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SOMMERSET ASSOCIATION

The News

A President's Reflections

The past year has been very exciting for the many of the residents of Sommerset, especially those whose property backs up to the common "Park" area! After much planning, research, engineering "magic" and weather concerns, the park area is nearing completion for resolving the drainage and grading problems. During spring the grading will be finished and new grass seed will be planted, completing this phase of the park's restoration.

Spring's project will be the renovation of the entrance area. The renovation will include cleaning up the shrubbery (some of the weeds are taller than the bushes), the rocked areas, replacing top soil, removing and replacing the dead bushes and adding some colorful flowers on both sides of the entrance drive. This is a volunteer project, but the association will buy the bushes and flowers. More information will follow in a future newsletter.

There are three members of the "Board of Director's" whose terms expire this year. Therefore, there will be three new openings for residents that are interested, to run for election as Board Officer's. Anyone interested in running can contact a current Board member for additional information. This year's election will be held at the annual meeting in May 2003. A notice will be made available when an exact date has been determined. Board member terms are for three years, so please keep that in mind.

There are several projects that are currently being researched to further enhance to appearance and appeal of your development, for our enjoyment and future residents as well. We're working hard to make this a "win - win" for everyone!

It has been a privilege to represent you, the residents of Sommerset, during the past year. I can only hope that the efforts of your board have made you proud to be a resident of Sommerset and that our efforts to enhance this development have been met with your approval. I want to thank all of you for your input, suggestions and cooperation during this past year. We are here to serve you and the improvement of Sommerset.

Thank You,

George Burnham

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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

It is time to update everyone in the saga of the project that will never end. So this is for everyone who is living in Sommerset who owns a lot that backs up to the park\commons area.

As you all can tell, our grading and seeding contractor (Robert Hylden Landscaping) did not finish in October or early November. Going into this project we knew it would be hard to find the right combination of contractors that would be willing to take on a project like this on short notice.

In order to find contractors at a reasonable price, we needed to be flexible as to our demands for a completion date. Perhaps our schedule was a little too flexible! Wet conditions in October didn't help any either. Thus, we expect that the grading and seeding con-

tractor will be back in the early spring to complete this portion of the project. The majority of the work left is on the west end of the park. We will get a chance to see which areas need some touching up after the spring thaw.

The advantage of waiting until spring is that with some snow and moisture the hard chunks in what we will just pretend to be topsoil, will "mellow" out over the winter. This will make the final grading and seeding easier in the spring.

The disadvantage is that we will be at the mercy of Mother Nature in terms of how long it will take to dry out in the spring. If we can get the seeding completed before it gets too far into June, we should get a nice start on the new turf.

We have asked the seeding contrac-

tor to apply extra seed. Typically one might use about 100 to 200 pounds of seed per acre. He plans on using almost 400 pounds per acre.

If anyone is curious about the graded mounds, you should know that we intend to leave them. The project produced a fair amount of excess excavated material that would have broke the bank if the board decided to pay to have this material hauled away. These mounds may provide some excellent areas for future landscaping opportunities.

That about sums it up! The board would like to express their appreciation for everyone's patience during this project. We are hoping for a good growing season in the spring and improved drainage for everyone.

Annual Meeting

The upcoming annual meeting will be held in May. There will be three board vacancies to fill at that time. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a member of the Sommerset Association Board of Directors, please contact George Burnham, President, or any of the current board members.



Newsletter Info.

If you have any items of interest for other Association members, personal news such as births, marriages, etc., please forward your information to the Association at the above address or contact a Board Member.

Annual Dues

Annual dues for the 2003 year are being assessed in the amount of \$60.00, which marks no increase over the prior year.

Dues for the 2003 year are due by February 28, 2003.

Please save the Association time and money by paying your dues promptly.

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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 George Burnham at 281-1552 the week prior to the meeting to include your item on the agenda.