

# Newsletter

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## Flint Ledge Estates Community Projects

The 2003-2004 board first met at 2411 McCormick for an orientation meeting on May 19th. See sections below for highlights of recent meetings.

We discussed various projects that we as an association should tackle this year and chose a board member to head each project.

**We want community involvement in these projects.**

Please read over the following topics and contact the board member in charge the projects you would like to join as a committee member.

**Ideas and concerns related to the projects are welcome.**

**Landscaping and Exteriors—(Gail)** This committee keeps our community in good shape and looking spiffy. Please join this committee for input into the look of our home. This year we have several tasks before us, including siding and paint color choices as well as working with the city on our front entrance beautification project.

**Mail Box Replacement—(Alice)** Apply for \$1,000 city matching grant to help fund the replacement townhouse mailboxes. Help pick out a mail box vendor. Help install the boxes, too! Or we can decide to have them professionally installed.

**Newsletter—(Holliday)** A newsletter will be published approximately monthly and delivered to residences until the Web site is working, then the newsletter will be on the Web site only. Articles of community interest are quite welcome.

**Web Site—(Holliday)** Determine content of Web site and give it a permanent Web page home. First meeting, 7:30 pm Tuesday, June 17th at 2411 McCormick.

**Community Picnic—(Sonia)** We are contemplating having a community picnic this fall, if there is interest. Join this committee to plan a great party!

**Financial Projection—(Sonia)** To determine the future monetary needs of the HOA, we'd like a financial projection of costs. This committee will create a projection for next 3, 5, 10, and 20 years of expected upkeep and improvement costs for FLE. Know where our HOA fees will be needed.

**Parking Spaces—(Alice)** For many of us finding close parking for ourselves and our guests can be daunting. If you have clever ideas, or just enjoy a challenge, join this committee.

**Playground Completion**

The old playground will be removed and the new one will be installed as soon as possible. The rain has delayed the installation.

**Our next board meeting will be on June 16th, 7:30 pm, at 2411 McCormick please plan to attend.**

## Highlights of Recent Board Meetings

**2003 Annual Meeting highlights:** The city owns the curb edge of the park therefore we can't mark parking spots for F.L.E. use. The city also owns the entrance landscaping, but with their approval, we may be able to pay for our own improvements to the entrance. The outgoing Board assured the HOA that the planned widening of Wootton has been tabled by the city. Creating a useful Web site was agreed to be a priority for the current board. Because of changes in company's paint colors, new or modified house colors must be chosen this coming year, as well. A new board was voted in. See reverse for contact information.

**2003-2004 Board's first meeting:** Roles of newly appointed members were chosen. Projects and their scope for the coming year were defined. See reverse for more and join in!

**Board's property walk:** The board walked around the property one evening to better understand the property and the challenges of maintaining nearly 20-year-old homes. It was obvious from this stroll around that we'll need to all work on getting the wood portions of our homes (fences, trim, and decks) refurbished or replaced soon.

**Board's participation in 9 June's City Council meeting:** The Board's president, William Armbruster, was alerted at the last minute by another local HOA president that the Glenora Park Storm Water Management system may be voted back into their budget at the 9 June meeting. William and other concerned citizens and board members met with the City Council at their 'Drop-In' session before the meeting to express F.L.E.'s desire to have the park pond removed from the budget or made less specific. William was assured that the pond design would be removed from the budget. The F.L.E. board also assured the Council that we would be quite willing to help in finding and discussing the merits of alternative storm water runoff plans.

**Next Board meeting:** Monday June 16th, 7:30 pm, at 2411 McCormick.

**Future Board meetings:** All board meetings are open to HOA members. They will generally be once a month, less often during the summer. Committee meetings will be at the discretion of the committee chair. Contact any board member for details.

## Wood Wood Everywhere!

One of the joys of Flint Ledge Estates is the woodsy nature of it. Our wood trim, decks, and fences are in keeping with that woodsy feeling. But after nearly 20 years, the wood is beginning to show its age. This summer would be a good time to replace rotting fences and house trim and refurbish decks. It might be possi-

ble to keep the costs of this down by working together with neighbors to share a contractor. Several small jobs grouped together look more appealing—and may be cheaper—for a contractor than several individual small jobs. See below for one possible contractor.

## Homeowners' Service Providers

We want to form a list of home-oriented companies and services that community members wish to share. For example, any neighborhood kids who **babysit** or **petsit**? **Housekeepers** looking for more clients? We know of the following so far:

**Diversified Contractors, LLC**—Will provide yard work and landscaping for us starting in July, as well as being willing to provide landscaping, yard work, and other home repair for HOA members at a discounted group rate. Call (301) 670-0868 for more.