

New Year, New Board!

New Officers and Board Members

Elections were held in May and the results are as follows:

President: Mike McDonald
VP: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Cheryl Middleton

Board Members At Large:
Les VanGilder
Don Cherry
Steve Carter

Thank you to Steve for volunteering his time! He is a retired police officer from Virginia.

As you see, we have two vacancies that need to be filled. The HOA will be working at a reduced capacity until we can find suitable candidates to fill the vacancies. Please consider donating your time to help out your neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering, please email sylvangrovehoa@gmail.com or contacting any of the new officers.

DUES

Included with this newsletter is a current HOA invoice. Thank you to those who paid in advance. It is greatly appreciated.

Dues for FY15-16 (July 1-June 30) are \$150. Dues are due no later than September 30, 2015.

Dues paid between October 1-31, 2015 will be assessed a \$40 late fee. Dues paid anytime after November 1, 2015 will be assessed an additional \$50 late fee and will be subject to legal action at the homeowner's expense.

For those homeowners with an existing outstanding balance from a previous year: Please contact the HOA immediately to make payment arrangements. The HOA will be seeking any remedy possible to recoup fees. This includes turning over any delinquent accounts over to a collection agency. The HOA may also decide to take delinquent homeowners to court. As a reminder, all fees associated with collection of delinquent accounts will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and pay your dues now.

There are approximately 30 that are delinquent in dues totaling about \$10,000. To put it in perspective, if all of these delinquent homeowners paid their outstanding balances, the HOA would be able to do a significant amount of paving or pay more than a year's worth of snowplowing.

The next meeting will be held at Connections Community Church (old Musselman Apple plant) on True Apple Way

August 27, 2015
7:00 pm

Agenda Items:

- *Dues/Balances
- *Paving
- *Vandalism/Crime
- *Community Involvement

Meetings will be held in an orderly manner. No outbursts, cursing, or disrespectful behavior will be tolerated. Anyone not adhering to these guidelines will be asked to leave.

Officers

Pres. Mike McDonald 261-6907
 Sec./Treasurer Cheryl Middleton
 229-5086

Board Members:
 Les VanGilder 229-8284
 Don Cherry 304-821-1366
 Steve Carter 304-821-4455

Building Committee

Do you want to make some improvements to your house? Do you want to install a fence, put up a shed, or construct an addition? Besides getting the appropriate County approvals, you also need to submit plans to the Building Committee. Send an email to get started or call Les VanGilder.

Volunteer

Don't want to be an officer but want to give back to the neighborhood? Volunteer to help with neighborhood clean up efforts, like painting, trash removal, etc. Call 304-261-6907 to participate.

Property Maintenance

The HOA has already received several complaints this year regarding yards not being mowed regularly. Tall grass not only brings down property values but it also promotes rodents, snakes, and other unwanted wildlife. Please be courteous to your neighbors and mow your lawns weekly. The HOA will not hesitate to contact the County to enforce the County building code ordinance if you fail to mow your grass in a timely manner.

Update Your Information

Has your phone number or email address changed? Are you selling or renting your home? Please contact the HOA with your updated information so you can stay up to date on what's going on in the community. Email addresses are especially helpful for timely receipt of current happenings.

carefully. Remind children to watch out for vehicles and walk on the left side of the street facing traffic, not in the middle. Safety first!

Paving

Thank you to Les VanGilder and a few others for volunteering their time to fill potholes in the neighborhood! We will be hiring a paving company before the end of the summer to pave only those bad areas that can't be fixed with pothole patch. The focus will remain on the most heavily traveled streets: First and Upshur.

Safety

As the days get warmer, more kids will be out playing and people will be out walking. Please drive

Visit our website!

www.sylvangrovehoa.com

You can download past newsletters, copies of covenants, and keep up to date with the happenings in the neighborhood!

Comments or Questions? Email us at sylvangrovehoa@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch

We are still looking for more volunteers to participate in neighborhood watch activities. We specifically need people to participate in the late night/early morning times. Although we haven't had many complaints of vandalism or crime, those we have received occurred in the overnight hours. Even if you can

only dedicate one shift a month, we would appreciate your participation. If you are interested, please contact Mike McDonald.

Pets

There have been numerous reports and sightings of pets running loose in the neighborhood over the past few months. As a reminder, the Berkeley County Dog

Ordinance requires that all dogs be under your control at all times, either on a leash or properly secured on your property. Please make sure that batteries for invisible fences are charged and that you are not letting your dogs run free. This will prevent injury to your dog and other dogs in the neighborhood.