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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Decisions, Decisions



By Doug Elwell, President
Butterfield Homeowners Association

*"Whenever you see a successful business,
someone once made a courageous decision."
~ Peter F. Drucker*



We are now in year seven of my presidency, and the time has come to review the previous six years and how things have improved, or not. Our success or failure as an organization is dependent upon a number of factors, but primarily comes down to these three criteria:

1. The effectiveness of the executive board;
2. The hard work of our volunteers;
3. The loyalty of our membership.

Executive board members have come and gone over the years, but since the great generation that preceded us handed over the reins to the current board, we have worked hard to make sure Butterfield remains beautiful. Though our performance has not been perfect, I believe it has been generally good, despite the chronic lack of volunteerism we have been experiencing. However, thanks to the latest technologies, many of the old duties can be automated, so we have been able to do more with less, but we are still very busy and definitely need your help.

Thankfully we still have some faithful volunteers to fill in the gaps. The Welcome Wagon ladies remain as busy as ever, and we have had volunteers help with weeding and cleaning the entrance signs now and again to help diminish costs. That said, we have engaged professional services to maintain the entrances from now on, so they should look better than ever, and we also have plans to invest some of our savings in additional "hardscape" at the entrance signs, which could include upgrading one or both of our smaller entrance signs as part of that process. Upgrading the appearance of our entrances is probably the biggest value for our money we can achieve, because attractive entrances improve the standard of living for the entire community, and could also improve property values.

Also, we have made the "courageous decision" that, though we have enjoyed serving all of Butterfield by sending out a newsletter to everyone whether they have paid their dues or not, we have decided that it is not fair to those who have faithfully paid their dues over the years, and will also open up much needed funds to allocate to upkeep of our entrance signs, and other pressing needs. We will discuss more of our plans in this newsletter, and you will also be receiving a separate letter in your mail that will contain a list of things we will be discussing at the next regular meeting on June 20th.

Finally, as always, if you would like to "Speak Out" about some topic or another, please call us at 630-627-4845, or email us at butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com.

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- Lombard Post Office: 627-1864
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 - Office: 690-9036
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- Poison Control Center: 800-942-5969
- Vacation home checks: 682-7256
- Voter registration: 629-0475
- Waste Management: 800-747-2278
- Westlake Middle School: 827-4500
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 - Office: 620-2400
 - Highway: 627-2200

Connie's Corner



By Connie Poulos Loos,
Vice President, Butterfield
Homeowners Association

*H*omeowner tips from
Coldwell Bankers
Sellers Resources:

GREAT IDEAS TO UPGRADE YOUR YARD THIS SUMMER!

Even though humans are a species that builds and maintains our own shelter (also known as “homes”), we can all appreciate the beauty that the natural outdoors has to offer — and indeed, there are entire industries dedicated to beautifying our own outdoor spaces so that we can reap maximum enjoyment out of them.

If you're a new homeowner or you've just run out of ideas for how to make the outdoors feel like a part of your home, then use this list of ideas and implement a couple at a time. You definitely don't need to tackle all of them, but every little effort you can make toward building a better backyard — or front yard — will make your outside time that much more enjoyable, and you'll spend more time outside as a result.

INVEST IN PLANTS

One of the quickest and cheapest ways to make your home's outside spaces look immediately nicer is to add some curated plants to the environment. This could mean flowers, always popular in the spring and summertime especially, but it might also mean succulents, shrubs, or other greenery to help spruce up the atmosphere or even hide some unsightly areas or fixtures outside, such as an air conditioner.

The internet is always a good first stop when you're looking for plants to add to your living space, but your local nursery is an equally good option. Make sure you tell them what kind of maintenance you're willing to do and whether you want an annual (which won't last into next year) or a perennial plant, then let them guide you.

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Our Next Meeting

The next meeting of the BHA will be on Thursday, June 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Fountain of Life Church, 2S361 Glen Park Rd. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by a “Happy 1/2 Hour” with non-alcoholic drinks and snacks. Come out and meet your neighbors!



MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 21, 2019

Attendees

President Doug Elwell, Vice President Connie Poulos Loos and 4 attendees.

Approved Motions

- A motion was approved to allocate up to \$8,000.00 to improving the landscaping and adding permanent hardscaping around the entrance signs, and possibly improve the signs themselves.
- A motion was approved to provide some clarifications to the executive board roles in the corporate bylaws.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

2018 Election

- Doug Elwell was voted in again as President for one more year.
- Connie Poulos Loos was voted in again as Vice President for one more year.

Special Presentation

Gary Muehlfelt of the Milton Township Highway Department presented information on the state of the highway department and the services they provide to Butterfield East. To contact the Milton Township or York Township highway departments, visit <http://mybhoa.com/local-government/>

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The reading of the minutes was waived by the membership.

Officer and Committee Reports

TREASURER'S REPORT

All numbers are reported as of June 11th, 2019:

ASSETS

• Checking account	\$14,641.70
• PayPal	\$1,113.57
• Money Market Account	\$3,865.66
• CD	\$4,963.96
• Balance in postage acct.	\$803.41
TOTAL ASSETS	\$25,388.30

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BUTTERFIELD NEWS

Changes to BHA Policies

BHA Today Editorial Staff

At the spring meeting this year we discussed a number of changes and initiatives for this year, some of which will affect everyone living in Butterfield. Here is a summary of those changes, you should also be receiving a separate letter in the mail with more details:



NEWSLETTER

Due to increasing printing and postage costs, we have decided to restrict sending out our quarterly newsletter to only paid BHA members for the spring, summer and fall issues. We will continue to send out the winter newsletter to all Butterfield as part of our annual membership drive. We have also reduced our advertising rates for the spring, summer and fall newsletters, please contact us at butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com to learn more.

ENTRANCE SIGNS & LANDSCAPING

The attendees at the spring meeting also voted to allocate up to \$8,000.00 to invest in making improvements to our entrance signs. This will include improvements to landscaping, adding permanent hardscaping, and possibly upgrading some of the entrance signs themselves.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

After reviewing the bylaws, it was decided that the roles and responsibilities of the executive board members should be clarified so as to ensure new board members will be able to execute on their responsibilities effectively. If you are interested in serving on the board or one of our committees, please email us at butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com and let us know how you would like to help.

>> *Connie's Corner (Continued from page 3)*

CREATE A BUG-FREE ENVIRONMENT

There's nothing like enjoying yourself outside and then suddenly realizing you're being eaten alive by mosquitoes or another pesky insect intent on making you itch and causing you pain. Depending on where you live, this might be a minimal or a huge problem, but there's a lot you can do to minimize the chances that you'll be bugged by the bugs. Zappers, candles, and other insect-mitigation tools and products can keep your outdoor lounging spaces relatively pest-free; if all else fails, make sure you've got plenty of bug spray on hand and use it whenever you need it (and offer it to your guests, too).

FURNISH AWAY

You can't lounge easily outside if you don't have comfortable furniture for lounging, and adding a rocking chair or a porch swing to your front porch, or an entire patio furniture set out back, are all popular ways to enhance your outdoor spaces, but you also have options like hammocks, deck chairs, and many other items that make spending time outdoors much more comfortable.

ADD SOME PILLOWS AND BLANKETS

Outdoor furniture isn't always the most comfortable by itself, so many outdoor enthusiasts opt to supplement it with pillows and blankets that are made with weather-friendly materials but still soft and soothing enough to be inviting.

