



THE HARPETH HOLLER



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GENERAL MEETING NEXT THURSDAY

President's Letter

Dear Sheffield on the Harpeth Homeowners,

It is hard to believe that daylight savings clocks have already been "sprung" signifying that winter is giving way to spring and that summer is right around the corner. It is hard to believe that as we witness the beauty of springtime all around us, that elsewhere in the world war is raging. I know you join me and support the American Troops who keep us safe and free in our homes today. Let's all hope that our Troops can return to the safety of their own homes as soon as possible.

In today's changing times, the safety and security of our Sheffield neighborhood becomes something we all must work to maintain. We shall discuss Homeland Security and other issues at the Sheffield on the Harpeth Annual Homeowners Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 24th (complete details inside this issue). We all should do what we can to not only keep our neighborhood safe, but to enhance our neighborhood overall. My term on your Board expires at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, but I plan to continue to do my part and to run again. I would appreciate your vote of confidence at the Annual Meeting. Your Board will be doing its part by handing out security devices to all homeowners who attend the annual meeting. Remember that we need a 50% quorum either live or by proxy to conduct the business of the subdivision at this meeting. Please make plans now to either attend or to send your proxy with a trusted neighbor who is attending the meeting.

As we enjoy springtime inside the cocoon of our Sheffield neighborhood, it becomes easier to block out the outside world. The Annual Homeowners Meeting is a forum for us all to gather and share best practices and offer assistance to help enhance our community and to help it to remain safe and fun for years to come. We hope to see every homeowner there.

Happy Easter!
Joe White, Gina and Rosemary.

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Please use the Telephone or E-mail Hotline to get in touch with the board. All board members will hear your voice mail and read your e-mail.

Homeowner's Association Meeting Date Set

On Thursday, April 24th, we will hold our annual Homeowner's Association meeting at Bellevue Middle School. This will be an opportunity for residents to share both positives and any concerns they have regarding the status of Sheffield on the Harpeth. The meeting time will be from 6:30-8:00 and free security devices will be given to those in attendance (see the security device article for additional info.). **It will be very important that we have a quorum present at the meeting.** A quorum consists of 118 people either in person or by proxy. If you will be unable to attend, please complete the proxy form and send it along with someone who will be attending. It costs money each time we rent the school for this meeting, so please help us get out as many people as possible. See you on the 24th!!!

Board of Directors Elections

The Sheffield on the Harpeth Homeowners Board of Directors has three vacant seats. Many thanks go to outgoing members Irving Lazar and Mary Pat Teague. Irving, together with his bride Jules, has sold their Sheffield family home and plan to leave our neighborhood. Irving fought for many improvements to the neighborhood and was instrumental in concluding the much debated Mailbox Issue. Irving became a friend to those he served with on the Board Irving's contributions, as well as his friendship, will be missed.

Mary Pat Teague assumed the unexpired term of former Board President Mark Donner. Mary Pat's contributions were numerous and Mary Pat also lent her vast analytical and managerial skills to just about major Board decision. Mary Pat also brought to the attention of the Board several programs and options we may adopt as a community toward recycling. We understand Mary Pat's decision to have her contributions to our Board end as her term expires, her family and responsibilities at Vanderbilt shall benefit from more of Mary Pat's time as we have as a community.

Joe White, your current Sheffield on The Harpeth Homeowners Association Board of Directors President, is at the end of his term as well. With so many projects nearing their conclusion, Joe has decided run for re-election to your Board. This seat and Mary Pat's seat are up for full term election. Irving's seat has one remaining year left that is to be filled. If you are a Homeowner or know a Homeowner that is interested in becoming an elected member of the Board, please email your name (or nomination) and a short paragraph of qualifications to hotline@sheffieldhoa.com or call the hotline on the front page of this Harpeth Holler.

