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Dues and Voting

69% (245 of 354) of the membership have returned their dues. 66% voted for the fencing. Voting results are as follows:

- Vinyl Fences – 177 yes, 56 no
- 6' Fences – 139 yes, 94 no
- Ornamental Fences- 144 yes, 67 no

There were 36 ballots that were not filled in. There were no hanging chads.

Based on the voting results (and lack of voting); the deed restrictions will **not** be amended. 236 “Yes” votes are needed for passage.

Moving forward, the Board will send out a second notice for dues with a \$10 late fee. The Design Review Board will begin the process of sending deed violation letters to affected homeowners.

Website enhancements

New items will be added to the website.

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Bulletin Board

Hospital Front Lot

The Hospital wants to solicit input from Mill Valley residents for the doctor’s offices at our front entrance. They are currently in the RFP (Request for Proposal) stage with contractors. They are exploring the range of services that this building will have. Some of these decisions will be dependent on the doctors that are recruited, but it will also depend on the needs of the community. Examples include: Physicians office with lab, X-ray, etc. We are looking for the best way to get community input. Please contact us with your ideas.

Recent Successes

- Trash pick-up and mowing of land behind Chiprock and greenways – Currently

Dominion’s responsibility until turned over to city. The Board was notified of the lack of mowing and has gotten Dominion to maintain this until transfer to city is processed.

- Mowing of land at entrance – Memorial Hospital’s responsibility. The Board notified the hospital and they now have it on their list of responsibilities for mowing.
- Front Sign– Contracted with painter, who will clean, repaint and reseal sign.
- Two Story Shed – Worked with city zoning to enforce code violations.
- Storm Drain Damage – Worked with Dominion to repair concrete on behalf of homeowner.
- Critter Control – Working to get animal control to trap muskrat who could cause damage to ponds on Mill Wood Blvd. Also, we are going to try to stem the feral cat problem. So please, put a leash on tabby or check with us about when the trapping will begin so that we don’t get your pet. Also, please do not ‘discard’ your pet if you can no longer care for it. Please find it a home or take it to the Humane Society. This is not safe for your pet or fair to your neighbors.
- Negotiated pricing and started spring mowing and maintenance of pond areas.

Pending Activities

- 1) Install a fountain in the pond on Deer Crossing. DP&L said that it will be 2-3 months before they get the electric finished.
- 2) Plant evergreen trees at the pond on Deer Crossing. Received proposals but must wait until fall to plant.
- 3) Install 2 seating areas at the main pond on Mill Wood Blvd. and 2 seating area at the pond on Deer Crossing. Proposal received and work should begin in July.

- 4) Start and fund a neighborhood watch program for the Woods at Mill Valley subdivision. We are going to contact John Marshall in Mill Valley and Board members from Mill Valley North HOA to participate.
- 5) Fund community events. A community yard sale is planned for June 17 & 18. The Association will pay for advertising and place signs out front.

Design Review Board (Second Printing)

The Design Review Board was established by the Association to monitor outside improvement projects to help maintain property values. Please remember – you must submit plans and get approval from the Design Review Board before you begin construction. You may either mail your plans to the post office above or email them to DRB@woodsatmillvalley.org. Please allow 7-10 business days for them to review your plans.

The DRB has been working this winter on bringing violations to the attention of the homeowner. The Board of Trustees and the DRB have gotten together and have come up with an action plan for deed violations.

- 1) A letter will be sent certified mail to the homeowner detailing the violation and giving them 30 days to comply or contact us for a meeting to discuss the violation.
- 2) After the 30 days, if the item has not been brought into compliance or we have not heard from the homeowner, we will assess an initial fine of one (1) year's dues. There will be an additional fine of \$25.00 per month as long as the item is not in compliance.
- 3) After 3 months, if nothing has been done, a lien will be filed for the amount of the fines plus filing and administrative fees. Additional fees and liens will continue to accumulate as long as the violation exists.

Reminders

- 1) Please be considerate of your neighbors' property. Do not cut through yards unless the owners have given you permission.
- 2) Please try to keep cars from blocking sidewalks. This makes it hard to ride bikes and use strollers/wagons.
- 3) Please remember to 'Scoop the Poop' when walking your dog.

Message from the President

We are a couple months into the spring and we have accomplished a significant amount of work already. I appreciate everyone's patience and timely response to dues and voting. If you haven't sent your dues, we know who you are. If you didn't vote, you missed your chance to have your voice heard.

We received several emails and letters expressing frustration in the Association. I appreciate the feedback. This demonstrates you care what happens to your money and your community. We can't help if we don't know there is a problem. Keep up the communication; it needs to flow both ways.

The Board has worked very hard to act as advocates for the members in getting responsible parties to take action. We were able to get the city zoning department, Memorial Hospital, and Dominion to get involved in maintaining the appearance of The Woods. The Board was prepared to take action in the event that we could not persuade these groups to act in a timely manner. Maintenance requires vigilance, and we ask that the membership share in that vigilance by reporting areas in need of attention.

We have some unique opportunities that have presented themselves and are worth investigating. Mill Valley is trying to organize to improve their area and Mill Valley North's HOA has been formed. I plan to work with representatives from both of these groups to explore possible synergies.

Thanks for your support.