

Neighbors,

Well summer is just about officially here. The pool is opening on May 16th and many of us are out enjoying the beautiful weather. I hope the New Year has been treating you well; it is hard to believe that we are already into the 5th month of the year.

The monthly Board of Directors meetings have been well attended and some lively discussion has ensued. For those who have not been able to attend, I would like to bring you up to date on some items that have been discussed.

- After numerous meetings, discussions and 'walks in the woods' the Board has decided to leave the wooded common area as is. That is, leave it 'forever wild'.
- A Community Survey, via paper will soon be distributed. A survey was discussed and approved as a method to get an understanding of the homeowners' priorities at the annual meeting. The Survey will also include questions from the Social Committee to gather feedback about social events and activities to aid with future planning. Please take the time to fill it out and return.
- We have received quotes for adding more street lights and before moving on with future discussions, we will review comments from the Survey.
- Also be on the look out for a new Stephens Grove Directory.

With the help of the rain we have been receiving our lawns and plantings are looking good. I see many of us working to get our yards in shape, loads of mulch, pine needles being delivered and numerous lawn service trucks driving through the neighborhood. I encourage everyone to maintain your lawn by mowing, edging and weeding per the community guidelines. Soon you will see new spring flowers and pine needles being installed in our common areas. All this work helps to make our community stand out.

Looks like the Social Committee had a great day for Annual Yard sale, judging by the numbers of cars driving through the neighborhood it looked to be successful for those who participated.

I look forward to continue meeting as many neighbors as possible over the summer months and want to remind everyone to visit the Stephens Grove WEB Site for up to date information on what's going on in your community.

<http://www.stephengrove.com/>

Thank you, Bob Brethen