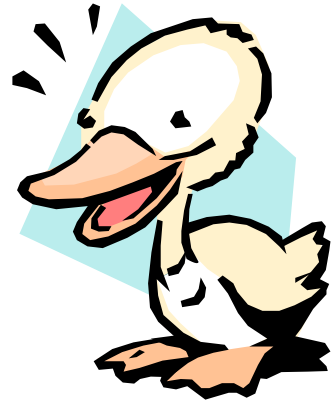




Kids Corner – Duck Rescue



A mamma duck had led only six of her eleven hatchlings across Grayson Street to a neighborhood pond when Norma and Art Stefanik checked on the nest the evening of March 29. The mallard nest had been established in their next door neighbors' shrubs earlier this winter and the Stefanik's had been keeping an eye on its progress. The couple began a search the next morning when they discovered that the remaining five ducklings were missing from the nest, but were not with their mother and siblings at the pond. That's when Mrs. Stefanik heard squeaky chirping coming from the drainage culvert between the pond and her house where at least two had fallen in. Another neighbor, Harry Lovett, gently retrieved one of the ducks by inserting through the drain cover a long hose attached to his Shop Vac. The baby duck was just big enough to remain safely outside the suction hose as it was lifted from a dry pile of debris where it had been trapped. He deposited the duckling in the pond where it joined its family. Only one other duckling could still be heard, but it remained out of reach because it was free to swim throughout the culvert pipe and would not cooperate with the rescue attempt.

Later that day when the Lovetts' grandchildren, Conner and Cameron, and neighbors, Sayer and Reece McCullough, came home from school and learned of the doomed duck, the rescue mission was revived. Out, again, came the Shop Vac, but after a half hour of frustration, the McCulloughs fetched a kitchen strainer and a narrow pipe which were combined to serve as a long-handled net. Saltine crackers were offered to the duckling as bait while Mr. Stefanik provided light using a mirror to reflect the sun into the drain opening. After another half hour of fishing and patiently waiting . . . "I got it!" shouted Conner. Just as he raised the duckling into view, it attempted to hop out of the "net" back into the water, but was grabbed just in time. The children escorted the lucky duck to the pond where it eagerly swam straight to its family!

Submitted by Terrie McCullough, 10650 Grayson Street

REMINDERS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools out, so be mindful of the children playing in the neighborhood. • June 14 – Flag Day • June 18 - Father's Day • June 24 – Clean Up Day • June 21 – First Day of Summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 4th – Independence Day • July 8th – Meet & Greet 7 PM • August 7th - School Starts • August 31st - Nominations • September 4th - Labor Day • September 15th - Ballots Due |
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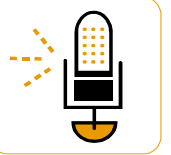
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Updates from the Board - Financial Data



By Chester Bach

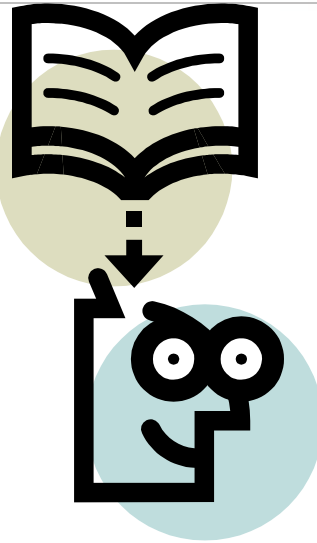
We still have nine homeowners that have yet to pay their 2006 Association Dues. We have sent out second reminders. If you have not paid your dues, please submit to us. For those of you who have paid, we thank you so much for your timely payments.

Below is a report comparing last years Financial Data with the current year to date Financials. Please keep in mind that the numbers for this year is only for the first 5 months.

Confederate Crossing HOA, Inc. Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2006

	Jan - Dec 06	Jan - Dec 05	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Dues	18,266.48	18,676.69	-410.21	-2.2%
Total Income	18,266.48	18,676.69	-410.21	-2.2%
Expense				
Attorney Fee	0.00	925.00	-925.00	-100.0%
Bank Service Charges	4.25	9.00	-4.75	-52.8%
Corporate Registration	61.25	61.25	0.00	0.0%
Insurance	0.00	579.00	-579.00	-100.0%
Lake Maint.	975.00	5,084.10	-4,109.10	-80.8%
Lawn Maint.	660.00	6,600.00	-5,940.00	-90.0%
Miscellaneous	18.50	37.00	-18.50	-50.0%
P. O. Box Rental	0.00	50.00	-50.00	-100.0%
Repairs				
Equipment Repairs	0.00	458.25	-458.25	-100.0%
Total Repairs	0.00	458.25	-458.25	-100.0%
Software	0.00	192.59	-192.59	-100.0%
Utilities				
Gas and Electric	193.68	427.71	-234.03	-54.7%
Utilities - Other	160.90	0.00	160.90	100.0%
Total Utilities	354.58	427.71	-73.13	-17.1%
Total Expense	2,073.58	14,423.90	-12,350.32	-85.6%
Net Ordinary Income	16,192.90	4,252.79	11,940.11	280.8%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	0.00	109.40	-109.40	-100.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	109.40	-109.40	-100.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	109.40	-109.40	-100.0%
Net Income	16,192.90	4,362.19	11,830.71	271.2%





President's thoughts: Election Time

Can you believe it is that time already? Okay, not quite, but almost. We have to start planning now for the Election of the 2 Directors positions that are expiring. The current Board of Directors is Stephanie Harkins (2-year term), Pat Brant (1-year term) and Tod Wood (1-year term). Pat and Tod's terms are expiring.

