

Amberlea Homeowners' Association - Officers and Directors

Officers

President: Ken Rejko
Vice President: Bob Koechlin
Treasurer: Carl Bowles
Secretary: Terry Rejko

Directors

Diane Chavez
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Shaine Harvester
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Dave Dunlap
Joyce Kucek
Barbara Piltaver

Director Change

Your Amberlea Homeowners' Association Board would like to thank **Director Greta Develle** for her past service to our association since moving to Amberlea in 2009. Greta's husband, **BJ Develle**, will continue to serve as a Director while Greta steps down to have additional time to spend with their daughter. Greta was most instrumental in the development of our Amberlea website that we all are benefiting from today. Greta, on behalf of all Amberlea residents and your fellow board members, we again thank you for all that you have done to improve communications with our Amberlea neighbors. **WELL DONE.**



2012 Association Dues

Treasurer Carl Bowles has begun collecting the 2012 annual dues of \$20.00 per household. The \$20.00 dues from our 232 residences in Amberlea are the only source of revenue (\$4640.00 per year) supporting your Amberlea Homeowners' Association. As of March 31, 2012, \$3220.00 has been collected from 161 homeowners. If you are delinquent with your past or present dues, please express your reason/s to **Treasurer Carl**, or a board member, so we, as your association board, may address and attempt to rectify any underlying issues at the root of your nonpayment status. If you would like to become current with your obligation, your remittance will be gratefully appreciated by all of us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Annual Meeting Highlights

After introducing guests and first time resident attendees at the January 30, 2012 Annual Meeting, **President, Ken Rejko** summarized your Amberlea Board's following accomplishments during the past 2011 year:

1. With the expertise of **Directors Dave Dunlap & Deborah Macey**, we have expanded our website by being linked to other websites in the Dunedin Community. If you log onto the Amberlea website and click on the "Telephone Numbers" on the left side of the Home Page, you will be directed to the list of convenient telephone numbers in the local community. Under "Other External Links" you can now log onto:

- Dunedin Code of Ordinances
- Downtown Dunedin Merchants Association
- Dunedin Patch
- Dunedin Special Events Calendar
- Dunedin Chamber of Commerce
- Better Business Bureau (West Florida)
- Community Emergency Response Rescue Teams (CERT)

These new and other previous website links are highlighted in blue.

2. Our new front entrance feature and additional lighting was completed last year with the assistance of Board members and other Amberlea volunteers as shown in the website photographs as the work progressed.
3. **Directors Shaine Harvester and Joyce Kucek** began welcoming new Amberlea residents with a potted plant furnished by **Secretary, Terry Rejko** and an information packet containing Amberlea and Dunedin items of special interest.
4. We are continuing to develop a rapport with the city and staff that has enhanced our ability to resolve issues in a more timely fashion.
5. Thanks to **Vice President Bob Koechlin** we are now displaying an American flag on 24 appropriate recognized holidays and 2 holiday wreaths at the front entrance during the winter.
6. We have now achieved ongoing maintenance of both our irrigation system and landscaping at the front entrance due to the efforts of residents **Larry Chavez, Kevin Oldfield** and **Secretary, Terry Rejko**. At last we are slowly gaining control of the trash that is continuing to be dumped on the median island.
7. We have maintained a full Board of dedicated Officers and Directors which we thanked for their energetic and tireless efforts while serving our Amberlea and Dunedin communities throughout the past year.

Our featured program was presented by Pinellas County Sheriff's **Deputy Jan Wagner** and **Sergeant Denise Nestor**. Their entertaining presentation gave us helpful advice for protecting ourselves and our properties with crime prevention techniques and information. Each year at the Annual meeting we strive to have speakers of special interest to our homeowners that are topical and enlightening. If you have any suggestions or know of a speaker or program of interest to our group, please let us know well in advance of the meeting. **Deputy Jan Wagner** is retiring this year after 30 years of dedicated service to Pinellas County and especially the Dunedin Community. **Deputy Wagner** recently received an **"OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD"** from the Dunedin Rotary Club for her excellence of service record. She will be sorely missed.

After receiving many complaints of a few parked vehicles blocking drivers' views at the corner of Brook Drive and Brook Drive East, the city has taken action by alerting eight homeowners of the existing dangerous condition. Code Enforcement Director for Dunedin, **James Leavengood** has notified the owner of the oversized vehicle that habitually parks in this location and has had it removed. **Joan Rice, P.E.** of the Dunedin Transportation and Traffic Engineering Department said that **"NO PARKING"** signs will be the next step to resolve the difficulty with the remaining vehicles. If you should continue to encounter this problem first hand, please alert **Joan Rice** at **727-298-3179**, **James Leavengood** at **727-298-3190** or our homeowners' association.

Officers and Directors as listed in the header of this newsletter were nominated and reelected to continue serving on the board for the 2012 term. The next Annual Meeting will be held on Monday evening, January 28, 2013.



Tweaking the Front Entrance

The board is in the planning stages of renovating portions of the two sides of the entry sidewalls with stucco repairs, painting and minor landscaping as a late spring or early summer project. We had hoped to include these items with our main entry project last year, but time and budget restraints precluded our forging ahead. Resident volunteer, **Ed Albuoy** has again agreed to provide his painting prowess after we pressure clean the walls and enlist the assistance of an outside contractor to perform the necessary stucco and masonry repairs. Following the planting of drought tolerant landscaping and project cleanup, there will be an appreciative cookout for the board members and other volunteers in conjunction with the next Board Meeting...date and time to be announced.

Devil in the Details

Since the completion of the entry sign last April, the entry island has been the recipient of a weekly supply of 6-8 beer cans left on the entry island by the **PHANTOM BUDWEISER GREMLIN**. Each week these cans have been placed in the same spot on the west side of the median strip near the north end. If you witness this occurring or have information regarding this disrespectful act, please notify our board in some fashion so it can be curtailed.

On a similar note, if any homeowner wants to place a sign such as a “**FOR SALE**” or “**GARAGE SALE**” at the front entrance, please place it on the grassy area on the east side of the entryway. We have sensitive irrigation and electrical lines underground in the median strip and your signs are detrimental to their well being and will cause unnecessary repairs. We will continue pulling such signs out of the ground when they are discovered. Thank you for your cooperation.



Share Your Ideas and Suggestions

Your volunteer Amberlea Board was reelected to serve another term for 2012. We are most appreciative of your faith in us to perform our duties on your behalf for the overall welfare of Amberlea. The important things we still lack are your ideas and suggestions that would make our decision making agendas more representative of the entire subdivision. We represent only about 5% of the 232 residences but we make 100% of the decisions related to all residents. We thought our “Contact” page on our website would create a simple format to gather a multitude of ideas and suggestions from a larger cross section of Amberlea. To date, it has not. Help us to share your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for your confidence,

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