

The board is excited about all of the positive momentum in the community and the involvement of so many "new" faces (to go with the "old" ones) on our various committees and responsibilities. As the newsletter should be coming out more often as our community approaches full capacity, we will incorporate our briefs into the newsletter from this point forward.

This month for a change we will really try to be brief. The most common complaints and issues we receive are related to the CCR's/Design Guidelines and traffic complaints. Speeding as noted in the newsletter is the #1 complaint that we get. Safety in our neighborhood is put in serious jeopardy by residents (and non-residents) who ignore the speed limit. The speed limit is 20 MPH in the neighborhood. Please be vigilant of the speed limit and obey it for the safety of all of us, especially the children.

Regarding the CCR's/Design Guidelines, communication is the key with the board, ARC committee, and/or Hawthorne Management for the protection of the neighborhood. The time to submit the proper ARC forms is BEFORE the work is done. The board's responsibility is to enforce the documents that we all signed and that are there to protect our property values. Confusion and controversy is easily avoided by submitting your forms and attaining approval for them BEFORE the work is done. It is a big risk to the homeowner to proceed without proper planning ahead of time and submitting the forms after the fact can lead to unneeded homeowner expense. Please familiarize yourself with the CCR's and the Design Guidelines.

Thanks again to all and we look forward to an exciting year.

As brief as we can be,

The Stephens Grove Board of Directors