



WALTON'S MOUNTAIN NEWSLETTER

Walton's Mountain Homeowners Association
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The Vote is in for the Video Monitoring System

Mountain lot owners have voted overwhelmingly for the additional security a video system would provide. The vote numbers are as follows:

Yes 63
No 17

Total votes 80 (of 102). The required quorum was 52.

About a third of the no votes came from builders and investors.

The next step is to collect the \$225 assessment for each lot so we can do the installation. Invoices will be sent out by U.S. Mail within a few days. It is very important that checks for each of the 102 lots be returned quickly so we can get started. We will make that process as easy as possible.

None of us like assessments but when they are necessary to satisfy a need that affects us all, and after a fair vote, the wishes of the majority affect everyone equally.

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President's Note

It has been nearly a year since the new Board was elected by you. We have taken care of the general business and developed processes to streamline the management of it. There were several surprises like the crime issue and resultant design of a video security system plus storm damage to the common area. The new Board has had many meetings and have become good working friends. We have also had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with many of the mountain residents. The people up here are wonderful.

I have a wish for our Mountain community that we will become second to none in having an upscale and pristine environment. It will not be that hard if we develop habits that keep our streets clean, our trash out of sight until pickup day and our landscaping absolutely perfect. We have made progress toward that goal in cleaning up common areas and vacant lots that haven't been touched since the mountain was cleared. But individually, some have a ways to go to get personal landscaping and debris under control.

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Social Event on May 7

Please remember the Spring Social on Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 PM in the Colewood cul-de-sac. This is a family event. There will be activities for the kids and mingling opportunities for the adults. The Social Committee has sent a flyer detailing what attendees should bring. BBQ will be provided. An RSVP is needed by May 4 to Kim Holland
kimberly.holland@comcast.net

Dark Houses

At night there are many homes that are completely dark inside in the evening. It is recommended that residents keep a few lights on so the house looks occupied, whether it is or not. In addition, it is a good idea to have some lights on timers when you are on vacation. Timers can do the whole job for you

Vacant Lot Owners

The grass and weeds are growing again. It would be appreciated if you would keep the front of your lots cut, edged and clean. Your neighbors sometimes do it for you out of frustration but it is your responsibility to keep your vacant lot looking nice.

Standard Neighborly Gestures

Drive slowly on neighborhood streets, avoid parking cars on the streets unnecessarily, put all your cars in the garage with the garage doors down, control your dogs

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2009 Annual Dues

The 2009 Annual Dues cycle is complete. Thanks go to the vast majority who sent in their checks quickly. Those who were not so quick caused the Board a lot of unpleasant phone calls and letters. That is the down side of being a neighborhood volunteer.

2009 Annual Meeting

A date for the meeting has not been nailed down yet. We will get notices out when a date is established. Everyone is encouraged to attend. There will be a summary of last year's accomplishments, a detailed look at what

is coming, a review of the WMHA finances and time for Q&A.

Home Security System Registration

Did you know that home security systems that call the police when triggered must be registered with the City? Normally the security system installer does this but if not, it is your responsibility to get it done. If your system is registered, you will have a small permit sticker with a registration number somewhere near your front door. There are stiff fines if police answer calls from unregistered systems. If your system is not registered, call your alarm company to get it done. If they won't help, call the HPD Alarm Unit at 427-5621 for the required forms.

Huntsville Utilities Lots

Landscape work was started on the 2 Power Station lots on Ashe and the Water Tower lot on Springhouse but was abruptly stopped when it became apparent they were not doing what was previously agreed. We met with their management and asked them to get the proper instructions to the workers and they are now doing that. We expect work will resume soon.



Dwayne Duke meets with Huntsville Utilities Managers in January

Work started and then stopped



KEEP OUR MOUNTAIN PRISTINE

Here are the rules we should live by to make our mountain the most upscale place to live and make our residences look nice for neighbors, guests and the Sunday-after-church looky-loos.

Lawns

- Cut weekly – clippings kept out of street and gutter
- Sharply edged
- Weed free
- Watered regularly
- Hoses out of sight
- Bushes trimmed
- Weeds in gutter cracks removed

Bushes and Beds

- Bushes trimmed regularly
- Beds weed free
- Beds mulched and edged
- Trees shaped
- Watered regularly
- Dead material replaced
- Vegetable gardens in back out of sight

Landscape Lights

- Consistent wired incandescent light fixtures
- Properly maintained

Trash (mostly City Rules)

- Roll cans and recycle boxes out Sunday evening
- Cans and boxes back in by Monday evening or earlier
- Bags and cuttings ON CURB Sunday evening, not earlier
- Clean up remnants Monday
- Don't let stuff blow out of the recycle box

Cars

- In the garage
- Garage door down most of the time
- No storage and junk on driveways

Toys and Equipment

- In the back yard out of sight

Vacant Lots

- Frontsides kept cut and trimmed to treeline

Help protect our property values

Security Awareness

The level of awareness about home security has risen considerably with the home and car burglaries that occurred recently. Most residents are using their alarm systems regularly. The networking among residents has been commendable as possible intruders are spotted and

neighbors and police called. Hopefully the crooks are beginning to understand this is an unprofitable place for them to visit. Keep up the vigilance!!!

WMHA Directory

A revised directory will be sent out soon.

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Remember winter?



Mailapur's house on a frigid winter morning with frost on the roof..... in spite of the early morning sun



Same house with big snowflakes falling

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We had a Holiday Party for the Adults.....

The Social Committee was Busy



....and a Caroling Party for the Klds



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Spring Arrives on the Mountain



Bob and Diane Noel's house is ready for Spring. It is a model for neat and clean landscaping.



Joyce Neighbors' azaleas are magnificent

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Spring Fixup in the Common Areas



Bushes were trimmed



Drainage behind Airport Road berm was improved and berm repaired



Beds were mulched. New annuals will be planted soon



Power tower brush was removed

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We had some bad weather



Trees blew down – Brooks' house



A drain was overwhelmed and plugged



Another tree down at Deason's.
Other neighbors also lost trees

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