

June 2009 Newsletter

Hello Amberleigh North Residents,

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Monthly Social Calendar

The June 2009 Social Calendar, as well as this newsletter, are available on our website at www.amberleighdublin.org.

Annual Homeowners Association Meeting Highlights

The annual HOA meeting was held on Thursday, May 7th at Bailey's Elementary. Approximately 10 households were represented. Below are highlights of some issues raised:

- **Financials:** Craig Douglas began with a review of last year's expenses and the 2009 budget (see attached pie chart)
- **Security Update:** Craig also mentioned that the key card system will soon be updated so that only those residents that sent in their key card info will have access to the pool and clubhouse. Those locked out will have to contact the management company to have their info added. Right now we can see all key card activity. After the update, we will be able to associate residents with key card numbers. This is useful when trying to ascertain who may have been involved in any vandalism occurrences.
- **The Year in Review** was presented by Reza Zandi. He reviewed damages and vandalism that occurred, improvements made (pool painting, installation of new A/C unit in clubhouse, resurfaced parking lot, replacement of water pump for sprinkler system) as well as improved lawn and landscaping maintenance (e.g. flowers will be added to clubhouse and main entrance, cleanup of main entrance). Craig was instrumental in meeting with the appropriate persons in Dublin to get the upkeep of the small area of Dublin Rd. to be maintained by the city, saving the HOA a few thousand dollars annually.
- **Committee Reports:** **Social** – Due to the decline in monthly socials, Meri Mann is reconsidering whether a monthly calendar is necessary anymore. Someone made the suggestion that socials could be hosted at the pool during the summer.
Pool – Meri Mann mentioned that she will be sending out a request for weekly help in straightening up the pool area in the evenings during the summer. She said it worked out great last year. She also brought up the after-hours activity that occurs at the pool by young residents of Amberleigh and their friends. If anyone sees such activity, they should call the Dublin police about trespassers. Ideas about possible deterrents that

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were brought up were motion sensor lights and video monitoring. The Board said they would look into it. **Park** – Debbie Mikol gave a review of the status of the proposed Amberleigh park. She recounted the park meeting held on April 13th that was sponsored by the Department of Parks and Open Spaces. Laura Karagory, Landscape Architect, directed the meeting. Debbie contacted her later and inquired about the status of the park proposal and was informed that the current design and feedback from the meeting are still in review.

- **Open Forum** –
 - Concerns were raised about the landscape and lawncare of some residences and vacant houses in the development. The Board mentioned that a letter goes out to such households. In extreme cases, the HOA will hire contractors to perform the necessary upkeep and will bill the homeowner for the expense.
 - A suggestion was made to add lights to the Amberleigh entrance. Not just for aesthetic reasons but for safety reasons as well.
 - It was recommended that the brush along Memorial Dr. near the entrance be thinned out. It was determined that that area is the responsibility of the city of Dublin.
 - Questions were raised about the household along Amberleigh Way that added a separate garage. The Board explained that it had to meet City of Dublin approval and that the consent of the neighbors in the surrounding residences had to be obtained. No one dissented at that time so the Board approved it.
 - Someone asked about the status of annual dues. The Board indicated that the percentage of households with unpaid dues was very small.
 - A resident mentioned that he encountered many instances where fertilizer was not swept from the sidewalk. His concern was that this is not healthy for pets and children who walk along those areas.
- **Election of New Board Member:** No election was conducted since no one volunteered at that time.
- **Meeting was Adjourned**

Outgoing Board Member

Just wanted to give a big thanks to Craig Douglas for volunteering his time on the Board these past three years. He played a large part in convincing the City of Dublin to take over maintenance of a small section of land along Dublin Rd. This saved us a few thousand dollars annually. He has also been instrumental in getting the key card system running appropriately so that we can better manage who is accessing the clubhouse and pool facilities for security purposes. Thanks for all of your hard work, Craig. It was much appreciated!!

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Newest Board Member

Soon after the annual meeting, a resident inquired whether a new Board member had been elected. He was at the meeting but had to leave early. After filling him in on what to expect regarding responsibilities and time commitments, he agreed to volunteer on the Board. Please join me in welcoming **Steve Smith** as the latest Board member!

Pool and Clubhouse

As of this writing, no new information is available. Below is what was sent out Wednesday night through the distribution list (May 27th):

"As you already know, an accident occurred in the pump room on Tuesday morning. A technician was injured while attempting to activate the pool system. He ended up having to get surgery on his hand that day. Apparently he is doing well. We do not know a lot of details yet. Meanwhile, one of the pumps has to be replaced and plumbing and electricity work is required. Electricity is currently unavailable in the clubhouse. We are waiting for the insurance company to send an adjuster. Once the insurance company (State Farm) gives us the go ahead, we will begin repairs immediately."

