

Fox & Downs Connection

Annual Meeting Edition

Meet your board

The Bedford Downs Homes Association is pleased to announce the names of five residents elected to its board of directors at the annual meeting held Jan. 27.

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What's happening around the block

- Feb 4 - Super Bowl
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 19 - Board meeting

Richer by fifty...



Michaela Ballou, on the left, congratulates the two lucky \$50 drawing winners, Tim Deves and Patty Lang. The cash drawing was held at the recent homes association meeting.

Year-End Achievements Reviewed

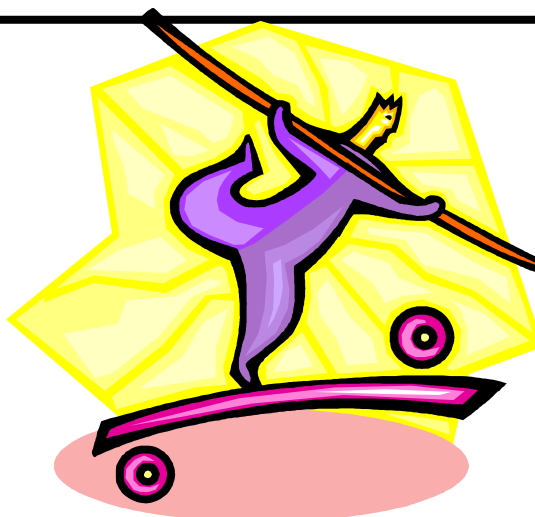
Foxfield, Foxfield Estates and Bedford Downs residents gathered Jan. 27 for their annual

homes association meeting held at the Pleasant Ridge Elementary School. About 10 percent of our

households attended, either in person or by proxy. Board president Julie Burgess

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2007 Budget Approved



Residents approved the 2007 budget for \$72,520, presented by board Treasurer Michaela Ballou.

Of the budgeted amount, grounds maintenance is expected to take a lion's share at \$32,346. Pool maintenance is expected to come in at

\$21,185.

And \$13,628 was budgeted for administration costs, while utilities rounded out the expenses at \$5,360.

The association gratefully acknowledges its volunteers, who are fundamental to keeping administration costs low.

Without our volunteer board members and committee members, the HOA would have to contract a management company to handle the association's business and financial affairs.

Thanks to Michaela for taking on the task of keeping our books balanced, and kudos to our other volunteers for all their dollar-saving

Holiday decoration concerns

At the annual meeting, some residents expressed concern about the new holiday decorations.

Stringing lights throughout the trees on the entrance islands, as had been done in the years past, continues to be the decoration of

choice over the artificial illuminated trees installed for the first

time in December. Board members explained the necessary change. The trees' growing size played an im-

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lights, and later remove them, without causing damage.

Another major factor was the availability of vol-

unteers. Simply, the man-hours required to properly string lights through the trees and remove them exceeded the volunteers available to do the work.

As always, if a resident has a concern, or would like to volunteer, the board welcomes your input.

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Fond Farewell and...

With this year's board election, our HOA board is losing three hardworking, diligent members: Julie Burgess, Sharon McEnroe and Tim Deves.

All three served a two-year term on the board.

Tim provided unwavering support and assistance in all board

projects.

Julie, who served as the 2006 board president, led and organized the board to accomplish many achievements this past year.

Sharon undertook the social and pool chairperson roles, either one a daunting task let alone both at the same time. Among other social events,

Sharon spearheaded the winter sleigh ride held in December.

These three people will be missed on the board. Under their guidance and through their steadfast support, our HOA enjoyed a can-do mission, achieving goals and mak-



ing our neighborhood a better place to live.

Thank you, Julie, Tim and Sharon! We appreciate your hard

New board members

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Patty Lang, Leon Septh and Sheri Teaford join the board as new members.

Brad Knox and Otis Sanders

were re-elected to serve a recurring term. Otis will be serving his third term on the board, and Brad will be serving his second.

The newly elected board mem-

bers join Michaela Ballou, Joel Weidner, Kevin Morris, Judy Stewart and Teresa Brown, who are all serving the second year of their current term.

The 10 board members are elected to serve a staggered

two-year term, with an election for five members held every year at the annual association meeting.

Contact any board member online at www.BedfordDownsHomes.com.

HOA achievements in review

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discussed some of the major achievements the HOA has realized this past year.

In addition to the monument sign entrance con-

structed last year, other achievements were:

- Completely rewiring both HOA entrances (Rosehill Road and Gillette)
- Distributing a comprehensive, three-ring binder resident directory

- Two garage sales, fall picnic and the overwhelmingly popular sleigh ride
- New holiday decorations at the Gillette and Rosehill entrances
- New storage facility
- Subdivision and announcement board signs (to be in-

- stalled when weather permits)
- Completed pool repairs
- Launch of the HOA Web site and online access to all HOA-related documents
- Fox & Downs Connection's migration from paper to e-mail dis-

PET PARADE



Meet Bugs! The top cat in Kevin and Carol Morris' household. Bugs gets his name from one of his favorite "pastimes," or more accurately, his favorite snack.



Let's show off your pet! Enter your furry (finned, feathered or whatever) friend in our parade. E-mail a photo, along with your pet's name to newsletter@bedforddownshomes.com.

Putting a stop to vandals

At the annual meeting, neighbors brought up an important concern, discussing the community's ongoing problem of vandalism and careless or speeding drivers.

One resident recalled seeing teen-age kids speeding through the streets at night with the car's headlights off; homes have been targeted by vandals and damaged from being egged and/or toilet papered.

Most residents agree the police are ineffective in vandalism prevention. However, some suggested communication and awareness may help avert these problems.

Some type of incident-reporting system and alert was suggested.

The issue is being discussed and a committee will be organizing to explore ideas and solutions.

If you want to be a part of the solution, let us know. E-

Landscaping contract awarded

Aspen Lawn Care was awarded the contract for grounds maintenance at the HOA board's January meeting.

Aspen came highly recommended with a lengthy list of references.

In addition to weekly lawn maintenance,



Aspen will handle our flower bed plantings, grass fer-