



January 2012

Dear Village at Alum Creek Homeowner:

Enclosed is your financial review of the 2011 year, the 2012 budget, and your 2012 homeowner dues invoice.

The Trustees are pleased to announce that the dues for coming year will remain the same **(\$185.00)** as in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Due to popular demand, we are again offering an "early pay" discount. You can receive a **\$5.00 discount on your 2012 dues if you pay them prior to March 1st, 2012.**

Dues are officially due as of March 31st, after that time a \$25.00 late charge will be added to your dues. **Should a homeowner fail to pay prior to July 1st, their name and total amount owed plus a collection fee will be sent to our collection agency for processing.* Please let us know if you need more time to pay and we can set up a schedule.

We continue to be squarely focused on keeping operating costs low. We can only do this with our many volunteers from the neighborhood that helped on things like: organizing the web site, donating costs of printing, directory organization, accounting, legal, and maintenance functions. Many of these vital tasks are being performed by fellow homeowners rather than paying an outside vendor. To all of you who volunteer, *Thank You!* If you are willing to help and have an area of expertise that could assist our community, there is always room for you to get involved.

Most of our data and legal forms are on our neighborhood web site: www.villageatalumcreek.org. If you have any ideas on what we can add to it, please drop us a note. We have areas including a "classified ad" section, a list of advertisers who support our directory and site, and even the ability to pay your dues online through Pay Pal! If you need a resource to look up our deed restrictions, board policies, and contact information they are also included on line. Please support our sponsors that support our directory and web site.

Some highlights from 2011: We installed new lighting at the entrances to lower our electric costs and improve the look of the signage in the evening. In addition, we removed dozens of damaged trees (most from ash borer damage) and were able to plant over 30 new trees last fall.

This coming year, 2012: More damaged and decaying trees will be removed and replaced, and the fifteen year old split rail fencing and some posts will be replaced near the original southern entrance at Parklawn and Old State Rd. The new bike path from the township is now tied into our development at the dead end off of Weatherby Dr. in the farthest Northwest corner of the neighborhood and we hope to improve that area to allow easier access to the trail this year. We also have plans to improve landscape and weed control in our common areas.

Remember to update your email at our neighborhood announcement email list! Be sure to send your email information to subscribe@villageatalumcreek.org. We are constantly emailing information from our block watch, lost and found items, and items of concern to our neighborhood. Email is by far the fastest method of reaching the neighborhood quickly. Thanks for your prompt payment of 2012 dues.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting and trustee election on Tuesday March 13th at the Village at Alum Creek Church. Watch for more details on line!

Sincerely,

2011-12 Village at Alum Creek Trustees

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