

BRIAR HILL ESTATES NEWSLETTER

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SPEEDING

SPEEDING through the sub-division is everyone's problem, not just the speeders'! I recently invited myself to an Oldham County Road Dept. Committee Meeting (April 3rd), for the expressed purpose of pleading our case in request for help to better control this problem. This committee has been asked to formulate a policy to be submitted to Fiscal Court, regarding the use of "speed bumps", "speed humps", and a new wrinkle I had thrown their way – RUMBLE-STRIPS.



In pleading our case for help (of almost any kind!), I stated the things we as a Board had considered and discussed at length. In brief, these approaches to the problem included:

1. Continually high-lighting the issue in these NEWSLETTERS.
2. We had Fiscal Court designate all the sub-division roads as 25 MPH, down from a mix which included some at 35 MPH.
3. We looked into hiring off-duty police, but quickly had to eliminate this option as it was just too cost prohibitive.
4. Made repeated requests of the Oldham County Police, however the attention they can give is fairly miniscule, as their time is needed much more desperately in other areas.
5. We have asked about the use of the "bumps" & "humps", but have received only very unfavorable response from the Road Dept. (for road maintenance considerations).
6. So now we are asking them about the use of "rumble-strips"; but as of this writing, I have not received a reply (from my appearance before them on April 3rd). I even offered to let them try the "rumble-strips" in our neighborhood to see if all the pre-

conceived negativism is fact-based or not!

So as you can see, this problem is a "tough nut to crack". Hence, it remains every resident's responsibility to keep his or her "heavy foot" off the gas pedal, particularly while driving through our child-occupied streets! Thanks ahead of time for your interest in keeping BRIAR HILL ESTATES a safe place for all children.

Bill Martz, Director of Maintenance, Board Member



LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Contracted Improvements for our Two Entrances---

Several things to be done at the entrances, to complement the work that was done last year include ---

- Extend curbing up East Orchard Grass Blvd., but at the entranceway only.
- Reconfigure the sprinkling system to reduce wasteful usage, and to better water the different areas – grass, bushes, and flowering plant areas. (primarily at the Park entrance)
- Expand the flower-planting areas at the Park entrance.
- Fabricate & install one section of railing, like those at the Park entrance, at the Shadow Creek entrance.
- Have a BellSouth junction box moved in preparation for replacing the two culvert "walls" (maybe this year or next).

Other items are in the "hopper", but funds are very limited!!



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Motorized Scooters and Go-carts



We have received a number of complaints recently from homeowners about motorized scooters and go-carts being driven in the subdivision. The Board would like to remind everyone of the Deed Restrictions regarding such vehicles.

“No motorcycle, motor bike, motor scooter, mini-bike, go-cart or any other motor driven vehicle of a similar nature shall be operated or driven off the streets of the subdivision. No such motor driven vehicle shall be operated on the streets in such a manner as to cause

a nuisance, and same shall be equipped with a lawful, suitable and efficient muffler at all times. All state, county, and local ordinances shall be observed.”

Motorized scooters and go-carts are becoming an ever increasing sight in the subdivision particularly in the evening. The noise of these vehicles is clearly creating a nuisance to homeowners and is prohibited under the Deed Restrictions. They also create a potential danger to regular traffic. Please ask all members of your household to have consideration for fellow residents and stop using such

vehicles.

Further, aside from the prohibition under the Deed Restrictions, the Board understands that, under Kentucky law, many of these motorized scooter and go-cart type vehicles are not legal to operate on streets, even if the operator is licensed. There are various penalties for breach of the applicable regulations and can include citation of the parents. If you notice motorized scooters and go-carts on the subdivision streets, please notify Oldham County Dispatch on 222 0111 to take appropriate action.

SEWER PLANT UPDATE



The Orchard Grass Hills Sewer Plant remains plagued with problems.

Several Notices of Violations (NOVs) have been issued by the Division of Water (DOW). Currently, these notices deal with the sewage not being properly cleaned to meet permit standards before being dumped back into the creek.

Recently, the Oldham County Sewer Department released its long range plan for all of Oldham County. This plan, called the 201 Facilities Plan, states that the long-term goals are to be able to serve new developments, decommission the older sewer treatment package plants and offer service to homes/businesses who do not currently have county sewer access.

The sewer department recognizes that outdated package treatment plants, such as the one serving our neighborhood, need attention and

should be decommissioned. However, due to budget constraints, all projects throughout Oldham County must be prioritized. According to the long-range plan, decommissioning the Orchard Grass Hills Sewer Plant falls into the 11–20 year probable range.

In the short-term, the sewer department is proposing a \$75,000 budget item for the upcoming fiscal year to use towards mitigating the open NOVs at the Orchard Grass Hills Plant. According to a sewer board member, this money would be used to utilize an additional tank on site to provide more thorough treatment of the sewage inflow. It is hoped that after establishing an effective track record with the DOW, the state might grant additional capacity in order to accommodate development that may take place over the next 11-20 years. This process could take 9-12 months. The DOW may want to see another 6-12 month track record before granting any additional capacity.

Meanwhile, a properly functioning sewer plant should not smell bad. If

you notice a sewer “odor” please call the Division of Water and file a complaint. You may call Sally Barclay in Frankfort at 502-564-3410 x461 or Charlie Roth 429-7122 (local inspector). According to the DOW, a complaint should be made each day that the smell is noted.

Please contact Diane Nelson (742-4026) if you have any questions.

** Thanks to Diane for this newsletter piece and for her continued work on this serious issue.*

DIRECTORY

The long awaited Briar Hill directory is Completed and going to the printer. They should be distributed in late May or early June. A big thank you to Sandy Martz, Janice Koleda, and Kathy Pfeifer for the work they did to make this happen!

