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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Another year has passed and we are finally into 2009. I think many people were glad to see 2008 come to a close.

This year I look forward to a productive year for all of us and I think there will be some welcome changes in our neighborhood. Though it may seem as the Board of Directors hasn't been very productive this year, we have in fact, accomplished quite a bit. Let's start with the good news.

Roads:

We know they need it and you guessed it, they're going to get it. On November 11th 2008, Jeff Anderson received an email from the County Engineer that our roads are to be put on the 2009 resurfacing program. It seems that the three year long conversation Jeff was having with the County and a phone call to an old friend from Bill Davis finally paid off. The email is available for your review on our website, www.aquietplacehoa.com.

Entrances:

The signs have been talked about for a long time. We had hoped to have some more visible improvements for you by this time but we were waiting for the surveys for the entrances to be completed and with the roads now being approved, we want the south entrance island curbing done at the same time the roads are being done.



I know you have already seen this. We are still getting bids on the masonry work and determining the best sign material. At the July meeting in 2008, the members and the Board all agreed that it was time for a change. With the old signs being just that, old signs, in need of a complete rebuild at the north entrance and the fact that a repair or rebuild will have to be permitted; we might as well get new signs. We have been saving for them and we all deserve them. And yes, the new signs will have horses. There was a sign committee that was originally formed to rebuild the old signs. There are still things that we could do to save money. If anyone would like to help out, let us know.

Bus Stops:

Most residents objected to having any kind of structure in front of their home for the kids to use for shelter so the bus stop gazebo idea was put to rest. We do have two benches at the bus stop location to help keep kids away from traffic. This is the only stop in our neighborhood and I am aware of the problems that it creates for us. I will be trying to get two more locations to help with safety and traffic situations. In the mean time, please remind your children to stay out of the road. That is a very busy place in the morning and the last thing we need is an unnecessary incident.

Covenants & Restrictions:

The Board has spent quite a bit of time on this. We now have a re-written and approved set of C&R's. They have been included with the newsletter and they are also available on our website for your review. They now address commercial vehicles and home businesses more clearly (item numbers 5 & 7). There have been several other changes as well. These will be re-recorded and restated for A Quiet Place In The Country plats.

We kindly ask that if you know you are in violation of a certain section, do your best to comply and also think about how you may be affecting your neighbor. If you are unable to come up with a solution or you have a situation that you just can't handle please feel free to call me or any of the Board Members and we will be happy to help in any way we can. Remember, we are here to work with you not against you.

We still have a number of people who feel they are not part of the neighborhood and don't pay their dues. This is unfortunate because the people who care not only about their community but their property values are the ones who pay the price. This is an area we would like to improve upon. If you have an issue with something that has happened in the past, please feel free to contact me and explain your point of view.

Common Areas and Horse Trails:

On the subject of common areas, there are a few things we are currently working on.

I hope that I have been informative to everyone. I look forward to positive changes in our neighborhood and earning your respect for the Board.

Sincerely,
 Tom Stratton
 President
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Upcoming Community Events

Jan. 24 to Feb. 15 - Speedweeks

Feb.15 - Daytona 500

Feb.15 - Free Concert/Wild Blue Country/PO Ampitheatre/6:00pm

Feb. 27 - March 8 - Bikeweek

March 9 to March 13 - DBC Spring Break

Upcoming Neighborhood Events and Meetings:

We have not set a date for the Annual Picnic or Board Meetings at this time. As soon as the dates are set they will be posted on our website and a mailing sent out.

Newsletter Requests

If you would like something posted in the newsletter just fill out the included request form and give it to one of your Board Members! The form is also available on our website.