Below describes how the Board of Directors is formed.

According to the Confederate Crossing Covenants and By-Laws, the Association Board consists of a three member

Board of Directors: Read By-Laws Article 5 for more details. The section describes the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors.

Each year, the members will have the opportunity to vote for a new two-year term and one-year term Director.

We are now taking nominations for the Board of Directors. Nominations must be submitted to the board by August 15, 2006. We will be sending out the ballot forms which are due by September 15th in order to collect and count the ballots prior to our

Annual October meeting. The members will be allowed to vote for two nominees. The nominees with the two highest vote counts will become the new Directors. The person with the highest number of votes will get the 2-year term.

Please submit your nominee's name and phone number to anyone on the HOA Board or you may send an email to Tod Wood at woodman4@comcast.net or 378-0701. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Fountain Information

It has been mentioned about acquiring fountains for our ponds for aesthetics. Fountains are beneficial to the ponds to help in the decline the algae buildup and improve oxygen level for the fish.

At our request, Aquagenix reviewed the situation and determined the cause was from the drought. The oxygen levels are on a downward trend due to the lack of rain.

We have done some research on pricing these fountains. The estimates below are for the installation and purchase of the fountains. The price does not include electrical services. We are still working on that portion of the pricing. The fountains recommended size and quantity for each pond is:

- Lake 1 (First on left coming into community) 2 fountains, 1 HP each for \$8,400 (2 x \$4,200)
- Lake 2 (Behind Entrance sign) 1 fountain, 1 HP for \$4,200

- Lake 3 (Center) 2 fountains, 2 HP each for \$10,200 (2 x \$5,100)
- Lake 4 (End of Grayson Court on left) 2 fountains, 1 HP each for \$8,400 (2 X \$4,200)
- Lake 5 (End of Grayson Street on right) 1 fountain, 1 HP for \$4,200

The total for these fountains are \$35,400 (not including electrical).

One of the major topics of the next HOA meeting will be to discuss the ponds and fountains. Many homeowners expressed interest in fountains for our ponds. Some homeowners mentioned the possibility of contributing additional funds to purchase the fountains. Please understand the purchase and maintenance costs of the fountains are not in the budget and may not be for many years. (Please see Chester's article on our finances If we were to get 100%

participation on this project depending on price for an Electrical Contractor, we might be looking at \$400-\$500 each homeowner. For example: if fountains cost \$35,400 and Electrical Contractor cost \$4,600 for a total of \$40,000 divided by 90 homeowners would equal \$444.44.

Understand that this is in addition to the current Homeowners Dues. This project would increase annual Dues to compensate for repair and electrical cost of running and maintaining the fountains.

We would like input from all homeowners, to see if anyone is willing to contribute to the fountains. Please contact Tod Wood at woodman4@comcast.net or sharkins@fdn.com with your thoughts.

Clean Up Day

We will be having a cleanup day on 6/24/06. The main purpose of this cleanup day is to clean up around the lakes. With the water levels low this is a good time to get in and clean them up. It appears to be mainly construction trash that blew into the lakes. Come out and join in the fun. For the brave at heart put your bathing suit and wet shoes on for the hard to reach items. We will be meeting at 9:00am under the power lines at the end of Grayson Court.

Meet & Greet

We are having a get to know your neighbors Social. Come out and meet all the new and old neighbors of Confederate Crossing. It will be held at Chester Bach's house (10701 Grayson Court) in his backyard on July 8, 2006. The Social will begin at 7:00pm and will probably last about an hour. So, bring your favorite drink and snack and come say Hello. This Social will be helpful in helping you decide on who you would like to nominate for one of the director positions. If you are interested in helping out please get with one of the board members for how you can help

2nd Annual Community Yard Sale – "Great Success"

2nd Annual Community Yard Sale

For those of you that participated in the garage sale this past April hopefully you made a little bit of money and unloaded some of that clutter we all seem to collect. This year proved to be the best turn out yet. We hope that this event will continue to grow each year. We wanted to share some of your neighbor's quotes on how they felt about the garage sale.

"Thanks for all you've done to make the Yard Sale Day successful!" Norma Stefanik

"The first weekend in April is perfect for John and I and we would love to do it again next April. We had a very good turnout. Count us in for next year, but please remind us again . . . not that it really helps a lot, but it helps a little!!" Kenna Tillman.

"I felt that this year was the best. Congratulations to Ann and her team! We had a huge amount of traffic (people) this year compared to previous years. As far as money, this was my second best sale since I have been in CC. My best was almost three hundred dollars." Pat Brant

"I had a very successful garage sale. The first weekend is April is a great time. Weather good and shoppers have money at the first of the month. I would participate again." Annie Hicks

"We were able to sell all of items we were also able to buy items we needed as well being new to the area. April is a good time of year for garage sales and we would participate if we had others through out the year." Carmen M. Stone

So start stashing those things no longer needed for the next annual sale. We will remind you all again in the winter newsletter.

Under the Blue – By Steve Yates

Summer is here again. This year so far it has been hot and dry. Bright sunny days make pools use more chlorine. Check your water a couple of times a week. Keep chlorine at least 2.0 ppm. During the summer active pools (kids) should be shocked weekly. Also keep your eye on your water level. This time of year evaporation can be 2" weekly, plus water splash out. Filters should be cleaned more often. Clean filters when pressure rises 5-10 PSI.

In short, keep an eye on your pool during hot weather and heavy use. Keep a good supply of chemicals ready for use. It is very difficult to write tips when there are so many different systems in use. If you have a question or problem let me know and I will try to answer it. Maybe others in the community are having or will have similar problems.



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