# **Amberlea Newsletter**

#### **Amberlea Homeowners' Association - Officers and Directors**

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President: Ken Rejko
Vice President: Bob Koechlin
Treasurer: Carl Bowles
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Now that the summer months are behind us, we can now look ahead to cooler weather for the Halloween, Thanksgiving and Holiday Season activities as 2012 winds down. Amberlea will soon experience Halloween "trick-or- treaters" in our neighborhood and we urge you to drive cautiously for the safety of all children and pedestrians on our streets.

## New Director on Board

**Director, B. J. Develle** introduced his neighbor, **Dylan Cerniglio** at our July 23, 2012 Board Meeting as an interested resident willing to serve on your Amberlea Board. She was unanimously approved by the Board to serve as a Director. Dylan brings enthusiasm and fresh ideas to our Board and we welcome her input and energy to our association.

## **Getting the Word Out**

It is obvious that some of our residents are not getting the newsletters from our website. In order to communicate and keep everyone abreast of our activities and pertinent events, with this newsletter, we are starting to place signs at each of our three entryways into Amberlea stating that the newsletter is now available online at our website: <u>www.amberleadunedinfl.com</u>. In addition, we ask that you determine if your neighbors are aware of the website. Thanks for your help.

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## **Director's Corner**

This newsletter's **"Director's Corner"** segment continues with comments from **Vice President**, **Bob Koechlin**. Bob has been volunteering his services to Amberlea for many years and can always be counted upon to be present at all events and work parties. His input and historical involvement with Amberlea's projects has been a most valuable asset to our Board's accomplishments.

"In this politically electrified environment on the national level, I thought I would address the lack of it on the local level! Your Amberlea Homeowners' Association's goal and reason for existence is to look out for the betterment of our neighborhood and make Amberlea a place where we homeowners want to live and enjoy life.

At a recent Board of Directors' meeting we were reminded that our neighborhood board is made up of some of the old guard and a mixture of relatively new residents. For sake of clarity, let's say the two groups are made up of the over 50s and the under 50s. Some of us are so old we have moss growing on us and our thinking reflects it! Over the years we have tried many things that were aimed at bringing our community together and have experienced less than desired results. As a consequence of this we are not so eager to try out suggestions from the younger folks who have new ideas sometimes on older themes that have been tried in the past. We older board members see the error in our thinking.

Anyway, your volunteer Board of Directors is open to new ideas that can stimulate community spirit in Amberlea. It also assumes that residents of Amberlea will volunteer to make these ideas work. We continually need volunteers to work on the board which involves 4-5 meetings per year for sharing your thoughts about our neighborhood. It is a worthwhile job as a volunteer and the whole of Amberlea benefits from your volunteerism.

So help us by contacting a board member and volunteering to help on our projects for the good of *Amberlea*."

#### Submitted by: Vice President, Bob Koechlin

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In years past, Amberlea held an annual picnic promoting neighborhood unity and camaraderie in Amberlea Park for our residents that resulted in less than stellar success. Few people committed or did not show up and food and expenses were wasted. We are again looking into a family type picnic activity funded in part by the association in the spring or early summer and need your input to make this a success. The city will need to be contacted to resolve any parking issues and other logistics that must be addressed. If you believe it to be a worthwhile pursuit, please respond to us with your suggestions and "how to" ideas prior to our next board meeting on October 22, 2012. Perhaps it could become an annual event if a meaningful number of people participate.

Another project idea is being considered to promote curb appeal and landscaping upgrades to the neighborhood. This could be accomplished in the spring with a planting program funded in part by the association. We are currently obtaining planting types and costs to provide homeowners with the means to beautify their individual yards and to enhance Amberlea as a whole. If you think this project has merit, again, please respond.



## **Share Your Ideas and Suggestions**

Your volunteer Amberlea Board of Directors represent only about 5% of the 232 residences in our subdivision 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.

Our next Board Meeting will be Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Rejko residence. All Board members should respond to confirm their attendance for the meeting. Any other interested homeowner/s that wish to attend is/are cordially invited. Please let me know in advance.

Thank you for your confidence,

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