

# SHAKER WOODS

# HIGHLIGHTS

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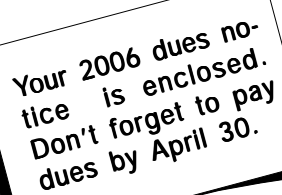
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Your 2006 dues notice is enclosed.  
Don't forget to pay dues by April 30.

## Message from the President

Hello, Homeowners,

I am very pleased to be the new SWHOA President and want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve you and the association. I chose to live in Shaker Woods because it looked like a great place to live, the homes were well maintained, the people I met were friendly, and it was convenient to all the places I needed to go. I haven't been disappointed, Shaker Woods is a great place to live! The Girls (Lizzy and Lulu, my Labradoodle and Schnoodle) and I really enjoy living in this neighborhood.

The 2006 Board is very energetic and enthusiastic about our neighborhood and the association. ***Our goal is to continue to ensure that Shaker Woods is a wonderful place to live.***

We are fortunate that there are not too many issues pending within the community. The board chose to schedule meetings through June and assigned a topic to discuss at each meeting. It is my hope that by setting agendas in advance, homeowners can join in any discussions we have that are of interest to them. As we review issues, we hope to gain a better understanding of them and ensure that we've heard all sides before making any recommendations. We are not reviewing these issues to necessarily take action but simply to bring us up to speed on issues that affect the community, so we will be knowledgeable enough if the need arises.

In this vein, one of the promises we made at the annual meeting was to schedule a discussion about the homes on **Deer Forest and Auburn Grove**. At that meeting we tabled the discussion and have scheduled it for the May board meeting. If anyone wants to participate in this discussion, please plan on attending the meeting in May. (The meeting schedule is published later in this newsletter.) The passion that we have seen on the issue in the past should make it an interesting topic. For anyone interested or involved, please plan on coming to the meeting with all the facts you can find and multiple copies of handouts so that we can all (continued on page two)

**Message...** (continued from page one) participate and have a positive and informative discussion.

Other topics will include the community assets (also in May) and what community activities (March) we are interested in sponsoring or organizing. If you want to learn more or contribute to the discussion on either of these topics please join us at those meetings. We are always looking for ideas and volunteers.

If you have a particular topic that you would like covered, please let us know and we will put it on the agenda of one of the meetings and give you enough notice so that you can attend.

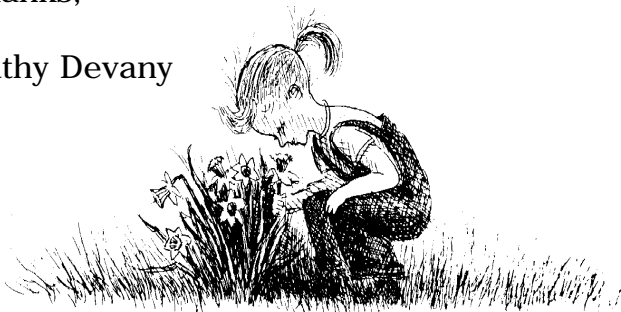
In order to be a wonderful place to live, we want to bring the neighbors together. We want to encourage homeowner community events. We are looking for ways to bring the community together and we welcome your suggestions. With your participation we are hoping to change the summer event into one that more homeowners and their families can attend and we hope it can also take place in the community. Some of the suggestions we have had so far are to hold a summer parade in the neighborhood, kids and pets being the main focus, holding an Easter egg hunt for the smaller children, or organizing a treasure hunt through the neighborhood for the teens.

Please send all your suggestions to [kdevany@comcast.net](mailto:kdevany@comcast.net) and they will all be shared with the entire board.

I look forward to see you at our next meeting.

Thanks,

Kathy Devany



## The Architectural Review Board

We are very fortunate that the ARB has a number of new members who have volunteered to help in this area. The purpose of the ARB is straightforward; we live in a beautiful neighborhood and it is in all our interests to keep it beautiful.

As this new group begins to meet, we are discussing the need to keep the approval process for home improvements easy and short. Recently, the ARB took responsibility for providing disclosure packages for new homeowners and we look forward to taking this one step further and welcoming newcomers when they move in.

