

AMBERLEA NEWSLETTER

Quarter 2 - June 2011

Amberlea Homeowners' Association - Officers & Directors

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As we near the first half of our fiscal year we wish everyone a pleasant and enjoyable summer and all the mild weather that Florida sunshine will allow

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Our transition from the costly snail mail copies of the newsletter to this website copy you are now reading has been well received by all respondents, thus far. The overall consensus of opinion affirms our original goals based on the following aspects of the website's format:

1. Newsletters are archived for future reference
2. Reduced time & cost; mail prep & postage
3. Deed Restrictions are posted for residents
4. Frequently called emergency & municipal phone numbers & web links
5. Listing of home related service vendors recommended by Amberlea homeowners
6. Contact page facilitates dialogue between residents and AHA Board members
7. Updated Bulletins section of the Home Page has proven to be a quick and simple means for timely communications

If you know of anyone not receiving the newsletter via the website please inform us. We hope we have addressed everyone without computer capability and rectified their issues.

Director Dave Dunlap has been working to streamline the website with expanded links and has included color photography where appropriate

throughout this newsletter. To date, he has only received about 40-50 email addresses from residents. If you have any suggestions regarding improvements or additions to our website, please contact us via the **"Contact"** page. Your Board will consider any and all suggestions benefiting our residents and improving our ability to communicate. The remaining newsletters for 2011 will be issued during the last weeks of September and December.

Dues Overdue

Treasurer Carl Bowles has yet to receive the annual \$20 dues from 65 of our 232 homeowners. Your dues are the only source of revenue to maintain our homeowners' association. If you are not current, your remittance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



New Amberlea Entrance A Reality

On Saturday, April 9, 2011 approximately 20 residents worked from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM planting the entire front entrance island, thus completing our much anticipated new front entrance enhancement project.



Dunedin Commissioner, Julie Scales stopped by during our lunch break and commended our outstanding effort achieved in part from the \$10,117.35 supplemental **Neighborhood Enhancement Program** beautification grant from the city her assistance provided.



With the exception of tired backs, sunburns and aching muscles, all went well with no injuries to our intrepid volunteers. Two weeks later, a barbecue cookout was held at the Rejko residence for all the volunteers who participated. **Commissioner Scales** and her husband **Dave Scales** were among the 24

guests including our youngest worker, elementary school student **Allison Smith**, who was presented with our “**Most Diligent Landscaper of the Year Award**” for digging, planting, mulching, and directing traffic.



The city requested my presence at the Dunedin Commission Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:30 PM to receive the city’s congratulations for utilizing the grant monies in the spirit in which they were intended. **Commissioner Julie Scales and Mayor Dave Eggers** presented a large facsimile of the \$10,117.35 reimbursement check for our efforts. Many, if not all, of the commissioners have visited our completed entryway and were most impressed with our residents’ hands on labor uniting to bring this community project to fruition.



Terry Rejko, AHA Secretary, with the BIG reimbursement check from the City of Dunedin.

One of our residents, **Kevin Oldfield** ([Kevin's Lawn Service & Landscaping](#) 727-946-4849), has contracted with the association to provide maintenance (*pruning, fertilizing, weeding, and general clean-up*) of the entryway.



To date, the removal of trash from the entrance has always been the result of motivated Amberlea volunteers wishing to keep **your entryway** attractive in appearance. This has now become a weekly, time consuming and costly item adding to the maintenance contract agreement with **Kevin's Lawn Service**. We realize the culprits are probably not Amberlea residents, so if you witness anyone throwing trash at the entryway, please try to get a vehicle license number to allow your AHA Board to pursue other measures to curb this inconsiderate behavior.

Another resident, **Larry Chavez** ([Plumbing Repairs R Us, Inc.](#), 727-487-3645), has also been contracted to monitor the timing sequence and maintain our new and improved Irrigation System.



Both **Kevin** and **Larry** were the “go-to guys” with the necessary expertise and recommendations in preparation for our entryway project. We all thank them for their continuing and tireless efforts on our behalf.

Art Bennis, an electrician and new resident of Amberlea, worked two shifts (*installing retaining blocks and planting plants*) and has volunteered to design and install our nighttime lighting enhancement for the remainder of the island behind the front signage structure. He is obtaining component costs and will present a plan and budget for the Board to review during the July 21, 2011 Board Meeting.



Additionally, **Art** has agreed to chair our winter **Holiday Lighting Committee** and will be instrumental in directing the decorating of the front entrance after next Thanksgiving. Any interested parties willing to serve on the committee should [contact me via our website](#).

Welcome Wagon Committee



Welcome Wagon Committee Directors Shaine Harvester and Joyce Kucek will be greeting and welcoming our new neighbors moving into our Amberlea community. Please assist **Shaine** and **Joyce** by [communicating any pertinent information by use of the website](#) of new neighbors near you.

Meeting Dates

2011 Board Meetings for general business are scheduled on Thursdays as follow:

- July 21, 2011
- October 20, 2011
- January 19, 2012

** All general business Board meetings are all held at the Rejko residence starting at 7:00 PM.

2011/12 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Dunedin Community Center.

Thank you for your confidence,
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