

## **PM Notes**

### **November 2015**

**Nomination of 2016 trustees.** PMA will be holding an election for two open trustee positions on the 2016 board. One trustee will be designated as treasurer, the position previously held by Paulette Olson, who resigned in July for health reasons. The other position will be the replacement of outgoing trustee Peggy Saari, who is ending a three-year term.

As the first step in the election process, the board has appointed a nominating committee composed of community members from each of the four Park Meadows “neighborhoods”:

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Carolyn Ray, 767-2139, [cjray49@att.net](mailto:cjray49@att.net)  
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The board invites anyone who is interested in being a candidate for trustee to contact a member of the committee. Candidates will be announced in the December edition of *PM Notes*, and the election will be held during the PMA annual meeting in January.

**PMA annual meeting.** Virginia Caudill has graciously offered to host the PMA annual meeting in January at her home, 265 Park Meadows Drive. The date and time of the meeting will be announced in December.

**Picnic a success.** Thanks again to Jeannie Joyce and Marian Glancy for organizing the annual PMA picnic on September 26. The picnic site, at the west end of the front PM lane, was ideal and the late-fall date provided the community an opportunity to unwind after a busy summer. The gathering was well attended, and new residents had a chance to meet and mingle with their neighbors.

**Dryer vent cleaning.** The board is implementing a dryer vent cleaning service for PM homeowners. At the expense of PMA and as a part of association fees, dryer vents in all houses will be cleaned every three years. The trustees made this decision as a safety precaution, since clogged dryer vents are a leading cause of fires in homes. AC Service inspected and cleaned dryer vents in September. The next cleaning is scheduled for 2018. In the meantime, residents are responsible for maintaining dryer vents on a regular basis at their own expense.

**Fee increase considered.** As reported in the July 2015 *PM Notes*, the board decided to investigate the possibility of raising monthly association fees. The last increase was enacted in 2008, and since then the concern has been that PMA costs continue to

rise while income from fees has remained static. The board therefore enlisted the expertise of two former trustees, Fran LaSalle and Julia Cady, who have been reviewing past PMA financial records and current projections to determine the necessity of a fee increase. Upon completion of their review, Fran and Julia will submit a report, which will be presented at the annual meeting.

**Pest inspection.** During the summer several residents reported problems with insect infestations on the exterior of their houses. In response, the PMA board contracted A1 Able Pest Doctors to inspect all PM buildings. Able determined that there were no termites, but a number of houses were infested with carpenter ants and borer bees. Able recently sent a list of those houses, and the trustees will be getting in touch with the owners. For further information, feel free to contact Ruth Jordan.

(PMA policy states that the Association will cover periodic inspection for insect infestation on all buildings; homeowners are responsible for paying the cost of pest control treatment. The trustees encourage residents to have their houses treated when necessary in order to prevent the spreading of insect infestation.)

**A helpful hint:** Residents have also reported problems with wasps and woodpeckers. Although an exterminator can get rid of these pests, there is also a non-chemical solution: Hang a CD on a fishing line outside the house. This has been shown to be an effective way to discourage both wasps and woodpeckers.

**Gutter cleaning.** If you are having a problem with the gutters on your house, please get in touch with either Bill Hardman or Bradd Bateman for an assessment (see contact information on page 2 of the PM Directory).

**A REMINDER:** Residents can find contact information for all service providers on page 2 of "PM Directory (updated 9.25.15)," which was sent with the October association fee invoice. Please retain this information for reference when your home is in need of service or repair. Before calling a service provider, be sure to get in touch with the trustee who is the designated contact for that provider. The trustee will tell you whether the cost of the service will be covered by PMA or is the responsibility of the homeowner.

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