

Hello Homeowners!

We have had a busy few months since our mid-year meeting in May and made a lot of progress. We wanted to let you know about some of the progress, some of the ongoing initiatives and to remind everyone about our annual meeting on 1 October 2013, 6:30 P.M. at the Pike Road Town Hall.

Progress and Initiatives.

- First and foremost on our Neighborhood Improvement Plan.
 - *Gates:* We have just received approval from the Town Council to proceed with building a gate on Lochfield Drive adjacent to Vaughn Road (near the Dollar General). Our contractor will begin construction within the next month and the gate will be open until we are able to issue the remote control units to all of you. We have also received over 70 percent of the special assessments for the gate construction and monies from the County to begin. If you haven't already paid the assessment, please do so. Continue to check our new LHOA website for details on the construction, remote control issue and gate operation instructions.
 - *Security Cameras:* We are making progress of security cameras for our main gate, and will be meeting with the security camera vendor to finalize the details.
 - *Stop Signs:* We have evaluated the need for stop signs in our neighborhood and will be working with the county further and should have an update soon.
 - *Neighborhood Watch Update:* we have met with the Sheriff's department and hope to establish a Neighborhood Watch program to help deter thefts in our neighborhood. To do this we need 60% neighborhood approval and volunteers to be a "block captain coordinator" and "block captains". This is a program that **MUST HAVE** participation to be a success. Before the annual meeting we will be circulating a form to get 60% approval for this program.
 - *Traffic Increase:* As you know vehicle traffic is picking up in our neighborhood and we will continue to do everything we can to make this a safe and secure neighborhood. We feel the initiatives mentioned above will help eliminate this problem.

- Second, and very importantly as we discussed at our last meeting, we are all interested in maintaining and enforcing the standards of our HOA so that our homes retain their appeal and value. We have already posted to the website the "Protective Covenants", "Covenant Guidelines", and a "Request Form" for changes to your existing property or for new ones. Many of you have already used the process for updates to your

home and the board is ready to work with you on questions. To permit better enforcement of our covenants, we will soon be circulating a proposed by-law change to allow just this. We encourage you now to read the form and support the effort to enforce existing rules. This will be discussed in-depth and voting on it at the annual meeting.

- As many of you are also aware, we have retained Partners Realty to assist with HOA Management. Specifically, they will be running our new website at: www.lochshirehoa.com and much of our communication will come through this website as will your ability to pay bills and special assessments. Partners will also be managing our finances. Decisions will continue to be made by your board.
- Next, we have fixed the pond fountain light and will soon be erecting very attractive signs near the pond to make sure only LHOA residents are enjoying our pond and that everyone is doing so per the covenants.
- We are still researching mailbox painting and will have an update or proposal at the annual meeting.
- Finally, your board has been very busy and we are asking you to evaluate your time and if you would like to volunteer to be on the board we are in need of additional members..

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting for Lochshire HOA will be held on 1 October 2013, 6:30 P.M. at the Pike Road Town Hall. We hope to see everyone there!