letter from Dutch O'Connor stating that all of the books had

Don't forget On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Arboretum Flea Market will be held from 8am- 12pm.

Remember to save your treasures.

The drop-off schedule is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Monday & Tuesday (April 14 & 15):  
10am - 2pm

Wednesday and Thursday (April 16 & 17): 1pm - 5pm

Friday (April 18): 9am - 12pm

been checked and everything was in great shape. He thanked Tom Kehoe for a good job.

### **New Business**

- There was no new business

### **Public Comment, Q's and A's**

Bob Ahlers reminded all that yard debris can be put out from now until Sunday. Pick-

up will begin Monday, April 14. On April 18, there will be an appliance pick-up. You must call Chuck at Town Hall if you have an appliance to be removed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Minutes by Jo Hitchuk, Secretary

(next regular meeting May 13, 2008)


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