

THE TROTTERS POINTE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2009

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Welcome 2009 and New Board!

Happy New Year Trotters Pointe! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. With a new year, there comes change, not only within our country's government but also within Trotters Pointe. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as your new board.

Stephen Marker, President, has been a board member for 1 year. He has lived in this community for 4 years and is excited and eager to make our community one of the best in South Lyon.

Julie DeMay, Vice President, has lived here for over 9 years. Her goal is to make sure the homeowners are connected with what is going on in our community and to get more homeowners involved.

Jerilyn Ranalli, Secretary, has lived here for 8 years and has been the head of the Beautification Committee since 2002. With a passion for keeping our sub in top condition, her main goal is to make sure our community is one that we all can be proud to live in.

Kathy Carter, Treasurer, has lived in Trotters for 7 years and takes pride in our community. Her main goal is to make our common areas safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.

Mike Sicklesteel, Member at Large, has lived in Trotters for over 9 years. One of his reasons for being on the board is to make the necessary changes needed to our budget. His goal is to try and save our community money and

get more community involvement.

New Boards Focus for 2009

We are all committed to making changes that are for the good of Trotters Pointe. For 2009, our goals will focus on the following:

1. Get our community out of debt and back on track financially.
2. Work on the neglected areas within our sub. (Ex. Bridges, pond fences, ponds, path repairs)
3. Get more community involvement
4. Develop a TPHA Directory
5. Make our community feel more connected by offering new and exciting social activities.

We encourage everyone to attend any of our board meetings this year. The following is our yearly schedule for you to cut out and post in your home.

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Feb. 5th 1072 Equestrian

Mar. 4th 1243 Corral

Apr. 1st 1149 Equestrian

May 6th 1035 Equestrian

June 3rd 1237 Corral

July 1st 1072 Equestrian

Aug. 5th 1243 Corral

Sept. 2nd 1149 Equestrian

Oct. 7th 1035 Equestrian

Nov. 4th 1237 Corral

Dec. 2nd 1072 Equestrian

2009 Annual Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 15th @ 7:00

Kent Lake Cafeteria

Lawsuit Update

First, we would like to thank all of those who paid the \$125 special assessment. We appreciate your prompt payment. However, our debt is not free and clear since we did not receive 64 payments. We understand that this was quite a shock to some of you as it was to us too. One of the reasons why we all decided to be on the board was due to the way we were approached with this special assessment, suddenly and without an explanation. If you did not get on the website you did not know what was going on with the lawsuit or even know one existed. However, after attending the annual meeting this past December, we realized how necessary it was and why the previous board did what they had to do. **We still need that money so we would appreciate anyone who has not yet paid it to please do so as soon as possible.** Thank you! As the previous board stated at the annual meeting, we won our case with DeMaria Investments. However, we are not done yet. They have until February 5th 2009 to appeal the judges ruling. We are now just waiting for DeMaria to make their decision to appeal or not. If they decide to appeal, we will again have to defend ourselves, which means more lawyer fees. We are hopeful that this will not be the case and we can move on to better things. Please check our new website frequently for updates on this subject.

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Committees & Volunteers Needed

We have some exciting plans for Trotters Pointe in 2009, but without your help we may not be able to accomplish them. We have several committees that could use volunteers. These are the committees that are currently looking for help.

Social Committee

*Contact: Ken Kanthook
(248) 207-3019*

The Social committee plans the fun activities for Trotters Pointe. Some of the past activities were, Halloween Parade, Trail of Terror, Easter-Egg Hunt, and Summer BBQ Party. They are looking for some new ideas this year as well as new volunteers!

Beautification Committee

*Contact: Karen Gruse
(248) 437-8532*

This committee beautifies our common areas. Some of the past things they did were add new playground equipment to our park, new entrance signs, lights, and irrigation, and landscaping. They are also responsible for planting flowers at our entrances, Holiday light decorations, and spring/fall clean-ups. This is one of our biggest committees that are always in need of volunteers! And for you that are in high school, this is an excellent committee to join to earn volunteer hours!

Welcome Committee

*Contact: Diane Dinnel
(248) 446-3466*

This committee is a wonderful way to meet

The newest homeowners in Trotters Pointe. This committee sets up welcome packages to new members to our neighborhood. They are always looking for new ideas and help!

Rules & Reg. Committee

*Contact: Dennis Seybert
(248) 486-6131*

This committee is in charge of making sure each homeowner is compliant to following the By-laws when pertaining to their personal property (ex. Landscaping, Home additions, Painting; exterior only).

We hope that you find a committee that is of interest to you and would join. You can learn more from the contact person so please give them a call and **Get Involved!**

Hockey Tournament

The first annual hockey tournament is scheduled on Feb 21 & 22 from noon - 4pm. This is a 3 vs. 3 tournaments. More details can be found on the website's events calendar for Feb 21st. The calendar contains details on the rules and how to register a team. Team registration is due Feb 5th. Please contact board member Stephen Marker with questions.

New Website

We are the board that wants to keep everyone informed of the happenings in and around Trotters Pointe. With that said, we encourage everyone to log on to our new website to check out contact info, photos, upcoming social events, board meetings, and form discussions. You can also post any announcements and advertising on our website. So if you have a home-based business

or you just want to advertise babysitting this is the place to do it! Log on Today!!!

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Final Thought & Newsletter

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the December annual meeting. We feel that that our annual meetings are one of the most important meetings of the year. This is the place where you can speak your mind and get answers to questions you may have about our community. We also would like to thank the people who voted for us as your newest board. We are confident that we can get Trotters Pointe on the right tract and turn our sub into one of the most desirable places to live in South Lyon.

Our newsletter is something that we felt deserved a comeback. We understand that not everyone has Internet access and/or a computer. Look for future newsletters this spring and fall! We hope you have enjoyed it and we encourage everyone to contact us with any questions or concerns. Have a safe and healthy 2009!

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