



Harvest Bend,
The Meadow January 2008

Welcome 2008!

We would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

Christmas in the Park

We had a wonderful turn out in the park this year for our party. We had 107 come out to see Santa and to ride the hayride. All enjoyed refreshments, hot cider, and socializing among our neighbors. The "Snowman Soup" was a hit with the little ones. Santa has enclosed the recipe for you "older" children. Special thanks to Mr. Campbell, Kroger Manager, for his generous donations, and continued support for our subdivision. Thank you to Gilbert Perez, owner of Los Caporales, for his generous donation of two gift certificates for the constables who escorted the hayride. Patti Hodges would like to thank her committee, Kim Bohot and Lisa for their time and effort for preparing for this event. A heart felt thanks, to Paul Behrend, who coordinated the hay, and the trailer, and drove the truck to make the hayride such a success.

Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

Congratulations to our **2007 Christmas decorating contest winners!** Thank you to all the homeowners that participated. If you did not participate we hope you consider it next year!

Christmas Lights and Decorations

All the exterior Christmas decorations and lights **must** come down from your house by **January 5, 2008.**

Winter Preparations

- Insulate your exposed pipes.
- Cover your delicate plants.
- Protect your pets from the elements.



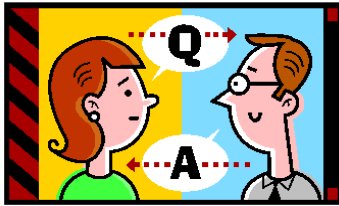
Communications Corner

I want to thank everyone who has contacted me regarding their thoughts on the newsletter. I have received both positive and negative feedback and encourage that you continue to let me know your thoughts. If you have any comments or concerns please contact Lisa Behrend at hsluv4u@sbcglobal.net.



Way to go Webelos!

Congratulations to the Webelos from PACK 381 at Willbern Elementary that have recently crossed over to Boy Scouts. We commend your hard work and dedication to Scouting.



Question and Answers

Do you have any questions that you need answers to? If so this section is for you. As we welcome the New Year, please help me welcome a new section in our newsletter. Contact Lisa Behrend at hsluv4u@sbcglobal.net with your questions and I will direct them to the appropriate person or persons who will give correct response. This section is meant for sharing facts by the individuals that have the facts and eliminate rumor and gossip. Please feel free to ask questions, because you never know if there are others that may have the same question. (EX: Q: How can I obtain a homeowner's policy manual? A: Contact Texas Management Company at 832-660-0700.

Crime Watch:

There was an incident recently, due to the quick response of the parties involved the constables apprehended the suspect. If you see a stranger or any suspicious occurrences on your street call the constables. Remember they are working for the safety of our community.



Garage Sale Signs

It has been brought to our attention that garage sale signs have been displayed on trees using nails. Please remember that having garage sales are a privilege in our neighborhood. Some neighborhoods can not have them. If you would like to have a garage sale the signs must be on a stake in the ground and they must be removed immediately after it's over. If you need to put a sign in another homeowner's yard at the end of the street please ask the homeowner **first**. Signs are **NOT** to be posted on trees or street signs.

Snowman Soup

- 1 package Hot Chocolate
- 3 Hershey Kisses
- 1 Handful Mini Marshmallows
- 1 Candy Cane

Board Member Highlight

Hormoz Vassez

Hi, I've lived in Harvest Bend The Meadow for about five years, and have been on the board for a year and a half. In addition to being a homeowner, I believe my priorities are affected by the business I'm in. As a real estate broker, and investor, my priorities are to preserve the integrity of our neighborhood at the minimum cost to the homeowners. Since I was elected to the board, I have been focused on a few issues that I believe didn't receive sufficient attention before. Some issues that we have acted on since I got on the board are installing security cameras at the park area, and getting better control of our reserve funds. As a board member, I'm glad to be able to volunteer and dedicate my time to make sure our neighborhood stays on the right track.



School Holiday

The next school holiday is Monday, January 21, 2008 for Martin Luther King Day.

Board Briefs

Board meeting was held on December 11, 2007.

Our best wishes to each of you for a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Committee Reports:

ACC – Nancy Nichols and Paul Behrend - No Report.

Pool – Sue Daniels – Sue reported that as the pool is closed there is nothing to report.

Communications Committee - Lisa Behrend and Patty Hodges - Lisa will be adding a Q&A section in the newsletter.

Recreation Committee – Patty Hodges – *Hayride/Santa in the Park* – was held on Saturday, December 8, with 59 children and 48 adults enjoying the hayride, hot cider, hot tea, and talking with Santa and his gift of Snowman Soup.

Welcoming Committee – Patty Hodges and Sylvia Teague – The goal is to put together a new "Welcome to HB, The Meadows" packet in 2008.

Open Discussion:

- Our Property manager is being replaced and we should have a new property manager by the time of our January meeting. Steve Edgar, owner of TCMCI, facilitated our December Board Meeting. In the meantime, if you need any TCMCI assistance, please contact Sammye Young at 832-660-0700.
- A homeowner expressed concern about a couple of

on-going non-compliances to our Rules and Regulations. The homeowner was assured that the formal required process is being followed and that these non-compliances are being sent to Legal for pursuance through the appropriate legal process. Unfortunately, this may take longer than we'd like.

- The invoice for 2008 Maintenance Fees has been sent to each homeowner and the good news is that the 2008 maintenance fees will not increase. If you have not received your invoice, contact Sammye Young at TMC. Your 2008 maintenance fees are due no later than January 31, 2008. Beginning February 1, late fees and interest will accumulate to your account. If you have not paid your maintenance fees by May 1, 2008, (and have not made arrangements for a payment plan,) your account goes to Legal for collection and a lien may be placed on your home.

Executive Discussion

- Contracts and Insurances
 - We have finalized the details for these items for 2008.
- The Board has contracted Lisa Behrend to be the editor and publisher of our monthly newsletter. This is in addition to her volunteer responsibilities

on the communications committee.

- We are taking bids to fix the lighting at both entrances to our subdivision. If you know of a good licensed electrician, please contact Sammye Young at TCM. I.
- The Board approved the CPA's audit for financial year 2006.