Key Cards - Extension

Because of the delayed pool opening, you still have time to send in your key card info.

Please provide the following key card info to our management company rep, Stacia Collins, (**contact info: fax: 614-799-8338, phone: 614-799-9800 ext 37 or email: scollins@casebowen.com**):

- (1) Name
- (2) Address
- (3) Upper key card number (just below the punchout hole)
- (4) Lower left key card number

We will soon be updating the key card system with these numbers to better track clubhouse usage. **IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE US WITH THE INFORMATION BY FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, YOU ARE NOT GUARANTEED ACCESS TO THE POOL AND CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES AFTER THAT POINT.**

If you are missing key cards, please contact Stacia for replacements. They are \$25 a piece.

Parking Lot

You have probably noticed that the parking lot to the Clubhouse has been seal coated. There were some issues with the first application which required additional work, causing the Clubhouse parking lot to be sealed off twice. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Community Park Input Meeting Update

I heard recently that the Department of Parks and Open Spaces is currently in the process of redeveloping the plan for a potential entrance via Memorial Dr.

Management Company Representative

Just wanted to let you know that Stacia, our Case Bowen rep, was recently married. Her last name is now Collins and her new email address is scollins@casebowen.com. Her old email address is currently forwarded to her new address. The website has been updated to reflect this change.

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Bunko

Debbie Mikol is hosting Ladies Bunko on the **18th** of this month. Contact her at 791-9416 with any questions.

Playgroup

There is no playgroup for the summer. A notice for interested residents will be sent out in the August newsletter for next school year (September 2009 – May 2010). If you have any questions, contact Nicole Kelbick at 760-0035 or nkelbick@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous

- **June 21st is FATHER'S DAY!!!**

- **Garage Sale**

Thanks to Jennifer Maloney for organizing the garage sale!

- **Gary and Meri Mann's Annual Memorial Day Party** was a great time. Thanks so much for hosting a fun party!!

- **New to the Neighborhood**

If you are new to the neighborhood, please send me (nkelbick@gmail.com) a blurb about your family and I will include it in the next monthly newsletter. It is a great way to introduce yourself and your family to your neighbors and for current residents to "meet" their new neighbors.

That being said, please join me in welcoming Andy Malek and Jeannine Lesperance to Amberleigh. They recently moved into 4919 Gillingham Way. Adam Malek is a senior at Coffman and headed to Ohio State in the fall. Josh Malek is a 6th grader at Karrer. Nick Paradis is a 7th grader at Sells and his sister Lucie attends 5th grade at Bailey. They can be reached at home at 614.791.9276.

- **Pet Alert**

If you have lost a pet or found a stray animal feel free to send me an email with a description of the pet and/or picture and the date you lost/found the animal and I will send it out to the community. You will also want to post the information online at <http://www.petfbi.org/>.

PS No Murphy sightings yet ☺

- **Sundays at the Scioto**

The Dublin Arts Council sponsors a free outdoor concert series at Scioto Park on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30pm in June and July. A variety of bands and music styles are presented. Check out <http://www.dublinarts.org/events/sas.html> for a complete listing of the bands. Thanks to Julie Douglas for this information.

- **Slainte Thursday**

Check out <http://www.brihidistrict.org/> for downtown activities and for Slainte Thursdays in particular. The next two dates are June 18th and July 16th.

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- **Mailboxes** – If you are like me and lack the time (or inclination) to spruce up your mailbox, then please contact Nicole Douglas. She is willing to “makeover” your mailbox with a thorough cleaning and staining for \$25. Contact her via Lidojules@columbus.rr.com. More info is available on our website at www.amberleighdublin.org at the bottom of the “What’s Happening” section.

- **e-News From the City of Dublin:** To sign up for updates of your choosing from various areas of the City of Dublin’s government, submit your email address at <http://www.dublin.oh.us/cr/e-news.php>. This link has also been added under “Links of Interest” section on our website.
- **Playgroup and Bunko schedules** are now posted online under the What’s Happening section.
- **Stork Report:** use the monthly newsletter to announce new family arrivals. Just email Nicole Kelbick at nkelbick@gmail.com with the info you want posted, including a picture if so desired, and it will be included in the next monthly newsletter.

Take care,

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