



Newsletter

October 2004

Annual Homeowners Meeting

**Tuesday, November 16, 2004
7:30 P.M.**

Armstrong Elementary Cafeteria

Agenda

Election of Officers and Board Members

AECC Report

2005 Budget

Landscaping

Social Events

Other Neighborhood Issues

American Disposal Services To Begin October 14

All new customers should have received new trash cans and recycling bins on Monday, October 11. To date, sixty-six families have signed up. We are hoping to reach 100% of the neighborhood soon. The rate is better at only \$20.60 per month (AAA charges at least \$90 per quarter), and having one service reduces the amount of noise as well as wear and tear on our roads. Two services can mean up to 8 trucks per week at 55-60,000 pounds each! Pick up will be Mondays and Thursdays, with recycling on Mondays. It's not too late to sign up—just call Sandy at 703-368-0500. She'll even contact AAA for you.

Victory and Tragedy

After several years of designing, redesigning, altering, realigning and finally getting acceptance from neighbors and VDOT for our Heather Way sign, we had it waving in glory for a mere 3 months before it was hit. Unfortunately, we have no information on the person/vehicle who caused the damage, and it seems the police were never called. We are repairing the sign...and asking for help. If anyone has any info that would lead us to the responsible party, please let a Board Member know. If you live along the Parkway, and hear the sounds of an accident in the night, please call 911. Even if no one is injured and needing help, the police will be alerted to the frequency of accidents around our intersection and to our property.

We have several positions available on the HOA of Shaker Woods Board. It's an all-volunteer Board and it's made up of neighbors like you who can spare a few hours per month for the good of the neighborhood. Please contact any Board member. We need help now!

Annual Picnic a Big Success

This year the event was held on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in September, and was organized by Board Members Angie Smith and Cynthia Rouse. We had a wonderful turnout, with a chance to meet new neighbors and visit with old friends. In addition to hot dogs and hamburgers and sodas, the ice cream man made a special visit, to the delight of all the kids. We also had more games for the kids this year, including vintage favorites like the three-legged race, and even prizes as souvenirs. Great job, Angie and Cynthia!



Homeowners Association of Shaker Woods Board Members

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From the President---

A note to everyone who received an itemized Spring Inspection letter sent out from the Board...

The walk-through inspection is done every year, and the intent is to note items that we see that will require homeowner attention. In most cases, a solution is already underway. The Board is composed entirely of volunteers with other demands and obligations on their time. Coordinating this mailing was a detailed and time-consuming task, and edits to the letter were being discussed throughout the process. In the end, the request for a response and its timeframe were not omitted as was decided, and resulted in the letter containing a very unreasonable deadline for any items noted. This was an oversight for which I take full responsibility and offer my sincerest apology – especially since I personally signed many of these letters. We all understand the difficulty in finding quality contractors, and getting work scheduled, and appreciate everyone's efforts to maintain their properties and the appearance of the neighborhood. Again, my apologies, and a promise to do better next time! ---Susan Titus

In December we will hold our 1st Annual Holiday Spirit decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded. More info to come.

Check out our neighborhood website:

Shakerwoods.net

- ◆ Community information
- ◆ Activities calendar
- ◆ Recommended service providers
- ◆ Board contact info
- ◆ Aecc and grievance forms
- ◆ Neighborhood directory

Community Directory Updates

We have updated the neighborhood directory considerably over the past year, but we are still missing a lot of information, especially about our new neighbors. Please take a few minutes and email your info to lgoldsby@aol.com or mail the form in.

The board would like to build a neighborhood email address book so that we can send out info and alerts on a broad and timely basis.