

# Beagle Club Civic Association

Winter 2012

## A letter from the BCCA President

Richard G. Arango

Hello neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds all happy and healthy.

We have many new homeowners this year to which I would like to extend a warm welcome. You have chosen a great community to live in! I hope you are enjoying your new home. In case you aren't aware the Beagle Club has a Civic Association to help keep our entrances and common grounds landscaped beautified and illuminated. How to we do this? With membership dues. The BCCA is a voluntary association; we depend on a small yearly fee from each household to keep us in operation.

**We can't do it without YOUR help.**

Can you imagine what the entrances would look like if the grass wasn't cut, shrubs weren't trimmed or weeds weren't controlled? It wouldn't be pretty.

**Please do your part and send in your dues NOW for 2012!**

My wife's and my time running this association, **is done free of charge.**

Being the owner of an engineering company, my time is limited! But the appearance of our entrances and common grounds is important to me and current Members, so I do it!

Please make my job easier by paying your dues, so I have the funds to do what's needed.

***Every dollar we collect goes towards***

- ***Maintaining the entrances***
- ***Newsletters***
- ***Website***

I am happy to report that membership is up. At last count in 2011 we had 187 members, compared to 167 in 2010, at least we are moving in the right direction. With over **500 residents we have a way to go!**

I can't stress the importance of increasing our membership. **This year we have to address our existing neighborhood signs, incase you haven't noticed they are peeling and rotting. They cannot be repainted anymore, it's just not the worth the thousands of dollars it costs to do so. They are 25 years old, it's time.**

My wife Jeanine and resident Lisa Danowitz have met with sign manufactures and have come up with several designs. Lisa will be going door to door soon with flyers.

You can see some preliminary designs and more details on our website.

In order to have these signs replaced we will have to ask everyone in the neighborhood for a **"Sign Fund Donation"** (see attached form). The signs will cost approximately \$27,000 and we are budgeting \$30,000.00, that's \$60.00 per Beagle Club Resident. (see website for more details)

**To all the neighbors that either renewed their memberships or became new members in 2011, 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!

A complete list of 2011 members can be found in the newsletter online:

[www.Thebeagleclubvoorhees.com](http://www.Thebeagleclubvoorhees.com)

If you see that a neighbor is not listed please urge them to join!

***We appreciate prompt payment to keep our website list up to date.***

If you do not see your name and paid for 2011 or have a new or changed email address please contact me.

You can email me through the website. [WWW.thebeagleclubvoorhees.com](http://WWW.thebeagleclubvoorhees.com) or call me at 856-751-9035

**Beagle Club Civic Association Dues Notice 2012**

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**2012 Annual Dues - \$75.00 (Prompt payment is greatly appreciated!)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewed Member \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Please write clearly!

Please return to:

**Richard Arango  
46 Whyte Drive  
Voorhees, NJ 08043  
Or  
Beagle Club Civic Association  
PO Box 198  
Voorhees, NJ 08043**

## **Updates:**

I hired a new landscaping in 2011 CORE LANDSCAPING. I am happy with their work, but would like to see if I can lower our costs for 2012 without compromising service. Our costs for 2011 were close to \$10,000.00. I will be accepting landscaping bids for 2012. If you have a Landscaper you'd like to suggest, please email me through the Beagle Club Website.

The Spring Yard Sale went well, thanks to resident Hope Ettinger. The Ettinger's moved and I am looking for someone to run our Spring 2012 Yard Sale. It's not hard, nor does it require much of your time. Please call me if you are interested.

I will continue to be your President for 2012, but I can't do it forever! If anyone is interested in becoming President please let me know, I'll be happy to ease you in. I've been President for nine and half years and would love to have another neighbor get involved.

Our website has been up and running for 4 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 all that she does but there are still many things I'd like to accomplish through the website, but just don't have the time. If you're interested in helping Andrea or I 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.

## **2011 Budget: Where did the dues go**

Balance Brought Forward was \$8,696.08. From January 1 to December 31 we brought in \$11,220.00 in membership dues. Our expenses from January 1 to December 31 were \$9,944.13

Landscaping costs, which include cuts, 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 \$1,179.58. Electricity electric bills \$63.58 electrician cost for repairs \$182.45

## **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

2012 - 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!

All suggestions are welcome!