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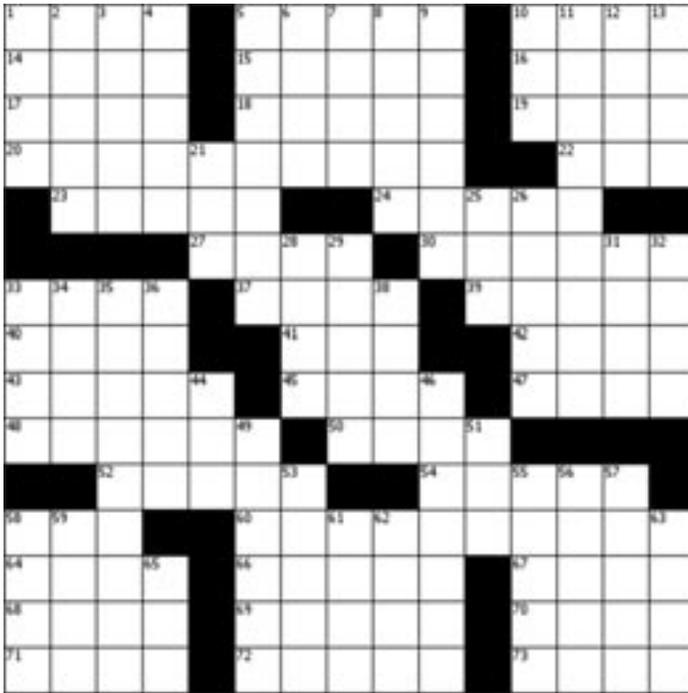
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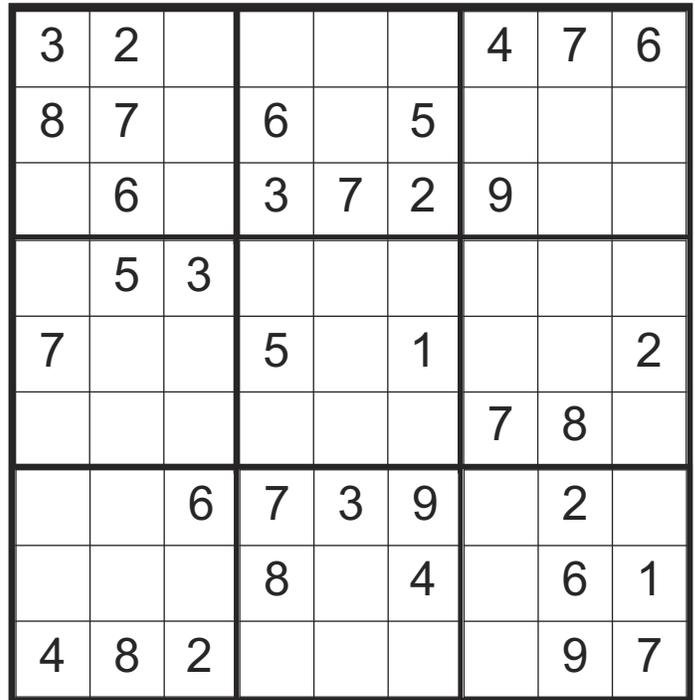
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ACROSS

1. Porous gem
5. Church platform
10. Land measure
14. Lacking color
15. Nary a soul
16. Spill the beans
17. Stepped heavily
18. Sharp tastes
19. Slugger Sammy
20. One-person-wide line
22. James Bond, for one
23. Greet at the door
24. Come next
27. Football positions
30. Soup container
33. Spider creations
37. Detroit product
39. Frighten
40. Wheel connector
41. Cry audibly
42. "___ fair in love and war"
43. The S of SUV
45. Sock parts
47. Story line
48. President after Coolidge
50. Changes the color of
52. Jeans fabric
54. Cricket sound
58. Perform on stage
60. Hit-song honor
64. Rogers and Orbison
66. Harsh light
67. Slender woodwind
68. Record on video
69. Bother continuously
70. "___ of your business!"
71. Slow-cooked meal
72. Bottom-of-barrel contents
73. Staircase part

