

Beagle Club Civic Association

Winter 2011

A Letter from the President

Richard G. Arango

Hello neighbors and Happy 2011! In 2010 we had 167 members down from 185 last year. I can't stress the importance of increasing our membership! With the costs of everything going up we want to be able to add new things to further beautify The Beagle Club entrances and common areas. If you have any ideas that might help us increase membership, I'd like to hear from you. As you may know the dues are voluntary but necessary! Without it our entrances would not be cared for or improved! Can you just imagine what the entrances would look like if the grass wasn't cut or weeds controlled! Come on neighbors please do your part and send in your dues NOW!

Every dollar we collect goes towards

- Maintaining the entrances
- Newsletters
- Website

To all the neighbors that either renewed their memberships or became new members in 2010, Thank You. We couldn't do it without you! If you are not a member we urge you to reconsider and join today! The appearance of our entrances should be the concern of every Beagle Club resident! Remember it's the 1st thing perspective homebuyers see upon entering our development. Think of it as the foyer to your home.

A complete list of 2010 members can be found in the newsletter online:

www.Thebeagleclubvoorhees.com.

If you see that a neighbor is not listed please urge them to join! If you paid your dues late in 2010 you may not have made the website list but you will be included in the next update along with the year you joined. We appreciate prompt payment to keep our website list up to date. If you do not see your name and paid for 2010 please contact me. If we don't have your email address or if you recently changed yours please let me know. You can email me through the website. WWW.thebeagleclubvoorhees.com or call me at 856-751-9035.

Beagle Club Civic Association Dues Notice 2011

2011 Annual Dues - \$75.00 (Prompt payment is greatly appreciated!)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

New Member _____ Renewed Member _____

E Mail Address _____

Please return to:

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46 Whyte Drive
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Or
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Updates:

We have hired a new landscaping company CORE LANDSCAPING. I am extremely happy with their work and look forward to implementing some new plantings in 2011. They provided us with beautiful plans at no cost for our entrances which we hope to accomplish in stages or as funds become available.

Our next big project: We need to REPLACE the signs at the Kresson & Cooper entrances. They are showing their age – 24 years old. If ANYONE knows of a sign company that they would like to recommend please let us know. Once we have a design with cost we plan on doing a "Sign Replacement Drive" to get the necessary funds. It's the only way we will be able to afford it if the DUES MEMBERSHIP does not increase greatly by 2011. My suggestion is to collect an equal amount from each resident in the Beagle Club.

Fall Yard Sale: We had another successful Yard Sale. Thanks to the Ettinger's who ran it. We had a few negative comments from members who do not like the community sponsoring a garage sale. Please send us your feedback.

I will continue to be your President for another year. But I can't do it forever! If anyone is interested in taking over let me know I'll be happy to ease you in. I've given eight and half years and would love to have another neighbor get involved.

Our website has been up and running for 3 years and in order to fully utilize it, I am looking for someone who would like to manage it. Right now all the changes and additions to the website are being done by Beagle Club resident Andrea Garber and her company "Searing Web Design" who also designed the site. Andrea volunteers her time and we appreciate it but there are still many things we haven't accomplished just because I don't have the time to focus on them. If you're interested in helping Andrea or me, please call me 856-751-9035.

Just a reminder: Please be considerate of our landscaping. Do not walk through it to post signs or staple notices on the Beagle Club Sign or the posts that support it. Unless properly treated holes allow moisture to get into the wood which accelerates the peeling process.

Were did the 2010 dues membership go???

Balance Brought Forward was \$6,557,72. From January 1 to November 31 we brought in \$12,755.00 in membership dues. Our expenses from January 1 to November 31 were \$9,738.77.

Landscaping costs which included grass cutting, mulching, weeding, seasonal & new plantings, spring & fall clean up, fertilization, maintenance of irrigation system (including winterization and spring start-up) and the lighting system maintenance. \$8,518.52

Printing Newsletters, Yard sale letters, PO Box rental, stamps, new Garage Sale Signs \$1,079.58. Electricity electric bills \$58.22 electrician cost for repairs \$82.45

Upcoming Events & Announcements

2011 - Spring Yard Sale. We would like to have a Community Yard Sale this spring. If you're interested in helping organize it please let me know. Remember planning needs to take place about 2 months prior to sale day. We had a good turn out for our fall Community Yard Sale and again I welcome your feedback!

Next Holiday season I would like to add small white lights to the large trees at the Cooper Road entrance along with lighting some of the larger bushes on the Kresson entrance.

In closing I would like to address an issue that is becoming a problem in our town and many other towns: GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS. Many residents feel it is ok to leave their garbage cans out in plain view. Quite a few neighbors have expressed to me that it is

becoming an eyesore, that's only getting worse as more and more homeowners are requesting additional containers and leaving them outside. PLEASE think about what our neighborhoods will eventually look like if EVERYONE leaves their cans outside in plain view all the time. HORRENDOUS! Yours may be hidden from your view but think of your neighbor and what they see.

All suggestions are welcome!

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