



THE SHANNON VALLEY VOICE

Winter 2006 - 2007

A Message From The President

Season's Greetings!

Special thanks to everyone who helped with a variety of recent activities, including preparation and distribution of our Annual Directory, Neighborhood Service Day, Octoberfest on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon, and our Annual Meeting.

We are again especially pleased with the wonderful efforts of the block captains and others in coordinating the holiday decorations, especially along Grant Street, Grandview Street, and 114th Street. These efforts help present a cohesive community atmosphere, as well as provide an opportunity for us to get to know each other a little better. The holiday decorations also help remind me of the purpose of the season, and to slow down and enjoy the many gifts for which we are blest. Let's continue this trend!

I would also like to thank our retired board members, Vern Koeppen and Robert Lee. Each of them spent countless hours making our neighborhood better, including maintenance and many other activities. Both have indicated they would remain active in neighborhood activities in 2007. We also appreciate the efforts of our Activities Chair, Linda Nease, who has been active in the Association for many years. I would encourage you to let them know you appreciate their service.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our new board members, Lori Kueker and Mike Starke. Lori has done a wonderful job coordinating our Block Captain program and was responsible for the wonderfully successful Deck Crawl last summer. Mike is committed to improving Shannon Valley and has some good ideas in that regard.

We want to continue to broaden the number of members active in our Association. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve on the Board with returning Board Members Troy Russell (Treasurer) and Brian Miles. I would like to personally extend my gratification to every member who contributed to our neighborhood and neighborhood activities this year.

Please have a safe and joyous Holiday Season!

Tim Elliott
President

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Newly elected board members, Lori Kueker and Mike Starke have joined Troy Russell, Brian Miles, and Tim Elliott, for Shannon Valley's 2007 Board of Directors.

The following persons were nominated and elected at our December board meeting as the officers of our Association for 2007:

President, Tim Elliott
Vice President, Brian Miles
Secretary/Treasurer, Troy Russell
Grounds Maintenance, Vern Koeppen
Communications, Dave Eslinger
Social/Activities Coordinator, Vacant
Block Captain Coordinator, Lori Kueker
Administrative Assistant, Kathy Ulm

We have many others who are serving Shannon Valley, and everyone is welcome to participate in some way.

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<http://www.shannonvalley.org/>

TRASH SERVICE

As indicated at the Annual Meeting and in the dues notices, our trash removal service will go to one time per week, usually on Mondays, starting in January of 2007.

Deffenbaugh is moving all their subdivisions to once per week. We were one of the last to be moved. They originally want to make the change in September, but we negotiated it to next year. The rate quoted in the billing reflects the new rates, which were also negotiated lower than Deffenbaugh originally quoted. We were advised that increased fuel costs were causing rates to increase. Most of the expense is attributable to the disposal costs, which will not change. Our rate has been significantly lower than other subdivisions, and continues to be very favorable.

We tried to resist this change, but it was not something we could control. We appreciate your understanding of this change.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2006 INCOME STATEMENT

	12/31/06 YTD Forecast	2006 Budget
Income		
Current Annual Dues	\$ 54,292	\$ 51,081
Garbage Fees	\$ 56,508	\$ 60,319
SubTotal	\$ 110,800	\$ 111,400
Past Dues/Late Fees/Interest	\$ 2,971	\$ 1,900
Interest - Money Market	\$ 2,872	\$ 1,200
Other Income	\$ 348	\$ 150
Total Income	\$ 116,991	\$ 114,650
Expense		
Contract Labor	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Garbage Contract	\$ 60,865	\$ 60,861
Landscape Contract	\$ 21,722	\$ 19,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,002	\$ 2,000
Storage Locker Rental	\$ 1,560	\$ 780
Utilities	\$ 4,604	\$ 3,500
Meetings	\$ 628	\$ 750
CERT		\$ 750
Social Fund	\$ 1,925	\$ 2,000
Garage Sale Expense		\$ 50
Insurance	\$ 3,820	\$ 5,500
Legal	\$ 174	\$ 100
Licenses/Fees	\$ 459	\$ 400
Taxes	\$ 54	\$ 600
Miscellaneous	\$ 181	\$ 200
Office Supplies	\$ 118	\$ 50
Postage	\$ 933	\$ 800
Printing - Newsletter / Directory	\$ 2,142	\$ 1,600
Expenses before Capital Reserve	\$ 103,786	\$ 102,541
Capital Improvements Reserve	\$ 13,205	\$ 12,109
Total Expenses	\$ 116,991	\$ 114,650
Net Income	\$ 13,205	\$ -

THE HOME IMPROVEMENT CORNER

This new section of the Shannon Valley newsletter will offer valuable tips on maintaining and improving your home. This newsletter's article provides tips to help you select the right replacement windows and doors for your home.

