

# Village Voice

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Welcome to the first edition of 2009. Now that the holidays are over and the commotion of family and friends has abated, the Village Voice wants to report on the December Special Board Meeting and the actions taken. This newsletter will reinforce the Board's aim to be transparent and available, with the hope that with increased awareness of the Village problems and challenges, you will come forward and volunteer time. At the very least you will come to appreciate what the Board does on your behalf.

## No Bored Board

The items discussed at the December 13 meeting will be reported in the order taken up:

- (1) In the face of failing financial institutions, the Board moved quickly to review the Village's CD positions. The aim was to have no more than the federally insured amount at any one bank while seeking the best interest rates.
- (2) Given that the Chairman of the ACC (Architectural Control Committee) should be a Board member, Ken Hughey will replace Tone Fenech as Chair. Tone has been involved with this committee in various capacities for many years and will be missed. Ken will bring a fresh approach to the committee's responsibilities. Volunteer if you think you can help. The Board also needs help/ ideas on how to maintain the value of our homes from the projected continued drop in home prices. Value drop could be offset if the Village had a strong "desirability" factor, a factor that could be achieved by improving the overall appearance of the tract. The Board could use volunteers to research these factors, such as, the use of trees to give a feel of opulence and if this would increase desirability. The approach could have long-term benefits for our community, especially when times improve.
- (3) Your Board of Directors has developed a "Chart of Responsibilities" spelling out areas of responsibility for each Board member and *who should be contacted* when something in the specified work area comes up. The Board is publishing the chart on the back page of this newsletter and is including contact phone numbers for your convenience.
- (4) On a less dramatic note, the Board decided to continue heating the spa for your enjoyment. The temperature will be held at 102° F. between 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The Board also authorized the purchase and installation of 2-motion sensor security lights for the pool area. These will go on after "lights out" should someone enter the pool area. While on the subject, the spa will undergo repair of the cracked step and rough plaster. The tile will be cleaned and the light will be replaced with a more efficient LED light. Management at Gold Coast will notify you by mail when the spa will be closed for these repairs.
- (5) The Board changed the street sweeper service schedule to twice a month effective January 1. It will be monitored to see if it will give a clean sweep!

## A scoop on the poop.

Addressing the reported rat problem in Kensington, The Board believes that the types of food that will attract these beasts such as fruit trees, bird feeders, open dog food or open trashcans are and have been under control by home owners in the area. So why the sightings? Vector control was consulted and we were shocked to learn that "dog feces can also be a major source of food for rats". I'll bet few homeowners are aware of this! Now that you know the scoop, lets use it.