

# Tall Trees of Barrington Homeowners Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Annual Association Meeting

### Home Values, Common Area Improvements, Board Election



Are you interested in improving your home's resale value? If so, please plan on attending the Annual Homeowners Association meeting December 12 at 7:00 PM at the Barrington Library. We will be discussing a number of ways to improve home values. The fence committee will report its findings and recommendations. The entranceway renovation will be discussed, annual budgets presented and a new board member will be elected. A formal

agenda will be posted on the web site at [www.talltreesofbarrington.org](http://www.talltreesofbarrington.org) prior to the meeting. If you have a proposed agenda item please e-mail it to [admin@talltreesofbarrington.org](mailto:admin@talltreesofbarrington.org).

### Walking Path

The votes have been tallied for the Listharke path initiative and neighborhood voted overwhelmingly to install the walking path. Participation was outstanding with 47 out of 56 homes submitting ballots. The following table summarizes the voting activity:

	For	Against	Abstain	Total
<b>Voting Total</b>	40	6	1	47
<b>Percentage of Total</b>				
<b>Votes</b>	85%	11%	2%	100%



Based on the vote, the board approved the measure and the path will be built next spring in cooperation with the Village of Barrington and the Listharke community.

### Board Position Open

Kathy Lurz has announced that she will be stepping down from the board this year. The board thanks Kathy for her long service and will miss her help. The Association is seeking a 5<sup>th</sup> member to serve. Interested persons should contact Mike Fitzgerald or Rich Quattrocchi. If multiple candidates volunteer we will hold a vote at the annual meeting to fill the position. Board members serve 2 year terms.



## Tall Trees Neighborhood Real Estate Review

The board has asked a local real estate agent familiar with Barrington Home values to review the neighborhood and make some suggestions on how we might improve home values. She presented her findings at the Special Meeting in September and here is a list of some her suggestions:

- The neighborhood entranceways could use a makeover. Since these are the “Gateways” to the community, they should be freshened up by adding some new and colorful landscaping.
- Also consider adding more lighting to the center islands.
- Consider raising the signs a little higher.
- Some of the homes in Tall Trees are getting a little overgrown with landscaping. Each homeowner should take a good look at their home from the street and imagine how it would appear in a photograph in a sales listing. If trees and shrubs are obscuring the view of the house from the street, consider trimming back or removing overgrown foliage.
- Some homes are looking “tired”. If your home has wood siding or trim and it is rotting or peeling, it may be time to consider painting or residing your home.
- Trash containers and discarded items in plain view detract from neighborhood appearance and negatively impact home values. Garbage cans and discarded items should not be visible from the street.

The board has hired a landscape architect to make recommendations improving the entranceways and upgrading the neighborhood image. We will have drawings available at the upcoming annual meeting.

## Fence Committee

At our September meeting, we discussed ways to improve our home values and neighborhood appearance. A committee has been formed to study the fence issue and present options for the membership to consider at the December meeting.

## Board Positions

The following board positions were decided at the September board meeting:

Rich Quattrocchi	President
Mike Fitzgerald	Vice President
Kathy Lurz	Secretary
Ed Oehler	Treasurer
Joe Daddino	Member At Large

## Upcoming Social Events

There will be no Oktoberfest this year. The Tall Trees Road Rally is scheduled for October 27. Please visit the web site at [www.talltreesofbarrington.org](http://www.talltreesofbarrington.org) for a list of all upcoming social events and contact.