Board of Directors News

The holidays are over, all the Christmas decorations have finally been taken down, and things are back to near normal! The Board had their first meeting of the new year and were sad to accept the resignation of Linda Ford as Director-At-Large. We will miss her. She has served the Board as both secretary and at large for the last four years and has helped with various projects. Thank you, Linda! And welcome Paul Piche! Paul was a Board member a number of years ago and has volunteered to act as Member-At-Large for the remainder of Linda’s term (and beyond, we hope).

Two new wrought iron fences have replaced the wooden fences along the alley behind Burlingame. The old fences were being broken through weekly and the wood was so old that repairs were difficult. The new fences should add security and beauty to our neighborhood.

Tree trimming is progressing slowly. As our trees get older, it is more difficult to contain their size and remove dead limbs. Just a reminder: The Association will remove dead or nearly dead trees for the homeowner. The homeowner is responsible for removing any tree that is still viable. They may use our landscape crew or hire any company they wish. Permission to remove a viable tree must be obtained from the Architectural Control Committee. No trimming or removal is done to trees in back yards. We have had a couple of situations where a neighbor’s back yard tree is hanging over on the roof next door. This is not an Association problem. It is neighbor to neighbor. The Board has been advised by the City of Garland that you can legally cut away any branches of a neighbor’s tree that hang over on your property line.

The vehicle storage area has been getting a minor face lift. Parking spaces will be marked and each space will be assigned to the renter. Unregistered and non-functioning vehicles will be removed. The area has been cleaned up recently, but we urge those using the area to pick up their trash, etc.

The siding project is moving right along. Twenty-eight houses are left. Bruce Bostwick has scheduled two for this month. As long as the weather holds out we will be doing one to two a month.

Blue trash cans continue to be placed at the curb on the wrong Fridays. Please consult the City of Garland’s schedule or the December newsletter for the correct dates. It is not acceptable to set out bulk items before Thursday evening. Things are being placed at the curb or in the driveway on Saturdays to sit there all week. Your neighbors do not like to look at them, and the area looks trashy.

Dog droppings are everywhere! Walking along Burlingame beside the greenbelt there is a pile every two to three feet. Take a baggie and PICK IT UP. We have far too many dogs out here for you to ignore your dogs droppings. We must all cooperate.

The Pool Committee is looking for volunteers to help out with monitoring, scheduling parties, cleaning the area, coordinating activities and making sure only Broadway Village residents are using the pool. If you use the pool frequently, we need your help! If we can divide the tasks up among several people none of them will take much time.

On a positive note, there seems to have been less reported criminal activity lately. Let’s all keep our eyes open for unusual or questionable behavior and 911. We need to make a report whether it turns out to be a crime or not. It is better to be safe than sorry.