



A Welcome from our New President

I hope this newsletter reaches the residents of Sommerset in good health and a stress free summer. This newsletter will be the first to officially appear on our new website www.sommersetonline.com. That's right, even little ol' Sommerset has jumped into the hi-tech world of the Internet! The website has been a work in progress and it came to fruition with a lot of help from former Board president George Burnham, who spent a lot of time meeting with Eric Wiinanen of EW Web Design. After seeing the site I am proud of what has been put together. Not only does the layout of the website look nice; it contains informative material that in the past was not so easily accessible by the residents. In addition to the general information about the Board, meeting minutes and current news happenings such as the upcoming picnic, you can now view the Covenants and Bylaws on line. Coming soon will be an abbreviated version of the Covenants which will be easier to read and a breakdown of the Policies and Procedures that the Architectural Control Committee and the Board uses as a guideline for approval of such things as decks, fences, basketball standards, mail-boxes etc. Check it all out on the new website!

The website is just one example of how we, as the elected Board of Directors, will continue to strive to make this neighborhood in West Fargo a place where people want to live. In my 2.5 years living here I have seen the evidence of this by the increase in property values and the fact that homes don't stay on the market for long. I am looking forward to my last year on the Board as the President. If I haven't met you yet I hope we can meet at our annual picnic on August 12th. This year's picnic will be held in the farthest west cul-de-sac known as Sommerset Boulevard. Again we have a sponsor this year. Town and Country Credit

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Welcome new residents!

A special welcome to all the new residents of Sommerset! Please contact a board member if you have any questions.

ACC Contact

Please contact Jack Fuller at 492-0861 if you have any questions regarding the covenants of Sommerset or if you have any building plans that need to be submitted in the future.

Park\Commons Area Drainage Update

As one project starts up (Improvements to the Commons Entrance) another winds down. The Park area between Sommerset Drive and 4th Avenue is pretty much complete. The contractor's grading efforts appear to be working as planned. Seeding was completed in early July after it finally dried out from the June rains. Ironically our only concern now is the lack of rain for seed germination and growing grass. We may be making a plea to the residents that have lots that back up to the re-graded areas to turn their sprinklers towards the new grass occasionally if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate. The Board of directors has agreed that just compensation for water usage would be appropriate if needed. If you are willing to help us out with watering just give Dain Miller a call or if you leave a message, please include your address.

We are currently starting another project that was also perpetrated by George Burnham before he finished his tenure on the Board. We are looking for volunteers to help George and one of our newest Board members, Lanae Cajobe take on the revival of the planters in the entrance off of 9th Street East. Lanae has already started some of the work herself but she needs help with removing the existing rock and plastic and planting some new perennials. If you have a few hours to spare give her a call at 281-5048.

Sommerset Association Website

Please check out our new website!

www.sommersetonline.com



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held May 22, 2003. Thank you to those residents who took the time to attend, your presence and input at the meeting was greatly appreciated.

President's Message (Con't.)

Union will be doing all the work, so all you have to do is show up!

If there is anything that you would like the Board to address or have questions about please give me a call at 277-5795. Of course you can always stop and say hello if you see myself or my wife Jenny working in the yard on the SE corner of Sommerset Drive and 17th Street East. Have a great summer or at least what's left of it!

Thank you,

Dain L. Miller

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A Community Within A Community

Board Meetings

The Board of Directors holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Association members are invited to attend and listen, however, if you have an item of business you would like to discuss, please contact Dain Miller at 277-5795 the week prior to the meeting to include your item on the agenda.

Sommerset Entrance Enhancement Committee

This newly formed committee will be in charge of the entrance, at 7:00 P.M, for about an hour, committee is to upgrade the look of the development.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!



meeting **every Monday** at the Sommerset entrance, until it's goal is met. The goal of this entrance is to one that reflects the image of our

Please try to attend as often as possible.

Newly Elected Board Members

Tom Soucy

Tom grew up on a farm 65 miles southwest of Bismarck, near the town of Raleigh, ND where he graduated from St. Gertrude's High School in 1984. He is a 1990 graduate from North Dakota State University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering. Tom has been employed for the last 14 years at the Cass County Highway Department as an engineer. He is married to Penne, and they have two daughters, Jessica who is 11 and Michelle 9 years old. They have been living in Sommerset since March of 1997.

Jack Fuller

Jack was re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors. Jack has been in charge of the Architectural Control Committee for the past two years. He lives at 1510 Sommerset Drive with his wife, Jan.

Jim Lambert

Jim Lambert was recently elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual meeting in May. Jim and his wife, Diane, live at 1002 Sommerset Drive.

Lanae Cajobe

Lanae Cajobe was appointed by the Board of Directors to replace outgoing member Harold Larson. Lanae lives at 611 12th St E with her husband Glynco.

The first three board members will each serve a three year term. Lanae will complete Harold Larson's term.

Annual Picnic

The annual Sommerset Association Picnic will be held Tuesday, August 12th in the Sommerset Boulevard Cul-De-Sac by the west entrance to Sommerset. This year, the picnic is sponsored by Town and Country Credit Union. Many fun activities are planned for the children, along with some great food! Please bring your families and come meet and greet your fellow neighbors! Bring your own lawn chairs.

If you have not already, please R.S.V.P. Kathy at the Town and Country Credit Union at 281-1404.

Architectural Control Committee

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is comprised of members of the development whose purpose is to review the covenants and ensure homeowners are in compliance with them. Some of the most common covenants that need approval by the Board are:

BACKBOARDS

Backboards must be approved by the Board of Directors before mounting. Forms are available from the ACC. The current stipulations for backboards are as follows:

- Clear or tinted glass only.
- No wood or metal backboards.
- Non-portable.

The purpose of only allowing clear or tinted glass backboards is to not create a view obstruction for other residents.

FENCES

Fence construction must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors. To submit your building plans, obtain a form from a member of the ACC. The Board will review your documents and make a decision on your plans. You will be notified of approval or denial. If your fence construction is denied, you will be notified of the reason(s) and given the opportunity to modify your plans and resubmit.

General fence construction guidelines are as follows:

- 5' Height.
- Cedar materials.
- Color to be determined upon approval.

DECK ENCLOSURES/CEMENT SLABS

All deck enclosures and cement slabs adjacent/attached to driveways will be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Board and ACC. Like materials must be used for deck enclosures.

If you have questions please contact one of the ACC members **before** proceeding with any construction. Please look to see if your construction meets the requirements and then proceed with obtaining approval. If you are in violation you will be contacted. Current members are Marc Wilcox, Bruce Horton, Duane Grunwald, Marilyn Harris, Pam Nikle and the chairman, Jack Fuller.

Thank You!

Thank you to outgoing Board member Harold Larson and past presidents George Burnham and Jim Trucano. We appreciate your time and all you have done to make Sommerset a better community!