Increased Sheffield Security

There are no guarantees to ensure a 100% safe and vandalism free neighborhood. There, however, several things we can do to make our homes a less desirable target for mischief. The best approach is perhaps the least expensive, and that is better lighting. Every Sheffield home has outside lighting with front door lights, lights around the garage and lights in the eaves. We encourage every homeowner to leave on all your lights at night, every night. As an HOA, we can help in a small way to make it easier for you to leave on at least one light. We will be handing out at the General Meeting next Thursday, free of charge, a "electric eye" device that screws between one of your outside light sockets and the bulb. This way, you can leave that light switch on all the time and be sure that at least this one light will be on at night and off during the day. In recent years in order to get a quorum, we've had to reschedule our general meeting at fair expense and trouble to the association and homeowners. To encourage a quorum at the first (and we hope only) meeting this year, these devices will be handed out free of charge to homeowners who attend the meeting in person (one per homeowner). These devices will also be available free of charge to homeowners who send in a proxy, but you will have to pick one up from a board member on your own, details to follow. These devices will be available at cost to all other homeowners. Let's do our part by leaving our lights on, and attending or sending in a proxy for the general meeting.

The HO HO HO Award

Belated congratulations are due to Barry and Mary Tamburin and their 3 boys Luke, Zachary and Adam who all live at 7813 River Fork Drive. The Architectural Committee took many walks throughout Sheffield during the Holidays to observe and to award our coveted Ho Ho Ho award for the best and most unique outdoor Holiday decorations. The Tamburin's took inspiration from their teal Ford Thunderbird and decorated their Home with teal themed Holiday lights. Congratulations Tamburins! Also, special thanks go to the Diana Fisher, Tim, Kim and Josh Doolan; Ryan Bult and his dad and Gina and Rosemary White. These fine people tended to the front entrance Holiday decorations this year. We thank them all.

Spring Cleaning

The painting company who we hired to clean and paint the pool wrought iron fence and all the street light posts in our neighborhood has a spring cleaning offer that many homeowners will find too good to be true. Call or email Patch, Paint & More with your name and address and Patch, Paint & More will paint your Wrought Iron Railings for just \$25 bucks. Patch, Paint & More is owned and operated by Paul Arnaw, a Sheffield resident. Call or email Paul now while you are thinking about it. Call 662-7519 or email psarnow@hotmail.com

Tennis-Basketball-Volleyball Courts

Mother Nature has more to do with the disrepair of the Tennis Courts, the Basketball Courts and the Volleyball Courts than the actual use and misuse of these fine amenities. Mother Nature has much to do with the repair of these fine amenities as well. We needed nice springtime weather to make the proper repairs and springtime weather is here!

Expect in the next few weeks (if not started already) a resurfaced Tennis Court, freshly painted fault lines, repaired/replaced lights, a proper gate and new and repaired wind breakers. The Basketball Court will finally get lay-up overrun skirts and a proper night light. We shall replace or repair the broken goal as well. Finally, the Volleyball Court will have better defined boundary and fresh sand. Sid Thomas has agreed once again to seek volunteers with strong backs to spread Volleyball court sand

Pool Enhancements

We've received many comments recently that "our pool furniture is stained or broken." Well, our pool furniture is being retired and replaced. The cost to replace was close to the cost to cleaned and refurbished. Our new pool furniture includes new tables and table umbrellas. Work has been given the go ahead to paint and modernize the bathrooms, too. One may plan to expect baby-changing stations, better privacy and more light on your next visit to the pool house restroom. The old furniture will be sold at our annual garage sale. We'll give first choice to our homeowners the evening before the sale at 6 pm.

Plans are also underway to clear out ground cover between the pool house and the baby pool trestle and add a shaded party pavilion for such activities as children's birthday parties, evening pizza parties, etc. A new, modern entry gate may be added to the pool as well (matching the new gate for the tennis court). Proposals are incomplete but promising. It is our intention to have our pool house and pool on every Real Estate Executive's "must see" list when showing a Sheffield home for sale. We shall be proud to show and use our pool.

The Pond, the Dam and the Fountain

To look at the pond it may seem as we've done little to it. Physically speaking, that may be true. Much has been accomplished behind the scenes and basically there are four things to be done:

- 1-replace the pond refill pump
- 2-replace the pond fountain pump
- 3-deal with overtopping erosion
- 4-clear the pond of silt

Item 1 – Replace the pond refill pump. We have a proposal that is completely over engineered and overpriced. We need to revisit that vendor and cut that cost down to something more manageable. Part of the problem is that plumbing originally used was substandard, the pump installation (that lives in the river) was completely inadequate and the control electronics were poorly placed. Basically, it's a mess and that's why we've been having trouble with it so much over the years.

Item 2 – Replace the pond fountain pump. This could happen relatively quickly if this were all that needed to be done, however, it shouldn't be done until after item 4 below is completed. However, if it appears as if we won't be able to get started on item 4 for most of the summer, we will install the fountain for our viewing pleasure until then.

