



DELLWOOD DIGEST

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What is a Neighbor?

By George Stiekes - HOA President

A neighbor is a resident in a defined community usually referred to as a "neighborhood." All neighbors are not the same and might be recognized in any number of ways – good or bad, nice or cantankerous, tall or short, young or old, Caucasian or Black, happy or sad, rich or poor, cooperative or uncooperative – Obviously this list is endless. At the same time, a good neighbor is never judgmental.

One dictionary definition defined "neighbor" as one who lives near another. The problem with this definition is that one might live in close proximity and still be very far away socially. A person can live next door to someone for years and never actually know their neighbor and this is one of the tragic circumstances of the age in which we live.

How well do you know your neighbors?

Our neighborhood is made up of some wonderful people and one way you can get to know them is by participating in the community events. Another way is to simply interact with those around you. A great way to get to know them is to watch for opportunities to assist them when you see a need. Find ways to be generous toward less fortunate neighbors or to be helpful when there is sickness or a death in a family.

Being a good neighbor is crucial to knowing your neighbors. Volunteer to watch a home, take any newspapers out of their paper box and even care for their lawn when they go on vacation. Being a good neighbor leads to loving one another and that is what a good family does. I ask again: How well do you know your neighbors? At this time, do you sense that you are a valuable part of the Dellwood family? If not, what are you going to do about it?

Annual Dues

Each year, the Dellwood Association provides community events such as the Annual Meeting, Picnic and Garage sales. There are cost factors for each of these events. A welcome gift is always given to newcomers and usually some type of memorial is extended when a neighboring resident passes away. There are times when special studies need to be done relating to residential problems which sometimes incur costs to the association. We have an annual insurance payment that covers a variety of potential problems in our community. There are times when we need the assistance of an attorney and of course, this can at times be costly.

In other words, we have the responsibility of paying our bills regardless of whether or not someone in the community decides not to pay their annual dues. The annual dues are only \$25.00 a year which is very reasonable when you discover what other subdivisions charge their residents.

In discussing the matter, it came up in a meeting that legally we could put a lien on a delinquent home to recover dues when the owner tries to sell their home. Would we actually do it? Regardless, the current board may change in the near future. Attorneys handling titles and closings automatically check to see if association dues have been paid.

Last year, only one family failed to pay their dues. Thus far this year, there are

five who have not paid. Often it is a simple matter of forgetting about it and therefore, this article ends up being a good reminder.

If you have paid this year's dues, we thank you. If you have not done so yet, you can write out a check, put it in an envelope and put it in the mail box of either:

* Peg Price – 836 Greenwood (or across the street)

*George Stiekes – 825 Greenwood
All checks should be made out to Dellwood Homeowners Association.

Membership is automatic with the purchase of property in Dellwood. Every resident has a vote when important issues arise related to our community. The privilege of voting is rescinded when the association dues are not paid. All residents are considered Dellwood family and are welcome to attend board meetings and are encouraged to get involved with our community events.

The Dellwood Homeowners

Association membership year begins May 1 through the following April 30 each year.

Upcoming Events

Dellwood Homeowners Association's Annual PICNIC

at Patton Park Large Pavilion
on Saturday September 12th
from 12pm – 3 pm

We'll be having a traditional bash with grilled burgers and hotdogs with chips.

We ask that each family bring their favorite side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors.

If you would like to contribute a door prize for our drawing please bring it along.

Please R.S.V.P. to Marty Harris
at 828 808-8464 or mgh1955@gmail.com

Be on Alert!

By Marty Harris

I have been seeing an increase in telephone scams where the "bad guys" are attempting to gain access to your computer. They state they are from Windows/Microsoft and they have been monitoring your computer or that they are the Cyber Crime Division of the Justice Department and that your computer has been distributing pornography. This is not a legitimate call. Microsoft does not call end users and if you had a real problem with the Justice Department you would have a federal agent knocking at your door not calling on the phone. Please do not allow these individuals to have

remote access to your computer. They will try to give you the "hard sell", but just tell them "no thank you" and hang up. A good rule of thumb is if you do not initiate the phone call not allow anyone to have remote access to your machine. If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to call or e-mail me.

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Around the Neighborhood



In late July there was a bobcat sighting in Darlene Moore's yard.

Do you remember hearing a large clap of thunder around mid May? At the top of the neighborhood Ed and Trully Safrit had a tree struck by lightning.

Here in the picture you can see tree crews removing pieces of the tree that was struck.

