



Beckley BUGLE

A quarterly newsletter for Beckley Woods residents



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MEET A BOARD MEMBER BETTY LOU COLEMAN



Betty Lou has seen many changes in Beckley Woods. That is easy to understand when one discovers that Betty Lou was the very first resident of Beckley Woods. She recalls moving in on Good Friday in 1976. Beckley Woods looked much different back then. Betty Lou remembers that some cows had wandered over onto her front yard and commenced grazing. "Lake Forest was farmland back then," she remembers. Betty Lou claims many of the current streets in Lake Forest were first marked out by her three children's dirt bike adventures. Betty Lou manages to stay busy all of the time these days. Many residents know Betty Lou not only as a member of the Board of Directors, but as the Chairperson of the Beckley Woods Block Watch. Betty serves as the liaison between the Beckley Woods Residents' Association and the

Louisville Metro Police Department. She keeps all of us aware of criminal activities affecting the surrounding neighborhoods. Betty Lou also sings in the renowned Pride of Kentucky Chorus of Sweet Adelines International. It is noteworthy to point out that the Pride of Kentucky finished as third place medalist in the 2009 Sweet Adelines International Competition. We all feel especially grateful to have Betty Lou serving on the board of our neighborhood association. ♦

LIENS FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENT

Unfortunately, some residents choose to ignore payment of the annual assessment. That is a bad choice. First, those foregoing payment of the assessment place a financial burden upon their neighbor residents who are forced to pick up the shortfall by increased assessment payments and reduction of needed expenditures. Second, liens are placed for not only the amount of the delinquent assessment, but late charges, interest, filing/release fees, and attorney fees. When a house goes to sale, a clear title is not obtained until the lien has been released. ♦

2010 BECKLEY WOODS BUDGET

The Board of Directors was pleased to announce that there would not be an increase in the amount of the annual assessment for 2010. The 2010 budget of \$30,052 was approved. This was the smallest budget since 2005, in spite of rising costs. As our reserves dwindle and costs increase, we will have to pursue an increase in the amount of the annual assessment for 2011. All residents are reminded that our last increase was enacted for 2003. At that time it was hoped that there would be no need for an increase in the annual assessment for three years. The Board of Directors is proud to have kept and surpassed that pledge. Residents interested in reviewing the budget are urged to contact Gary Edelen to do so. ♦

This issue's quote from
The Garden of Edelen

*Don't Wait for Your
Ship to Come In...
Swim Out to Meet It!*

SPEED HUMP UPDATE

It has been close to a year now since the speed humps were installed on Beckley Woods Drive. While they have not brought an end to speeding, they have certainly served their purpose. The speeding problem on Beckley Woods Drive has shown a marked improvement, as cars now have to slow down multiple times to transition through the neighborhood. ♦

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The Bugle is published three times a year by the Beckley Woods Residents Association for all Beckley Woods families and friends.

We encourage your input. If you have information or ideas for an upcoming issue, please forward to **Greg Scinta, Art Director, 14108 Tree Crest Court.**

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WHO IS YOUR BLOCK REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2010

BECKLEY WOODS DRIVE

Even Numbers: Faye Dykstra 245-8172
 Odd Numbers: Dan Kramer..... 245-8383

BECKLEY TRACE

(all): Tom Holloway 245-3776

BROMWELL COURT

(all): Joe Lanham 245-2371

BROMWELL DRIVE

(all): Craig Sacra 254-1908

LAKE FOREST LANE

(all): Gary Edelen 245-6143

OLD STATION ROAD

(all): Gary Edelen 245-6143

TIMBERLAKE TRAIL

Even Numbers: Gary Edelen 245-6143
 Odd Numbers: Eddie Cox 254-7954

TREE CREST COURT

(all): Greg Scinta 244-3909

THE 2010 BECKLEY WOODS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sometimes it is assumed that all of the residents automatically know who comprises the Executive Committee. Just to be sure that you know who they are, we will list them here. The entire Board of Directors is listed on our Website.

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OFFICERS

President: Gary S. Edelen, 406 Timberlake Trail 245-6143

Secretary: Faye Dykstra, 204 Beckley Woods Drive..... 245-8172

Treasurer: Michelle Garman, 14109 Beckley Trace 245-6341

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Communications: Greg Scinta 244-3909

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Landscaping: Joe Lanham 245-2371

Maintenance: Dan Kramer 245-8383

Nominating: Tom Holloway..... 245-3776

Welcoming: Michelle Garman..... 245-6341

MEDIAN IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

The Landscaping Committee has contracted with Frank Otte Nursery again this year for the continuation of the long- range plan of median improvements. In order to avoid the need for a special assessment, it was decided to take incremental steps year by year to accomplish the goal of refurbishing the median and front entrance. Over the last several years, we have seen the complete replanting of the front entrance, the addition of arborvitaes behind our signature entrance, the replacement of the entrance lighting system, an addition to the irrigation system, flower bed replacements, and the planting of new trees. This year we will see one flower bed completely reworked and two smaller flower beds reworked and combined into a larger bed. We will also have four new trees planted as part of our plan to replace older and diseased trees. ♦

2010 BECKLEY WOODS ANNUAL YARD SALE

Start planning now for our annual yard sale. As a matter of fact it is just around the corner! Our 2010 Annual Yard Sale will be held Friday and Saturday May 7th and 8th. Our yard sale will run at the same time as the annual Lake Forest Yard Sale. We will post an advertisement in the Courier Journal and a banner will be hung at the neighborhood entrance. It is time to clean out the closets, attics, basements and garages. This is the time to turn you old junk into another person's treasures. It is also a great time to get out and meet some of your neighbors! ♦

HAVE YOU LOOKED OUT YOUR FRONT WINDOW?

We are all proud of our neighborhood. It is a very attractive and nice place to live. Nevertheless, we are often visited by people who don't think twice about pitching trash out of their car windows and they drive through Beckley Woods. We can all help keep Beckley Woods neat by remembering to pick up discarded litter from in front of our homes and from the median on Beckley Woods Drive. Let's all pitch in and keep Beckley Woods neat and tidy. ♦