

Neighbors,

Another year is nearly over, in the midst of the holiday season, I hope all is well with your family and this finds you safe and looking forward to a happy new year.

The Board will not be meeting during the month of December, but is preparing for the annual meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>. You will soon be receiving a notice in the mail along with a nomination and proxy form. We will be meeting at the Union Grove Baptist Church located at 6431 Cashion Road, Huntersville with a 7:00 pm start time.

The annual meeting is a good time to meet your board members and neighbors. A portion of the meeting will be the election of 2 homeowners to the Board of Directors (2 of the 5 seats are up for election). I encourage everyone to attend. If you feel so moved and want to become more involved, fill out the nomination form to have your name placed on the ballot or just come and listen to the committee reports and see where you might like to volunteer within your neighborhood.

My thanks go out to all the people who volunteer in the neighborhood; it certainly makes my job easier. Also, a special thank you to the Girl Scouts (and parents), who spent the day in the rain putting out the Christmas lights.

Board news: despite the financial issues in the world, our HOA finances are in good order. The 2010 budget was finalized and we are looking to make some improvements with the pool deck and bathrooms. Also, beginning with the New Year we have selected a new landscaping company.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and want to thank you for allowing me to serve on the Board of Directors. Please continue to reach out to your neighborhood blockheads and Board members with your questions or concerns.

Look for the next newsletter in May 2010.

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Thank you, Bob Brethen