

Neighbors,

Welcome to Spring. Finally, after the seemingly long and colder than normal winter the weather has turned, causing flowers to bloom and allergies to run wild. Summer is near and the pool is set to open on May 15<sup>th</sup>, so life is not so bad. A big news item this year for our neighborhood is surely the swim team. Many youngsters are signed up and our first ever home meet is scheduled for June 21st.

Although neighborhood participation and attendance has been down at the monthly Board meetings, business does go on and here are a few items that I would like to bring to your attention.

- The newly hired landscaping company (Landscape Solutions) has been busy putting down pine straw and doing some much needed "hard" pruning, work that had not been done in a few years. Also, new playground mulch has been put down and flowers planted. They have done a good job and the grounds look great.
- Numerous enhancements to the pool areas are underway. The pool deck is being resurfaced; the drainage grates replaced and new pump valves being installed. We also plan to have the floors in the bathrooms redone and the ventilation enhanced.
- Equipment for our community swim team has been ordered and is expected to arrive in time for the first practice.
- Miscellaneous items include replacing the water fountain which was damaged over the winter, repairing the tennis court floor, installing a new sign post for Cathness Avenue that was hit by a car and removing the dumpster with its enclosure.

With the aid of rain this spring the neighborhood lawns are looking pretty good. I see many of us outside enjoying the warm weather and working to get our yards in shape. Loads of mulch, pine needles is being delivered and numerous lawn service trucks are driving through the neighborhood. I encourage everyone to maintain your lawn by mowing, edging and weeding per the community guidelines.

The Social Committee is off and running this year with good participation in the Wine Tasting event, Easter Egg Hunt and Annual Yard Sale. The next upcoming event is a Movie at the Pool. Look for more information from the committee on this and other exciting opportunities to have fun and visit with your neighbors.

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.

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Thank you, Bob Brethen