

March 5, 2009

## **Amberlea Homeowners & Residents,**

### **January 26, 2009 Annual meeting:**

Our annual Amberlea Homeowners' Association meeting at the Dunedin Community Center was attended by approximately 26 people. President David Dunlap introduced our city liaison, Dunedin City Commissioner Julie Scales. With her was City Engineer, Tom Burke who has been working with the FDOT regarding traffic control changes to the SR580 & Sunlight intersection at our subdivision entrance. FDOT has deemed our intersection not worthy of a left hand turn signal light, but is creating left hand and straight lanes for east and south/west bound traffic respectively. This will require the narrowing of the center island, adding a bicycle lane on the western side of Sunlight; and, replacing our entrance signage more northerly on the island. The city will participate with the funding and construction of new signage and we are expecting a timely completion of this project beginning in 2009. Until this project is completed, the Amberlea Board will postpone additional landscaping and irrigation improvements to our entranceway.

The featured speaker was Fire Marshall Bill McElligott. His informative address of fire prevention in the home was well received. If you do not have adequate smoke detectors in your home, the Fire Department will assist you in making wise choices.

### **Election of officers**

For the past 3 years, David Dunlap has worked tirelessly as our association's President. During his tenure, Dave has built strong relations with many of our key city officials, increased fiscal responsibility by allowing partial payments of annual \$20.00 dues, ensuring garage sale advertising costs are covered by participants, spearheading the effort for the city's \$50,000.00 upgrade of Amberlea Park, working with Amberlea volunteers to refurbish our entrance feature; and, acting as peace keeper to resolve squabbles between neighbors. For these and many other selfless acts, we, as officers and directors regret losing Dave as President but thankful to have him return as a director. His talents will be most appreciated...especially by me...your newly elected President, Ken Rejko.

Bob Koechlin was Vice-President for 4 years beginning in 1992. He became a director for 14 years until his recent election as Vice-President. His in depth knowledge of Amberlea's history remains a steadfast commodity of which we are all grateful.

Due to other commitments, Minerva Granger is stepping down as our association's Secretary and Terry Rejko was elected to this position. I would like to extend our gratitude to Minerva for her 3 years of service as secretary. As Terry has discovered, Minerva has kept impeccable records and minutes in a most professional manner. Thank you, Minerva.

Carl Bowles will continue as our Treasurer for his 14<sup>th</sup> term. His dedication to our association extends beyond the role as treasurer to being the person responsible for copying, folding, stamping and mailing of the newsletter each of you receive throughout the year. Carl, you are a most valuable asset to our community...many, many thanks.

**At the annual meeting, the following Officers and Directors were nominated and elected to serve for the 2009 fiscal year:**

**President** Ken Rejko (Past Vice President)

**Vice President** Bob Koechlin (Past Director)

**Treasurer** Carl Bowles (continuing)

**Secretary** Terry Rejko

**Directors**

- Area 1 vacant
- Area 2 vacant
- Area 3 Joyce Kucek
- Area 4 vacant
- Area 5 vacant
- Area 6 David Dunlap
- Area 7 Shaine Harvester
- Area 8 Diane Chavez
- Area 9 Lynda Blair
- Area 10 Grace Cristo
- Area 11 Laura & Chris Tehan

As can be seen by the above list, we are in need of a few more Directors. Do you have a sense of responsibility toward your Amberlea neighbors? Can you lead by example? Can you attend 5-6 board meetings per year? Can you share your views and ideas openly with your fellow volunteers? Perhaps you would like to attend a board meeting first to get a sense of the board's function. Please call me if you have an interest.

**Future issues**

See the attachment from the city regarding traffic speed control as it pertains to Amberlea Drive North through Pipers Glen Subdivision and the north side of Amberlea Subdivision. Stop signs and /or "speed bumps" will be under discussion.

Some of our endeavors this year will be the possible creation of an Amberlea Homeowners' website to facilitate broad communication availability. Another idea is to create a list of home service recommendations from satisfied homeowners (plumbers, painters, electricians, etc). Based on when the entrance renovations are completed by the city and FDOT, we want to be in a position to quickly implement our plans for lighting, landscaping and irrigation. Any input you may have on these or any other subjects will be considered...you only have to notify your Area Director or the Board.

Thank you for your confidence.

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