



Princess of Communications - J. Keesee

Under New Management

**NOTES FROM THE THRONE**

**A/C Maintenance!**

**W**ith the exception of this past Tuesday and Wednesday, Summer has arrived, and with it, the chance to trade exorbitant gas bills for outrageous power bills. At least we can be thankful for having power at all.

Some neighbors have regular, yearly maintenance of their home HVAC systems by professionals. In the meantime, you can do your own stopgap checks with the following advice from one of my favorite websites:

<http://www.411homerepair.com/contractor/index.shtml>

*"There are six basic things that you can do to monitor and service the inside of the air handler or furnace; the blower, the evaporator coil, the condensate pan and drain, the A/C filter, and supply temperature.*

*"Blower Motor - there are usually 2 oil ports for the motor bearings. These ports are on the extreme outer edges of the motor body. Most manufacturers recommend that the motor be oiled once a year with each oil port receiving 10-15 drops of light-weight electric motor oil.*

*"Inspect the blower motor fan blade to see that the blades are free of mold and/or mildew buildup. The air handler provides a cool, damp environment for development of molds and mildew and if left untreated these growths can spread into your ductwork.*

*"If heavy buildup is present then you should call your A/C Contractor for treatment and removal. If only moderate to light buildup is present then there are chemical disinfectants specifically designed for use in air handlers that will kill the existing mold and mildew and control new growth. These disinfectants are safe and very effective and are applied by simply spraying into the filter intake.*

*"Evaporator Coil - if there is mold or mildew present then the coil also should be treated. Make sure that the face of the cooling or evaporator coil is clean so that air can pass through freely. The coil can easily become clogged when the filter is not changed regularly. To clean the coil, first spray with "Blast-A-Coil Cleaner, then use a long bristle wire brush and start from top to bottom with long strokes and brushing in the direction of the coil fins only, use a vacuum hose to remove loosened debris.*

*"Condensate Pan and Drain - A/C systems not only cool air but they also remove humidity. This humidity condenses in the coil and then goes out a drain line to the outside of the building. Mole, mildew, and algae builds up in the drain pan, too. Be sure to keep your condensate drain pan and drain line clean. Condensate drain back up is the biggest problem encountered with A/C systems.*

*"These can be quite substantial amounts of water which can cause damage to the system's controls and to the structure of the home, such as ceilings, drywall, rugs, etc. To kill and control algae, mildew, mold in your condensate drain pan and drain line you can place "Algae Strips" or bleach in the condensate pan.*

**UPDATE CORNER**

*"A/C Filter - Clean or change filters every 30 days. Putting an anti-microbial electrostatic filter in your system is one of the best things you can do for your system. This is very important to protect your system and to keep the air you breathe in your home fresh and clean.*

*"Supply Temperature - Finally, you can monitor the condition of your system by inserting a stem type thermometer in the supply duct and checking the temperature every one or two weeks, or if you feel something is wrong. The supply duct temperature should be 17 to 22 degrees cooler than the air inside the home. "*

Good Luck, you DIY-ers! Maintenance is always cheaper than repair. Don't ever forget the immortal words of Mama "Ben Franklin" Keesee - "An ounce of prevention weighs how much?"

**Neighborhood Meeting**

It's official: we have new officers. And new officers = new enthusiasm.

- President - Frank Carollo
- Vice President - Mel Annaud
- Treasurer - Robin Moore
- Secretary - Jeff Keesee

That's right, Robin and Yours Truly volunteered to retain our ~~sentences~~ offices and help with a problem-free transfer of power (Bush could certainly learn something from us!) The elections were fast and furious at the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting (no chads!). To fill the first 2 offices, Mel offered to be the "man behind the scenes" and Frank volunteered to be the "woman in front of them". As for the two returning officers, Robin likes other people's money and I like to write... what can I say?

The Board had it's first meeting Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at Madame President Frank's house, and agreed to quarterly meetings, the next being in July.

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# 1 e-News

<http://www.nytimes.com/diversions/todaypuz.html>

and

<http://dictionary.langenberg.com>. One is an online crossword puzzle, one is an online crossword puzzle "helper". You do the math. (In the words of Mama "Big Daddy" Keesee, "Cheaters never win, but they do finish the New York Times Sunday Crossword puzzle")

# 2 Transitions

God only knows: Who are all you new people? Please, everyone, come to coffee at Craig's, the first house on the left (not to be confused with the film "Last House on the Left"; Craig's home is no horror), at 12:00 PM this Sunday, April 22, 2001

# 3 Committees

Neighborhood meeting = new blood for the committees! Hooray! Now everyone that has been feeling guilty for not helping out can rest easy, for a month or two, now that we have (barely) enough committee members. That doesn't mean you shouldn't sit down right now and call your favorite Committee Steward and join today!

