



WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brook Forest Residents:

ANNUAL MEETING – Our Annual Meeting and election of board members will be held at the Bath and Tennis Club on Wednesday, March 19. You are encouraged to attend. We will have hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. We will also be discussing the Village’s Commercial Revitalization Program in addition to Brook Forest issues.

Enclosed is a proxy to vote for members of your board. The current board members that are running for re-election are:

Bob McConachie - currently serving on the Landscape Committee

Bob Sanford – currently serving as President

Tim Soltys – currently serving on the Architectural Review Committee

Anyone interest in running for one of the three positions please return the enclosed candidate form to Dennis Brugh at the management company by mail or fax (630-323-8910). If you have any questions call Dennis at 630-323-8810 Ex. 204

Everyone will be receiving a ballot and a proxy for voting in the near future. I encourage you to vote and participate in this process, for this is your organization.

PROXIES – I want to thank all the members of the Association who signed the proxies to change the covenants. The proxies allow the board to conform to some of the Village codes that affect our home and property values. The most significant change is to allow the heights of the Brook Forest homes to conform to Village code, this will allow new construction to raise the roof lines by 5 feet. The original intent of the covenants was to conform to the Village code and Brook Forest covenants originally reflected those covenants of the Village. Now that the Village code has been changed, it is in all our best interests to conform to the Village standards. This will keep Brook Forest competitive with other subdivisions. We will keep the members informed and each member will receive a new copy of the covenants.

88 SOUND WALL – The Toll Road Authority was scheduled to start construction of the sound wall along I88 last fall. This project was delayed and the wall is now scheduled to be constructed in late spring. We have had three delays so far, so hopefully we will have the wall constructed sometime in 2008. The sinking of the support foundation columns will signal the beginning of the project.

WATERWAY PROJECT – We have been working with the County for four years to obtain a grant to improve the waterway shore line between Midwest Road and Regent Drive. The County gave us the grant subject to increasing water flow during floods. The board does not want to proceed until the County has evaluated the integrity of the two weirs (dams) and takes the responsibility for any damage that may be caused by an increase in the water flow. It has been delayed because the County is waiting to see how Butterfield Country Club is going to do reconfigure their golf course. This will affect the water flow rate through Butterfield. Once the flow rate is determined the County will evaluate the weirs.

AT&T – AT&T is finishing equipping Brook Forest with broadband and a hard wired television connection to compete with Comcast. This service will be available in the next few weeks or sooner. I am sure most of you have noticed the large number of phone company trucks in the area as they prepared to add this new service. I hope that having an alternative to Comcast will benefit all of us.

BROOK FOREST WEB SITE – (brookforest.com) - We are in the process of adding the web site for everyone's convenience. We will have all the forms for architectural review applications, rules and regulations, covenants, newsletters and changes and projects eventually listed on the web site. Please go on line and look at the site. We plan to add features as they are requested in an effort to make the site a real convenience for all of our members.

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