



# The President's Corner



Greetings, and Happy New Year to each of you. My hope is that 2012 will continue with the improvements that have taken place in the neighborhood during 2011. We saw the sale of homes pick up, neighbors seem to be holding their own once again and the promise of 2012 looks brighter.

We have several new residents in the neighborhood, both new owners and renters. If you see them at the mail box, take a few moments to introduce yourself, get to know them, and make them feel welcome. Help build the sense of community that we all would like to see; treat your neighbor with respect and courtesy. Life in general can be much better if we look beyond ourselves and think in terms of how our own actions affect others both positively and negatively. I am so proud to be in a position where I can see the random acts of kindness that have taken place through out

the year. It brings joy to my heart to see neighbors helping neighbors; giving that extra moment to listen to someone who is lonely, or being concerned for the welfare of your neighbor when they haven't been seen for a few days and things look "a little out of place", giving an older person a helping hand in the yard when it is seen that it is "too much" for them. We really are "all in this together" and how we come out the other side depends on how we act and respond today. Keep up the good work!

My heart also goes out to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this year. I am aware of four families who lost a spouse or a parent this year. Know that our thoughts have been with you and we feel the loss for their presence in our community as well. There are others who need our positive thoughts and energy to

help them through some trying emotional time as they cope with illness in the family or unemployment. When you are aware of these situations, do what you can to be there. We depend on each other more than is realized.

Keep up the good work and continue to improve the looks of the neighborhood. As spring arrives, take a look at the paint job...is it time? There are several that arrived at that point. How about the moss on the roof? It is a quick way to reduce its life, and it looks ugly as well. Some food for thought on this years required projects.

Being an avid fisher person I leave you with this thought.... Keep a tight line.

Darlene Livermore,  
*President*



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# Neighborhood Watch Program by Marlyn Dinsmore

Your neighborhood watch captains are committed to keeping our community safe. They are not able to do this alone. They need the eyes and ears of each resident for successful crime prevention.

Remember the posted limit in a residential area is 25 mph, however given our narrow streets and obstacles of parked cars, it is recommended you drive slower than that.

Watch for children walking to and from the school bus stop and throughout the summer months playing in the streets.

Install outdoor lighting (if using flood lights be sure they are not shining directly into the next door neighbor's window, keep them pointed down).

Keep shrubs trimmed down and away from windows and entry doors. Install dead-bolt locks on the outside door into your garage. And above all, keep your garage door closed when not working in it.

Here are some ways to help your neighbor when they are ill, have had a new baby, or suffered a death in the family:

1. Take them a meal
2. Offer to run errands or to doctors appointments
3. Offer to watch their children for them so they are able to run errands
4. Check on them from time to time to let them know neighbors care about each other
5. Visit or call them to encourage them

Marlyn Dinsmore,  
*Coordinator*



Below is a list of our current block captains. We encourage you to keep this handy so that if you see something that should be reported you can quickly call your Block Captain.

## Our current block captains by addresses, name, and phone

Block 1: 3487-3497 LVC & 1995 MCL  
Audrey Schackel, 503-581-0363

Block 7: 3408-3419 LVC  
Crystal Weddington, 503-569-9346

Block 2: 3474-3485 LVC  
Judy Oliver, 503-371-8709

Block 8: 1778-1858 MCL  
Carol Brandner, Pending

Block 3: 3460-3473 LVC  
Dave Dowling, 503-589-4684

Block 9: 1855-1928 MCL  
Venessa Godfrey, 503-540-0251

Block 4: 3449-3460 LVC  
Ken Ollek, 503-393-0507

Block 10: 3395-3407 LVC  
VACANT

Block 5: 3440-3448 LVC &  
1768, 1785 MCL  
Ethel Gibney, 503-371-0910

Block 11: 1935-1998 LVC  
VACANT

Block 6: 3420-3437 LVC  
Darlene Livermore, 503-362-6267

Block 12: 3379-3394 LVC  
Al Youse, 503-375-9110

*If you would like to become a block captain, contact Marlyn Dinsmore at 503-362-6267.*





## Homeowners Corner by Your Neighbors

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(This is the corner reserved for you and what you want to have brought up for your neighbors to think about. You can tell the President what you want to convey or, you can write it yourself and give it to the President for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Good taste editorial rights are reserved.)