DOWN

1. Makes a choice
2. Louvre's city
3. Single-handedly
4. Window projection
5. Reception helper
6. Bread unit
7. Singer Braxton
8. Protractor measure
9. Take offense at
10. Tummy muscles
11. Near miss
12. Hoarse sound
13. Internet auction site
21. Be deceitful
25. ___ boom bah
26. Open, as a jar
28. Do some housecleaning
29. Got up
31. Singer Guthrie
32. Hornet's home
33. Launder
34. Trade show
35. A or O, to a doctor
36. Start a tennis game
38. Follow orders
44. Years in a decade
46. Confidential matters
49. Fixed illegally
51. That girl
53. Grinding tooth
55. Computer symbols
56. Mechanical man
57. Liable (to)
58. ___ and crafts
59. Jacket or parka
61. Behind schedule
62. Haul
63. ___ blue sea
65. Replace a button



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**INCOME AND EXPENSES
(MARCH 15TH – JUNE 12TH)**

INCOME:

- December newsletter advertising income\$520.00
- 2018-2019 member dues:\$3,775.00
(169 households, +69 from PayPal, total 238)
- TOTAL INCOME (for 3/15/19-6/11/19).....\$4,295.00

EXPENSES:

- Entrance Sign lighting (ComEd)\$55.46
- Entrance Sign Lighting (Cordial Electric).....\$665.00
- Entrance Sign mowing.....\$222.00
- Two membership postcards.....\$258.00
- Website services (Jetpack)\$63.25
- GoDaddy fee\$15.17
- Winter 2017 Newsletter\$701.12
- State Incorporation Fee.....\$10.00
- Snyder Insurance\$688.00
- Bulk Mail account annual fee & \$1,000.00 deposit into
bulk mail account.....\$1,235.00
- TOTAL EXPENSES (for 3/15/19-6/11/19)\$3,913.30
- NET Income or Loss+\$355.70(Gain)

WELCOME WAGON COMMITTEE

Jean and Sandy visited only four homes over the winter break. This is because Butterfield homes are increasingly in demand due to excellent location, relatively low prices, low taxes, an excellent grade school, and relative safety. As a result, current owners are unwilling to sell.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

- Sandy and Jean visited 4 new homeowners over the winter season. Housing remains desirable in Butterfield East, and very few people wish to leave, so there is relatively little turnover, and thus fewer new homeowners to visit.
- There was discussion about improving the landscaping and decorations of the entrance signs and possibly adding hardscaping. A motion was passed and approved to spend up to \$8,000.00 on improving the landscaping and hardscaping around the three entrance signs, and possibly the signs themselves.
- One BHA member put in an amazing effort to clean up the Gray Avenue entrance, including areas IDOT is normally supposed to take care of.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

- President Doug Elwell suggested we discontinue the use of a print newsletter and replace it with a web-only newsletter to save money. The members preferred to continue sending out a print newsletter, but only to paid members. The exception would be the winter newsletter, which would be sent out to all Butterfield as part of our annual membership drive.
- We also discussed purchasing new software specifically designed for homeowners associations to help manage our

accounting, memberships, and related needs.

- Finally, we discussed the design of the newsletter, possibly replacing the “Letter from the President” on the front page with news and information more relevant to Butterfield and moving the Letter from the President back a few pages. If you have a preference, or have ideas about the kind of information you would like included in the newsletter, please send an email to butterfieldhomeownersassoc@gmail.com.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

EXECUTIVE BOARD ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

There was an important discussion about roles and responsibilities of the executive board. It was decided that board members should have at least 2-3 consecutive years of regular attendance and active involvement in the Butterfield Homeowners Association prior to becoming eligible for being elected as an executive board member, along with a number of other criteria to be discussed at the June meeting. Please attend and voice your opinion!

Open Forum

There was free-form discussion about the way Butterfield was “in the old days”, where there were only three TV channels, kids spent a lot of time outside playing, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were much more active, and people interacted more freely. People participated much more in the BHA as well.

Other discussion centered around reckless driving by younger drivers in the subdivision, and how it is estimated that speeders and reckless drivers are actually mostly Butterfield residents. The police cannot be everywhere at every time, so it is up to alert residents to keep watch and report speeders and reckless drivers to the police.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 20th, 2019 at the FOLC. 🌟



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