Buckingham Gazette

Official Newsletter of the Buckingham Subdivision Homeowner's Association

Our Mission: To help preserve, strengthen, and enrich the homes and lives of the homeowners and residents of the Buckingham community by providing helpful information and inspiration.

Buckingham
A DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY

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President's Message

One of the enjoyable duties of being the President is that I get to recognize Association members and homeowners whose dedication and hard work go a long way to make our neighborhood one in which we can all take pride in to call home. I would also like to recognize The volunteers for assisting me in displaying the American flags in the neighborhood during days of recognition and National holidays. In some instances when my daughters have prior commitments, volunteers have spoken up and let me know they are a phone call away if help is needed. Thanks again to Rex, Ron, Bob, Leon.

Dan Runyan is an individual I can't say enough about when it comes to "hard work" and "dedication". During the course of many years, Boards have discussed topics and "hot issues" that involved hours of discussions with no clear cut decisions. THIS YEAR WAS DIFFERENT. Dan drafted revisions to get us current with some of the H.O.A. guidelines that were outdated for years. Working with input from the H.O.A. Lawyers, the Board approved and we moved forward and got the majority of approvals from the people we work for, the Homeowners. I forgot to mention he is also has the duties as the Vice President. Many thanks Dan and the Board members for making it happen.

<u>New Arrivals</u>

3815 BHLD – James Sargent and Eva Del Sesto 3816 BHLD – Juan Torre and Ana Lopez

Please welcome them to the neighborhood, if you greet them with a wave and a "Hello", I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Elections are coming up

If you would like to run for the 2021-2022 Board, please contact a current Board member or email board@buckinghamhoa.org. We have a couple of members that have chose not to run and we welcome any all homeowners who wish "to throw their hat into the ring".

The final day to get your name on the ballot is June 1st. Once the elections are completed, I will contact the newly elected Board members.

Subdivision Business

A homeowner had a visitor stop by one day and the visitor commented on how well the neighborhood looks with it being over 30 years since its inception. It is through the voluntary service of neighbors and all of the past and present Association members that we have been able to keep the neighborhood one that we can be proud of to live in. A fellow Board member pointed out that the H.O.A. Board should be as "least invasive as possible with Rules and Enforcements, but also have the tools to get the job done when required to do so." This past year we have worked on making the Deed Restrictions current with other H.O.A.'s. The Board is aware that Buckingham is a unique subdivision that has attracted a lot of people to live here for many years and we will work to preserve that as we move forward.

Directory Information

The Board had a situation in December in which we needed to contact homeowners on the luminaires and we had quite a few phone numbers that were not in service or had changed. Please review your Buckingham Subdivision neighborhood directory for any changes that need to be made to your information. Forward the needed changes to treasurer@buckinghamhoa.org. as soon as possible or contact a Board member or your block captain to get them in next years directory.

Quick note from the ARC:

As we get deeper into spring and the weather warms many of us will have projects for improving our homes. Please remember that any alteration to the exterior appearance of your home requires approval by the Architectural Review Committee before you begin work. No matter the size of the project, if in any doubt, please ask the ARC if an approval is required. It could save the Board and the Homeowner a lot of time and money. Examples of changes are altering the driveway, sheds, changing walkway and front door colors and applying new exterior colors to your home. Requests need to be accompanied by specifications and drawings, and/or paint chips or other samples necessary for the committee to make a determination of suitability. In addition to these items, the ARC will, in the case of new exterior colors, want to see a representative portion of your home painted in the colors proposed before granting approval.

You can reach the Architectural Review Committee by email at arc@buckinghamhoa.org or by submittal of PDF file from the H.O.A. Website.

Summer is here

Keeping the grass green and the yard trimmed seems like a never-ending weekend job! The number one grass killer is a sprinkler system that is not working properly or not at all. A quick check up on your system and a few repairs will be a lot cheaper than replacing the yard. If you receive a letter about your yard, realize the Board isn't singling you out, we are pointing out a non-compliance issue that needs to be addressed and hopefully will be caught in time to save the homeowner greif and money.

Homeowners Points

Homeowner's have asked me to stress a few points in the newsletter:

Please clean up after your pet when walking your dog. I have heard quite a few complaints about waste being left in people's yards. This is also a county violation as well.

Please keep your back yard as cleaned up as your front yard, this will prevent a tirade of bugs and rodents from taking up residence and causing issues with everyone's peace of mind.

Please ask your guest when parking for graduation parties and summer get togethers to take into consideration the neighbor's driveways and staggering the parking to let homeowners, and more importantly, emergency vehicle traffic to pass through. The same goes for the waste collection vehicles on Wednesday and Saturday morning. Please park accordingly so they can do their job efficiently, I'm sure they appreciate it also.

Please pay close attention to the insert pages we have provided. Keeping them handy will help when you need to reference information fast. The Board felt this is a better way to keep the Homeowner informed along with the website.

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