

The President's Newsletter

March 2005

As we begin another year I would like to take this opportunity to update the membership on the result of the annual meeting. At the annual meeting in January the following members were elected to the HOA Board of Directors:

President:	W. Brad Frank	At-large:	Greg Miller
Vice President:	William Wheeler		Mary Kipps
Secretary:	Bill Patience		Gerda Wolf
Treasurer:	Tom Wible		

After the election of the officers the Board completed committee assignments for the up coming year. The Architectural Review Committee will be made up of Mary Kipps and W. Brad Frank. The Grounds Committee will consist of Gerda Wolf and W. Brad Frank.

The Board would like to personally thank all of the neighbors who have unselfishly volunteered their time to support the neighborhood during the past year and encourage association members to continue to support neighborhood volunteer efforts.

*** If you are interested in PARTICIPATING in a Neighborhood Watch Program please contact Bill Patience at 703-406-3575.**

*** There has been some interest by some of your neighbors to organize a neighborhood playgroup. If you are interested contact one of the board members in person or through the website (www.CardinalGlen.org) and we will get you in touch with other interested neighbors.**

*** As many of you are aware, there was a fire in the common ground recently along a path that children use to cut from one section to another. If you have children that use these paths, please discuss fire safety with them so they know how to prevent fires and what to do if they come across one. We are still waiting for the report from the Fire Marshall for the cause.**

As the Board prepares to begin another year there are several issues that continue to be an ongoing source of complaint. Hopefully, a quick mention here will serve to remind everyone that a little consideration can make the neighborhood a significantly better place for everyone. The top sources of complaint are as follows:

Motor vehicles operating on the HOA common ground. This includes vehicles such as "quads." Driving vehicles on the common ground is not permitted and will subject the owner/operator liability for damage to the common ground including the cost of repair. If you see these types of vehicles on the common ground, we encourage you to notify the police to investigate and the board to assess potential damage.

Individuals exceeding the posted 25-MPH speed limit. The Board will request that the Loudoun County Sheriff's Dept. step up enforcement in the neighborhood. With spring and summer approaching there will be an increase of the children playing throughout the neighborhood, thus exceeding the posted speed limit is a dangerous practice as well as financially and morally taxing. Please help protect the children in the neighborhood.

Animal droppings on streets, sidewalks and lawns. It is unsanitary and unsightly to have the neighborhood's sidewalks and streets littered with pet feces. If you walk your pets in the neighborhood please clean up after them. It is against county ordinance (Ord. 88-18) to fail to clean up after your pet. It is also a violation to allow a dog to run loose (Ord. 82-05.) We have had complaints about people picking up after their dog and depositing it in someone else's trash can. Please dispose of your pet's feces at your own home.

Snow covered sidewalks around the neighborhood, well after a storm has ended. It is neighborly and good common sense to clear the sidewalk in front of your home after bad weather, as well as required by county code 1022.01.