### Parking at the Mail Boxes:

Several residents have mentioned the issue of safety and inconvenience with people who pull up in front of the mail box, get their mail and then sit in the car while they read their mail. I am sure that all of you have noticed that there is not a lot of room for several cars at a time to stop and pick up mail. At this time of the year when it is still dark and rainy, it is hazardous coming around the corner with low visibility and having cars lined up to the corner. Its upsetting when residents are observed sitting in the car and sorting and reading through their mail rather than moving on to free up more space and keep other

cars from being backed up to the corner in harms way. It is human nature I suppose to try to get as close as possible to the boxes and not have to walk an inch further than necessary. However, if you have to turn right past the boxes in any event, try doing that first and then walk back to the boxes. This frees up space for those that have to turn the other direction or proceed down Michigan City Lane. Please, do NOT pull up facing the wrong direction of traffic to get the mail... walk across the street. Maybe these seem like small irritants and no big deal but they affect your neighbor... just keep it in mind and don't act like you are "entitled". Remember, it is the SMALL things in life that cause people to lose it.

Off Street Parking: Safety again. The streets in this subdivision are narrow. When cars are parked in

the street, often across from each other, and particularly on a corner, it can be difficult for cars to move freely on the street without it feeling like it is an obstacle course to the driver. The CC&R's require every home to have a garage and concrete driveway capable of holding two cars. The express purpose for that is to keep the cars of residents off the street and parked in their driveway. Street parking is primarily for guests. Keeping the cars in your driveway is not only a safety factor, it also frees up the street for guests and adds to the overall look of the neighborhood. Perhaps another spring project is to clean the "treasures" out of the garage so that it can actually house a car, a novel idea for America. Renting a storage unit might help you, and it would help keep the economy going! :)



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## Social Committee by Elaine Clark

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Welcome Baskets were recently delivered to two new resident families on Lake Vanessa Circle. In October a welcome was extended to the Petruzzi family at 3412 - Andrew, Tonty, their three children, and two dogs.

November brought us the Briley family at 3417 - Justin, Amanda, their son Austin, and daughter Lily - and their Havanese, Armani! We hope they are all settled, and feeling at home here in our Westview Estates.

LOOKING AHEAD: A tentative date has been set for the Westview Estates community garage sale ... mark your calendar for Fri./Sat., June 8 & 9, 2012. More information about this will be coming





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**Upcoming Board Meetings**

March 6, 2012

July 11, 2012

September 16, 2012

**Annual Meeting**

2:00 -4:00PM

[At the Masonic Temple]

*Unless otherwise noted all Board meetings are held at 3435 Lake Vanessa Cir. NW at 7:00 p.m.*

**Gardeners' Corner** by Denice Seeger

Hello Neighbors!

I would like to introduce myself. I am Denice Seeger, the current Landscape Coordinator. My family and I have lived here for 9 years and truly appreciate our quiet neighborhood.

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone that helped this fall in removing leaves from the front entrance. It is a big job that helps not only with the appearance but also the safety of all of

our neighbors when getting mail, or our kids getting to and from the bus. So again, thanks for all the help!

I hope that everyone is having a safe and peaceful winter and is looking forward to everything and everyone waking up in the spring.

Gardener's Notes:

This is a great time to prepare for the spring by cleaning and sharpening your gardening tools.

One tip I've gotten from Martha Stewart is to fill a bucket full of sand and add motor oil to it. Each time as you are putting your shovels, hoes, and other gardening tools away run it down into the oiled sand a few times and it will clean and protect your tools until you need them next. Pretty smart. I know I for one need to take stock of my tools and tidy my shed.

A wonderful 2012 to everyone!



**Treasurer's Report** by Julie Youse

The current balances for the HOA accounts are:

Checking Account: \$ 9,688.62

Reserve Account: \$ 5,076.11

We remind you that the yearly dues are now \$100 and are due by January 15, 2012. Unless arrangements are made, late fees will be assessed to homeowners who do not have their dues paid on time.

