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## PARK MEADOWS ASSOCIATION

# the PMA QUARTERLY

## PMA NEWS AND REMINDERS

- AC Service Maintenance Schedule:

October 1st thru 5th—heating and furnace check up

Wednesday, October 17th—salt levels checked, furnace filters changed

Wednesday, December 12th—salt levels checked, furnace and water filters changed

- PMA Annual Meeting:

4:00 PM, Sunday, November 11th at 180 Park Meadows  
(Dimi Reber's)

### Carpenter Ants and Carpenter Bees:

An exterminator (A-1 Pest Control, Xenia) was called at the request of residents to inspect #135, #215 and #235. The presence of carpenter ants was confirmed at each residence.

This is Bob and Sue Parker's second experience with carpenter ants, so I'm relying on their advice and wisdom. Bob (and the exterminator) said that the construction materials used for and the placement density of the buildings as well as the surrounding fields attract carpenter ants—so, it is likely that other residences are infested. (cont., other side)

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### Other PMA News

- An as-built survey of PM properties was recently done, as well as the re-pinning of PMA boundaries. The finished plot plan will include owners' and common area lot lines; a copy of the plot plan will be given to each owner for their records.

- PMA owners interested in having their monthly association fee invoices sent by e-mail instead of snail mail, please call our bookkeeper, Emily Fine—767-9856 or [efine@siscom.net](mailto:efine@siscom.net). She will be glad to hear from you.
- Just a reminder: Dimi Reber's term as PMA Secretary/Trustee ends at the end of this year. PLEASE, consider volunteering for this trustee position. If you're interested, call Dimi for a Position Description.

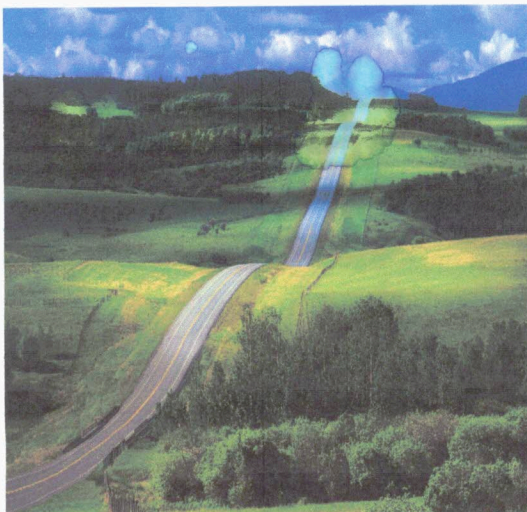
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## Carpenter Ants and Carpenter Bees (cont.):

I spoke with the exterminator re: additional inspections and follow-up treatment. The inspection is free. If carpenter ants, or other harmful critters that include carpenter bees and termites, are found he would do an initial treatment to be followed up with quarterly treatments until the problem is solved. PLEASE NOTE: The exterminator is sensitive to our residents' concerns regarding the use of pesticides. He does offer other options—"natural and/or low impact products depending upon the severity of infestation" and he is "willing to work out a solution agreeable to each resident." He is also willing to furnish MSDS data from the labels of the products used. (Sue Parker asked me to note that the carpenter ants eat the insulation, therefore reducing the energy-efficiency of our residences.)

Unfortunately, the Association does not pay for extermination. Bob Parker (past trustee for two terms) confirmed this. However, the exterminator is aware of the smaller sizes of PMA residences and is willing to negotiate and reduce the standard fee charged for full-sized residences—\$289. An example in price reduction would be: all residents of one building agreeing on treatment, although he will negotiate a price if only one resident per building wants an extermination.

If you want an inspection, or have questions, call Connie Johnson-Chapman @ 767-2034, or e-mail @ [cljohnsonchapman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cljohnsonchapman@sbcglobal.net). I will act as a go-between with the exterminator for the inspection appointments. Then, pending the results of the inspection, if you want the exterminator to proceed, you can discuss the treatment options with him.



## Other PMA News

- The replacement of PMA gutters is temporarily on hold. The original contractor started law school this fall and won't have time to do the project. We've contacted another contractor and are waiting for further information.
- We're also planning to have the asphalt resealed before winter arrives. Project pending. More details later.