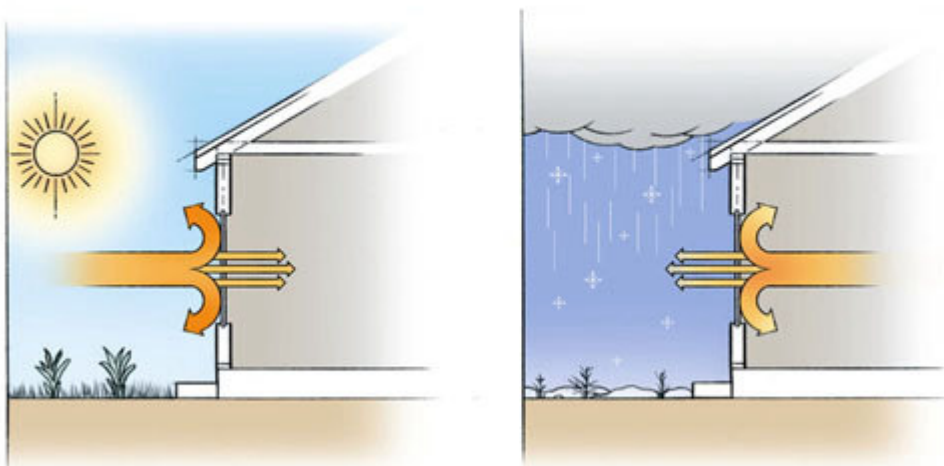
Sunblock for Your Home:

Unseen Benefits of Energy Efficient Windows and Doors

Most homeowners know that upgrading windows and doors can help them save money and conserve energy. However, a lesser-known benefit of energy efficient windows and doors is their proven resistance to harmful UV rays. For example, windows and doors with Low-E glass block most UV rays - the invisible part of the spectrum that causes premature fading of furnishings and is linked to health hazards like skin cancer. That's because the coating on Low-E glass both absorbs heat and reflects the sun's light back into the outdoors.

For the ultimate in UV protection and energy efficiency, windows with laminated glass can block almost all harmful UV rays. Laminated glass has an interlayer sandwiched between two window panes. This gives windows the strength needed to stand up to impacts caused by storms, and it also filters the sun's light, admitting the desirable, visible spectrum and blocking harmful, invisible UV rays.

"Homeowners are becoming increasingly sensitive to interior fading and wear and tear," said Brian Hedlund, product marketing manager for JELD-WEN windows. "It's not only because they want to keep the carpet and drapes from fading, but also because UV exposure is perceived as an increasing health hazard."



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While UV resistance is a valuable collateral benefit of energy efficient windows and doors, there are practical benefits too. Savings for a typical home from replacing single-pane with Energy Star qualified windows ranges from \$125 to \$340 a year, depending on the region, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

For homeowners and builders, here are a few basic tips for selecting energy efficient windows and doors.

- Consider upgrading outdated windows and doors. Replace older single-pane windows with dual-pane units, which insulate the home from both hot and cold weather. Using both Low-E and insulating glass will reduce home energy costs.
- Make Low-E glass a must-have. That's because Low-E glass on windows, door transoms and sidelights controls solar heat gain - a major contributor to air-conditioning costs. Low-E glass can also protect against heat loss in the winter.
- Don't overlook the role of doors in contributing to energy efficiency. Choose doors with energy efficient cores and sills, and frames that provide a barrier to energy exchange.
- Focus on efficiency, not bells and whistles. Window manufacturers achieve efficiency in different ways, from Low-E glass to argon gas-filled insulating glass. The bottom line is to make sure the products are tested and rated for efficiency using industry standards, no matter what technology is employed. Look for the Energy Star label appropriate for your region.

This article is reprinted from the Handyman Matters Residential Newsletter, and contributed by Brian Miles, owner and operator of the local Handyman Matters franchise.

TENTATIVE 2007 SVHA SOCIAL SCHEDULE

Below is the tentative schedule for Social Activities for 2007:

EASTER EGG HUNT	March 31, 2007
GOLF TOURNAMENT	June 9, 2007
FOURTH OF JULY PARADE	July 4, 2007
GARAGE SALE	September 6,7,8, 2007
ANNUAL MEETING	November 13, 2007

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