For questions or ARB forms, please contact Richard Davis at [SWHOA.ARB@comcast.net](mailto:SWHOA.ARB@comcast.net), or 571-436-7607

## Easements: Common Ground or Private Property?

Homeowners should be aware that there are several easements in our neighborhood and for the most part these easements are on private property. For example, the pipeline easement that runs along Wiehle Avenue is on private property and should not be used by homeowners. Similarly, there is a water line easement on Pellow Circle Trail that is often used for sledding when it snows even though it is located on private property.

If you are in doubt, please check with the property owners whose homes are adjacent to the area you'd like to use.

Due to work commitments, Marcus Luczak has found it necessary to resign from the board. Thank you for your contribution, Marcus. There is currently an opening for a new member on the SWHOA Board. If you are interested please contact Kathy Devany at [kdevany@comcast.net](mailto:kdevany@comcast.net).

## SWOHA Board and Meeting Update

**A**re you a new resident of Shaker Woods? If so, the Board of Directors would like to welcome you to our beautiful neighborhood and help you get acquainted with your neighbors and the area. Please contact Eileen Moore for a Shaker Woods Directory and contact information on our Board of Directors.

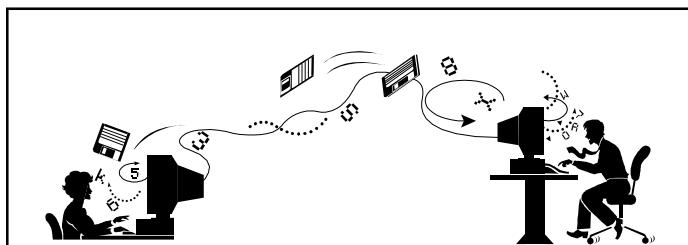
The Board of Directors welcomes homeowners to attend our meetings. Below is a list of the dates, locations, and topics to be discussed. Please note there is no April meeting.

### Board of Directors Meetings, Topics and Location:

**March 13, 2006** — Reston Regional Library, Conference Room – Topic: community members, block captains, Neighborhood Watch, newsletter, etc., neighborhood entertainment.

**May 16** — Reston Regional Library, Conference Room – Topic: Deer Forest neighborhood.

**June 12** — Reston Regional Library, Conference Room – Topic: Capital Reserve Study, monument maintenance, new path discussion.



If you haven't signed up for e-mail messages from Shaker Woods Homeowners Association and would like to get e-mail updates, please contact Kathy Devany at [kdevany@comcast.net](mailto:kdevany@comcast.net). E-mails are sent infrequently but are effective in getting out timely information.

## Thoughts from the Treasurer

**A**s we head towards the end of winter and begin looking forward to spring, I wanted to share a few thoughts with you as Treasurer. We are lucky that our association is in very strong financial condition. We have funds that could cover any unexpected capital expenses should they arise. Our dues cover our annual expenses and provide for the mandatory reserve contribution the law requires.

Our primary expenditure as an association is the maintenance of the common grounds. Your dues pay for mowing, leaf removal, the planting of flowers at the entrance monuments, and trail maintenance. This spring the asphalt trails will be resurfaced.

In addition to maintenance of the common grounds, your dues pay for a variety of smaller expenses. These include common utilities, legal fees—such as the legal costs associated with settlement with Columbia Gas last year, the newsletter and community directory, accounting fees, disclosure package preparation fees, a post office box, and the annual community party.

You will each receive your annual dues statement with this newsletter. Please pay your dues promptly. We will have significant bills due this spring for common ground maintenance and trail repaving. Your dues go directly to pay these common costs.

As the weather warms, I encourage you to use the benefits of your neighborhood association. Ride a bike on your trails, walk your dog, walk to the store, walk barefoot in newly cut grass, call a friend in your directory for dinner, admire the many beautiful homes in our neighborhood, and make plans to come to neighborhood's summer pool party.

Stay warm this winter, and I look forward to seeing many of you in the neighborhood this spring.

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*Please Note: Your Annual  
Deus Notice is Enclosed*

