

# *FALL NEWSLETTER 2003*

**Thompson Highlands Homeowners Association**

PMB #824

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*Greetings from your 2003 THHA Board*

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## ***NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL EVENTS***

### *Holiday Party*

Be sure to watch your mailboxes and/or front porches for upcoming information on our always very popular neighborhood party. We'll soon be announcing that date so keep your eyes open for this information. And, let us know if you would like to help with planning.

### *Oktoberfest Report*

Once again we had an extremely successful and popular Oktoberfest Picnic in the 124<sup>th</sup> Place cul-de-sac. If you were unable to attend you missed a wonderful chance to meet your neighbors. It was quite significant and all the children had a wonderful time. A special thanks to the Cross's who allowed us to use their driveway and garage for cooking and food preparation. This Oktoberfest Party is now becoming a traditional event for our neighborhood and one we all look forward to

## ***NEIGHBORHOOD DECORUM***

### *An appeal*

In the last few months we have had several instances where members of the association have been disturbed by the conduct of their immediate neighbors. Your Board has tried to help everyone concerned come to a mutually agreeable settlement. Unfortunately, this has taken a tremendous amount of the Board's time, and the outcome has not pleased either party. We are mystified about how some of these disagreements could possibly take place. It is everyone's responsibility to respect neighbor's rights and property.

**Please consider your neighbors wishes before launching into some course of action that could affect them. You would certainly want them to respect your wishes.**

## ***NEIGHBORHOOD LANDSCAPING and your CC&Rs***

### *Front Yard Maintenance*

We all want to maximize the values of our homes and property. One of the simplest ways that you can help accomplish this goal is to have a well-landscaped yard that is trimmed properly and is free of weeds. This enhances the value of your home as well as that of everyone else within our development. Your Board will be walking through the neighborhood approximately December first to review the conditions of everyone's yards. Reminder postcards will be sent requesting improvement by homeowners who have not maintained their yards per CC&Rs.

### *Green Space Care and Concern*

There are eleven Thompson Highlands lots on Hibbard, 124<sup>th</sup> Place, 123<sup>rd</sup> Place, and Welsh that border a common green space. Those homeowners have had the responsibility per the CC&Rs to keep that resource area undisturbed and in its natural state. Our compliments go not only to those who have kept the green space free of yard refuse and trash in recent years, but also to those homeowners who have removed trash, including a car chassis, that was left before development.

### ***THHA BOARD ACTIVITIES***

#### *Board position open*

At the first of the year there will be an election to fill at least one board position that will be open. We encourage all interested parties to attend a board meeting or contact any board member soon.

#### *Dues to remain the same*

We are pleased to announce that next years association dues will remain the same as they have in the past at \$150. After the first of January you will receive a year-end newsletter, ballot, budget and your invoice for next years dues.

***You are welcome anytime*** – We certainly encourage any homeowner to attend our monthly board meetings. This year we have been holding them on the second Sunday of the month at 5:45PM. Call any board member to confirm time and date. If you would like to receive notices and/or minutes of those meetings via email please contact the Secretary. If you cannot attend a board meeting, please feel free to call any of us with your comments and concerns. It is our job to work on your behalf.

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**THOMPSON HIGHLANDS IS ON THE WEB!!** We are happy to announce that we have our own website, dedicated to news and information for THHA homeowners. Go to [www.thha.org](http://www.thha.org). Information on the website includes: Contact information for board members, association address, neighborhood updates, board meeting minutes, a complete copy of the CC&Rs, Architectural Guidelines, and the form to be submitted to the board when you are making improvements to your property. We are interested in adding items that are appropriate, so if you have any ideas about what you would like to see, please let us know. Email the webmaster at [webmaster@thha.org](mailto:webmaster@thha.org).

***GO TO [www.thha.org](http://www.thha.org) TO VIEW PHOTOS OF SEPTEMBER 21 OKTOBERFEST!***

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