## LANDSCAPING

Stewards - Craig Lombardi  
Phone - (404) 284-0615

Thank goodness for Craig (yes, that Craig, "first house on the left" Craig, "you mean the Craig that's having the coffee?" Craig. Yes.)

Half of the new landscaping is done and paid for, the other half is soon to come.

"Why new landscaping" you might ask? The previous landscaping, while it looked good for a number of years, was not easily maintainable and not ideally suited for the conditions at the entrance. The new landscaping includes many more evergreen plants well suited for the sun.

"Why should the entrance look good?" Just ask the folks selling their homes about first impressions. Then look at our entrance and any other entrance off Katie Kerr: Any more questions?

Join the landscaping committee, it will all become clear...

## ARCHITECTURAL

Steward - Cathie Herman  
Phone - (404) 286-950  
Members

- Sandee House - Karen Dessables  
- Kelly Dak - Terry Pickard  
- Beth Wilson - Linda Brooks  
- Frank Carollo - Chris Johnson!!!

It's time for spring/summer cleaning! Need to re-paint? A solid coat of paint on your house helps protect the building materials; it is the first barrier to termite invasion and weather damage.

It is easiest to re-paint the same color, but it's also easy to have house of a different color with approval by the Architectural Committee. They are out in full force helping to maintain the look of OUR neighborhood and the value of YOUR property.

If you need a good painter (how good? Picasso isn't available, but take a look at 2840 Ashwood Place, last painted in 1998, and see for yourself), give Jose a call at (404) 687-8942.

If you have a weed-choked yard, this is a reminder that good front lawn maintenance is part of the look of your house and therefore enforceable by the Neighborhood Association. And in the immortal words of Madame President "Weeds Walk! Your weeds are my weeds!" Make it easy on yourself; weed control can be easy and as close as your phone:

Trugreen Chemlawn - (800) 878-4733  
Brad Shackelford - (678) 770-7535

## SOCIAL

Steward - Jeff Keesee  
Phone - (404) 288-0712

Fabulous Committee in of herself  
- Sandee House

The Monthly Coffee is still going strong! It's been the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month, lately! The next one is April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00PM, chez Craig (which house? Do you really have to ask?). Bring a breakfast munchie...

The Monthly Coffee for May is tentatively scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, sandwiched in between Mom's Day Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend Sunday.

...and, a Neighborhood Picnic is in the works for June. We couldn't possibly presume to pick a date for you, so call Jeff with your preference of June 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>; the most votes winning. Details and official sign-up will follow in May. \*\* Sandee, I'll be calling! \*\*\*

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Steward - Lynn Briggs  
Phone - (404) 286-9279

Kudos to retiring Steward Michele McHale-Pickard! Thanks to her, we have kept the Watch going. And thanks and welcome to Lynn Briggs for taking on the Stewardship for 2001.

We had a car break-in this winter, so don't let down your guard. Keep up the evil eye and report incidents to Lynn. Not sure who your Block Captain is? Give her a call...

Be Nosy! Be Safe!  
Be Informed! Be a Neighbor...

## WELCOMING

Steward - Norman Mangina  
Phone - (404) 543-6446

Members - Chris Johnson  
- Karen Dessables  
- Kelly Dak  
- Beth Wilson  
- Lynn Briggs

Norman is our new Steward (and relatively new Neighbor!) If you are a new neighbor and you need welcoming, you are welcome to come to the April Coffee and the June Neighborhood Picnic!

## FINANCIAL

Treasurer - Robin Moore  
Phone - (404) 286-4490

We are only missing Assessments from 4 houses. Don't forget that it doesn't pay to forget (how am I supposed to remember that?)

Message from the Treasurer: "One of the things Associations Fees pay for is a Neighborhood Picnic. Go and get your money's worth..."

# 4 Events

## CLIP AND SAVE ASHWOOD CALENDAR

12:00 PM Sunday, April 22nd, 2001 -  
Coffee and chat at Craig's:  
2790 Ashwood Place, (404) 284-0615

12:00 PM Sunday, May 20th, 2001 -  
Coffee and chat (TBD)

RIGHT NOW!!! Call Jeff with your preferred date for the neighborhood picnic, June 9<sup>th</sup> or June 16<sup>th</sup> (details to follow in May...) (404) 288-0712