



REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

Your HOA Board recently met to organize for the 2012 year. New Officers are:

President	Norm Koch	Westlake Village
Vice-President	Steven Addams	Crystal Springs
Treasurer	Bob Olson	Lakefair Village
Secretary	Mark Foster	Crystal Springs
	Kevin Hussey	Lakefair Village

BI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

It was agreed that the Board of Directors will meet in odd-numbered months, and the annual meeting in September. These meetings will be business meetings. However, residents do have access to their board members. Residents having interests and/or concerns are to contact their board member who will present it to the board for attention, resolution, or further study. To assure consistency and providing adequate records, minutes will be posted on the Web Site.

PROJECTS UPDATE

The fence is moving right along. Construction on McClure will be next, followed by the entrances. Several areas have been cleared of trees that were interfering with walls, fences, and water lines. The entry lights will be upgraded to vandalism proof status soon. The fountain on Crystal Springs continues to be fine tuned. More landscaping restoration is being planned, not only lakefront, but on all common areas.

ASSOCIATION-OWNED TREES

The current Homeowners Association Board of Directors has been slowly but surely addressing some past neglected needs of our community. One current focus of the Board is to develop an over-all landscaping plan, perhaps with outside professional help. The goal is to create a beautiful and appropriate environment that best accommodates the people, the wildlife, and the lake.

One area of concern is association-owned trees that are causing problems in a variety of ways – trees might be damaging private or community property, they might be significantly obstructing the view from lake-side homes, and some may be dying and at risk of falling. It is the responsibility of the Association to maintain landscaping in a safe and appropriate manner. Potentially problematic trees can be brought to the attention of the board by the board's own observation, by the Landscape Committee, or by any resident. It has always been the Association's policy that if an Association-owned tree is determined to be causing a significant problem it should be removed, and in some cases replaced with a more appropriate plant.

The issue of some trees on the slope above the lake has come before the Board. It is clear that some of these slope planted trees were planted inappropriately (unintentionally) by the original developers. The views from some lakeside properties (which sold with lakeside premiums) are significantly blocked by the wrong trees planted in the wrong places. It is unfair to insist that a lakeside owner live with an inappropriate tree which has, in most cases, grown larger and continues to grow.

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The Board and the Landscape Committee have identified very specific trees that could be considered inappropriate from a “home’s view” perspective. These are trees directly in the lake-view of the adjacent home. (Trees not blocking views and those at property lines are not generally considered inappropriate.) The Board is taking this opportunity to inform lakeside owners they have the option of requesting a review-removal of such trees. Homeowners should also be aware that no trees will be removed, for the purpose of improving a view, without a specific request from the adjacent homeowner.

Our goal is to create the best possible landscape for our community. Anyone with questions may contact an HOA Board member or us through the “ContractUs” link on the webpage.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The 2012 HOA Operating Budget will be posted on the Web Site. Overall, the profit and loss statement for 2011 showed a strong performance. The Reserve Fund continues to grow at an acceptable rate. This is to replace our infrastructure as it ages. Our annual audit and tax preparation will soon be under way by local CPA’s. The dues remain at \$80.00 per month.

INSURANCE REVIEW

We recently adjusted our insurance policies resulting in better coverage and a reduced rate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our association can only be effective if residents actively contribute. Help is needed on the Landscape Committee, the Neighborhood Watch Program, and the Architectural Review Committee..

NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS

We often receive complaints regarding pets. Please clean up after your pet. Stations with bags are available on the path. Be aware that your dog’s barking can be disturbing to a neighbor.

STAATS LAKE

It’s that season again! Dead geese are the responsibility of Staats Lake, not Inland Shores HOA. Contact their Management Company, CMI at 1-800-382-1347 (Nancy Reed).

Our special thanks go to Bob Howery who is retiring after many years representing Inland Shores on the Staats Lake Board. He has been a faithful and contributing member, always there to answer any questions. Also leaving the board is Rich Ford who filled in this past year. New appointments are:

Mike Dalponte

Mark Foster

ITEMS UNDER REVIEW

One resident suggested a by-laws change to require all residents vote on large expenditures. A change in the by-laws is a major task, and the Board will discuss this with the membership at the Annual Membership Meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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