# HARVEST RUN PHASE III

# **HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

NEWSLETTER –1st Quarter 2005

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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Owned and operated by Carol Brown & Lynda Potas

General Maintenance concerns or requests concerning the common areas should be made directly thru the management company.

Assessment Clearance Letters and Mortgage Documentation requests are also available for a nominal fee.

# 2005 Budget and Assessment Billing Schedule

The Board of Directors approved the 2005-operating Unlike many area budget. associations, the Board has been able to hold the assessments at the current rate of \$300.00 for the year, again paid in two equal installments. The first installment payment of the semi-annual assessment is due no later than April 15, 2005.

#### **Amendment Booklets**

The Board of Directors has provided for each homeowner a binded copy of the Associations Governing documents. These booklets were recently hand delivered to all homeowners. Those homeowners not available will be receiving them in an alternate fashion.

### **Wetland Improvements**

The Board has accepted a bid in the amount of \$3,200.00 from Enterprises, Inc. TGF conduct a burn to all three wetland areas that the Phase III Association is responsible for maintaining. All crewmembers are certified firefighters and wildland firefighter certified. The Association will be notified of the burn date once scheduled. Due to the amount of time needed to obtain a burn permit, the contract has been signed and returned to the contractor.

### **Signs**

Signs were recently installed around the pond and the Wetlands. We want to remind everyone that they are using the pond at their own risk, primarily for insurance purposes. This is especially important during the winter months when we note increased traffic from visitors

not part of our subdivision who enjoy using the pond.

#### **Wetland Consideration/Rules**

Any resident found to be dumping garbage or lawn waste in the wetlands, will be fined by Association the and/or potentially the City of Crystal Lake. It is the responsibility of the Association to protect the wetlands from harm and dumping. Violations to the Wetlands could result in the Association being fined by the Army Corp of Engineers and/or the City of Crystal Lake. Fines can range from \$500.00 to thousands of dollars depending on the violation. If in the past you mowed or threw garbage in the wetlands, we are asking that you please understand the liability you are placing on all homeowners who contribute to the Association and ultimately the expense to you.

### **Landscape Improvements**

The Board approved a second year contract with Fields of Green. The new contract will not only include mowing and trimming as it did last year, but also will now also incorporate regular fertilization and weed control to both the landscaped beds and mowed areas.

In the spring a landscape walk will be scheduled with the landscaper and the Board members. At that time we will inspect all the landscape needs. A tree will be replaced by the City of Crystal Lake in the fall of 2005. It has been reported that we have one tree that has Dutch elm disease that will need to be removed to protect the trees around it. The Board will consider replacing it with another tree.

In addition, we will once again be conditioning and remulching the landscaped beds in the spring.

Alterations and Additions

REMEMBER — You must have Board approval PRIOR to any alterations or improvements. Should you require a form please contact B.P. Management Services at (877) 765-9339 or email them at BPMSI@comcast.net.

### **Property Inspections**

On a monthly basis, you may see a property inspection being conducted in our area. This is provided by the management company and serves to address any issues concerning landscape upkeep, pond and wetland improvements, as well as any homeowner violations. The property is walked the first and last week of the month and a drive through inspection is performed the other two weeks. A report is provided to the Board of Directors with the findings of the inspection as well as possible suggestions or action to be taken.

This consistent inspection procedure is intended to ensure our community continues to remain a desirable community to live in as well as working towards helping to increase its overall value.

#### **Neighborhood Considerations**

It is respectfully requested that through the winter months all homeowners do their best to keep the sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

Please shovel or blow snow onto your lawns and not into the street. Since we are not a main thoroughfare, the City plows our streets infrequently. Let's try to keep our streets clear and safe this winter!

Additionally, whenever possible, please do not block the sidewalk within your driveway with a parked car. Note this is an offense that can be ticketed by the City of Crystal Lake.

The City recently sent out a reminder that all garbage and recycling is supposed to be covered so that it does not litter our neighborhood. In addition, the garbage and recycling is supposed to be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 pm the night before pickup (Sunday night), with can retrieval no later than 7:00 pm the night of pickup (Monday night).