Item 3 – Deal with overtopping erosion. As of today, we have all the permits with Metro and the State we need for this (as well as a design and plan which are required to get the permits). Getting the permits took most of the winter. We are presently seeking a contractor willing to do this "small" job.

Item 4 – Clear the Pond of Silt. This is opportunistic as it will need to be done soon anyway, so why not now. Besides, we are going to use some of the silt to widen the dam berm.

If you have any contacts who are contractors who would be willing to do any of this work, we would appreciate hearing from you. Contact the hotline at 206-333-0763.

The Flag Pole

We have purchase a new American Flag and shall have new rope as well as a night time light installed at the same time the tennis court lights are rehabilitated. Thank you for you patience, especially all of you that took a moment to call, especially during the NASA Challenger disaster.

The Homeowners Directory

On the back side of the enclosed HOA Annual Meeting Proxy, there is a fact sheet. Please take a moment to fill out the fact sheet with as much or as little information about your family you wish to share in our resident directory. Our old directory is very old, and families tend to evolve with time. So, whether you are a new or old resident, please take a moment to refresh our database. WE WILL NOT SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY MARKETING ORGANIZATION and forbid anyone to do the same. This is for our own use and benefit and perhaps will reside password protected on our Website @ www.shefieldhoa.com

Somerset Bridge Beautification Project

Our contracted landscaping company always does great things to beautify to our flagpole area and our front

entrance. This year should be no different. The Somerset Bridge however, is up to us residents. The Board considered approving funds to improve this eyesore, but found that we have little in the budget to do the job properly. Therefore, we are turning to the Homeowners. We need volunteers to supply both time and ideas on what this highly visible area needs to regain its beauty of years gone by. At the Annual Homeowners Meeting on April 24th, we shall solicit a volunteer project foreman to gather beautification ideas, volunteer labor, Board approval and funds to see to it that this bridge gets a much needed "Face-lift on a budget". If you have a green thumb and eye for practical beauty, or if you own a wheel barrel and a shovel and have a few hours to donate: why not help make your entire neighborhood, not to mention your daily commute, beautiful? A sign up sheet needing your name will be at the Annual Meeting on the 24th. Be there and bring your ideas!

The Garage Sale

New Board members are not the only vote you can cast at the HOA Annual Meeting. Plan on casting your vote for the best weekend to have and hold the Sheffield on the Harpeth Neighborhood Garage Sale. We plan to better advertise in The Tennessean with larger advertisements the weekend before and the weekend of the sale. Our Garage Sale markers and pointers will start near Antonio's restaurant and Loveless Café. We will take any advice from any resident on how to properly prepare and entice the most amount of traffic. Plans are now to offer the usable but old pool furniture in the Garage Sale; we may mention this in the advertisement. Call the hotline or email us at hotline@sheffieldhoa.com with helpful suggestions. Balloons and the \$5 dollar charge will remain as always.

My Neighbor's Business

Paper Moon

Your Nashville Source for Stamping, Scrapbooking and Paper Arts of All Sorts

Paper Moon, located at 7097F Old Harding Pike (behind Antonio's) opened in June, 1998 and was the first store in Middle Tennessee to offer supplies to scrapbookers who are quickly becoming one of the fastest growing groups of crafters around.

Owned by Chris Cutler (Onslow Way), **Paper Moon** offers a variety of artistic rubber stamps, cardstocks, pattern papers, stickers, brass stencils, papermaking and the accessories that go with them. Stamping and Scrapbooking are extremely popular crafts right now because anyone can do them. Scrapbooking has gained a lot of attention recently because of the interest Americans are showing in maintaining a history of family events. In addition, one need not have a lot of artistic ability to either stamp or scrapbook because a lot of the work is already done on the stamps and/or paper. For those who are still concerned about "doing it right," **Paper Moon** offers a variety of classes for beginner, intermediates and advanced stampers and scrappers.

Paper Moon carries stamps, stickers and papers designed by over 100 companies. In addition, Chris and the staff can help you design wedding invitations, party invitations, birth announcements, etc., or they can have them printed for you.

Paper Moon is open 10-5 Monday through Friday and 10-4 Saturday. The store is closed Sundays and holidays. Feel free to stop by and tell Chris Cutler you saw this in the Holler.