



**NORTHBRIDGE TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2009**

**MEETING NOTICE AND A NOTE FROM YOUR
NEW PRESIDENT**

The Northbridge Terrace Neighborhood Council will meet on Saturday, March 14, at 3:00pm at our fabulous neighborhood coffee shop, Sojourn's. The meeting will last no longer than an hour, so please try to work this into your Saturday schedule. It is the first meeting of our council since last year so I am sure there is much you wish to discuss.

After a six month sabbatical, I am back as your neighborhood president. George Namie has been an excellent president and he is now the Vice Chairman of the Task Force, so he will still be working for us. Congratulations, George, and thank you.

We have already had a Board Meeting to prepare for the rest of this year and our neighborhood is so fortunate to have such able and enthusiastic ladies serving. Sandy Siegling is our Vice President; Sue Buchanan is our Secretary; Margaret Sanders is our Treasurer; Sara Tisdale is Chairman of Block Captains and distribution of our Newsletter; and Ann McDaniel is Chairman of our Welcome Committee. And Sara and Ann are also in charge of our annual Halloween Party at the park.

Our plan calls for quarterly meetings and you will also receive quarterly Newsletters. If additional meetings are called for, then you will be notified promptly.

We are also looking into plans for a community project and as soon as all information is gathered, we will be making a proposal to our community.

We will continue with livability issues and our City Councilman, Aubry Alexander, works closely with us. Some of the City Ordinances that were proposed by our Council have already been taken up by City Council and there are more to come. These proposals were recommended by the Ordinance Committee that I set up and sent to Aubry for action. It has taken some time and we will not win them all, but anything is better than what we had. The Committee did an excellent job and we thank them.

I know there are continuing problems with drainage, roaming dogs and owner responsibility for their pets, abandoned automobiles, maintenance of our lawns and property, and, in particular, rental property. We will continue to deal with these matters.

It is good to be back and I thank you for your support. As always, I am available. If you have a community issue, please call me at 556-1805. I'll see you on my daily walks -- and at our March 14 meeting!

Kay Long, President

DUES

We invite all residents of Northbridge to become members of our Neighborhood Council. Dues are \$20 per year and an application is attached to this Newsletter. Your dues help fund our neighborhood projects and our annual Halloween Party.

TRASH AND GARBAGE

It has been brought to my attention that some of our residents are putting out large amounts of trash days before pickup. There is a City Ordinance that prohibits this and you could be fined. We all understand that a lot of yard work is done on weekends, and this does not seem to be a big problem. However, no one wants to look at old appliances or bathroom fixtures for days. So please try to refrain from putting such items out until the evening before our pickup date. Thank you.

NEW LEASH LAW

As of March, you must have your dog on a leash when walking him/her. Prior to this new ordinance, the law stated that you may either have "voice control" over your animal or a leash. The "voice control" portion of the law has been removed and you can be fined for not having your pet on a leash. Please keep this in mind when next you take your pet for a walk.

Also, we are asking that pet owners be responsible. Please take a bag with you for pickup. This is only courteous to your neighbors and it is also environmentally hazardous.



AFTON AVENUE PROBLEMS

There are continuing maintenance problems on Afton Avenue, primarily because there is so much rental property on this street. We are going to be paying particular attention to this area and would ask all residents, owners and renters, to help maintain the beauty of our neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT

Last year, in conjunction with our Garden Club, we installed new planters at our entranceways. They look great! And residents gave generously to finish this project.

This year, we are looking at trying to help do something at our park and pool area. This is a great amenity for our neighborhood and we need to do all we can to keep this area in top condition. When we have all the figures, we will be submitting a proposal to residents and ask for your cooperation.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We have wonderful volunteers in our neighborhood and we thank them for all of their efforts. We need a Captain for every block for the distribution of Newsletters and other pertinent material as well as asking their neighbors to become a member of our Council. The following list contains the names of those residents I would ask to be a block captain. It is my hope that all will participate. Please give me a call at 556-1805 if you are unable to accept.

Sharon Ave - Ann Harris

Weston - Alicia Crosby

Southgate - Ann & Chris Wood and Ruth and Bill McSweeney

Vassar & Carterett - Fee & Johnson Funderburk

Somerset - Hedy Keller

Afton - Ann McDaniel

Northbridge - Sandy and Jack Siegling

Norview & Norview Cir - Margaret Sanders

Mueller, Exeter & Fairfax - Josephine Routh

Dartmoor & Mim - Susan & Ben McGuckin

Woodhaven - Brenda Clary

Chelwood, West Battery, Dunbarton - Gayle Phillips

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR

MARCH 14 at 3pm AT SOJOURN'S!

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of Council are contained in this Newsletter. If there are any corrections, please contact Sue Buchanan, our secretary.

PROPOSED "SUICIDE MERGE" PLAN

I have attached a copy of an article from WEST OF concerning this very important proposal. Our County Councilwoman, Colleen Condon, has worked hard on this and we thank her. Keep your fingers crossed that funding can be found to complete this needed plan.



**NORTHBRIDGE TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2008-2009**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ **EMAIL** _____

Particular interests in regard to subdivision improvements _____

We need your help. Listed below are the committees that will be Formed. Please put a check mark in any of those you would be willing to work.

Membership _____

City Ordinances _____

Lawn Maintenance _____

Hospitality _____

Covenants + Restrictions _____

Welcome _____

Rental Property _____

Telephone _____

Street Maintenance _____

Flyers _____

Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain _____

Drainage _____

ANNUAL DUES - \$20.00

Please make checks payable to Northbridge Council.

Send to:

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