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PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER

In the last edition of this newsletter, our feature article was entitled Traffic Safety in Our Neighborhood. It featured a picture of a traffic sign, which reads: Keep Kids Alive Drive 25!

The Association appreciates all of our members who observe the posted speed limit, especially those members who travel slowly enough to avoid hitting the children travelling the streets on their motorized scooters.

One member had a harrowing experience, narrowly missing a child. She wrote to us and we are printing her letter in it's entirety in the hopes our community will respond by

keeping their kid off the streets.

She writes: "I've recently seen three (3) young boys on those scooters that look like a skateboard with handlebars and a motor, essentially motor scooters. They looked about 6-9 years old. They were out in the street. This is extremely dangerous.



A dog jumped out in front of me. I wrecked and about rubbed the end off my nose. I also slid under the back of a car.

"Motorists tend to not see motorcyclists of any size, but

these kids are even less visible. Something that even they are not expecting is someone backing out of their driveway. I was almost hit about 5 years ago this way. No one wants to see a kid get hurt. And, the motorist that hits one of these kids will have a substantial legal responsibility, in addition to just feeling horrible about the accident.

"But, the parents that let their kids out on the street, and who are providing the means for them to be out on the street, have the same or greater responsibility. In fact, they are the guilty ones. The kids are relatively innocent. And, it's not just the motor scooters. I have also seen go-carts and ATV vehicles on the

PRESIDENT'S PEN

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Autumn Ridge web site. The address is www.autumnridge.org.

Just below the title on the home page are a number of links that are of interest to homeowners in the subdivision. They are: home, newsletter, events, directory, deed restrictions, bylaws, map, weather, and links.

The "newsletter" link will bring up a listing of past newsletters in case you would like to check a previous article.

"Events" shows a calendar and a list of coming events of interest to homeowners. If

you wish to have an event added to the list that would be of interest to residents in the area, just click on the "request" on the left side of the page to e-mail your suggestion.

The "deed restrictions" button takes you to a page that lists the streets in the subdivision. Click on your street and then click on the address range that includes your residence and you are able to access the deed restriction. At the end of the deed restriction list, you will find the link: "amendments." These are two amendments that apply to all deed restrictions. The first, amending paragraphs 4 and 5, have to do with some

housekeeping changes to the deed restrictions. The second, amending paragraph 12, pertains to fence restrictions.

Next in the list, under "by-laws," are the Articles of Incorporation of the association. Also, listed here, are the restated articles and the amendment to the restated articles.

Clicking on the "map" link is mostly for visitors to our site that do not live in the area.

The "weather" link gives a quick link to the weather forecast or a weather map of the area. You also may look up the weather for another city by entering the city and state in the form below the local weather

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street since I've been here.

"We've all got to exercise caution as motorists, but the parents have got to keep the kids off the streets in any type of motorized vehicle. In fact, it's not legal to have these types of vehicles on the street. If you don't believe me, check for yourself. Call the police. They will tell you unlicensed motorized vehicles are not allowed on public streets

"I'd like to see some kind of article in the newsletter, with an admonition to the parents about their responsibility. I want it to warn all of us motorists of their potential presence. No one wants to see a child hurt!

Well, here is the article. We hope your admonition does the job.

As always, the Association encourages our homeowners to drive cautiously. Please obey all traffic signs and speed limits.

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Please welcome Brian S. Ramsey to the Board. Brian, who recently purchased his home in Autumn Ridge, lives at 1140 Winter Haven Way. His number is 263-3782.

Brian replaces outgoing Board member Mark Schmutte. Mark resigned when he moved from the neighborhood.

Brian says "I am interested in serving on the board of the ARHA or in whatever capacity that is needed."

Brian is from Winchester, KY native. He graduated from George Rogers Clark HS and attended the University of KY. Brian received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree

from UK. He tells us his undergrad major was in Management and his grad school concentration was in Finance.

Brian is currently the Director – Gas Supply and Transportation at Delta Natural Gas Company in Winchester, KY. He has been with Delta for 19 years.

On a personal note, Brian's hobbies include UK sports, reading, cooking, house renovations and any outdoor activities.

The Board of Directors looks forward to working with Brian and wishes, on behalf of the community, to welcome him to Autumn Ridge and to the Board.

Autumn Ridge Crime Report

We visited <http://crimewatch.lfucg.com>. We selected all criminal calls for the past three months. We are excited to report there were no calls to the police. We hope this means there were no crimes in Autumn Ridge during this period.

We encourage members to contact the police to report problems, no matter how insignificant the problem may seem. This means calling the police to report noise violations, such as barking dogs or late night parties. This means

calling the police to report suspicious behavior, such as vehicles parking on the street for long periods of time with the occupants not leaving the car. This means getting to know your neighbors and looking out for them when they are away at work or on vacation.

We encourage our homeowners to be alert and aware of what is happening next door and on your street. Don't hesitate to call the police if you feel something isn't right, it probably isn't. Trust your instincts. Call the Police!

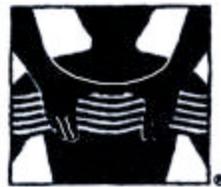
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links.

The last link "links," gives you quick access to various Fayette County, state, schools, and other sites of interest. Two sites of special interest are the "Lexington Good Neighbor" guide and the "Lexington Citizens Answer Book." You may suggest additions to this list by clicking on "e-mail" on the left side of the page.

We will, of course, make additions and corrections to the site and we welcome your suggestions. One addition to come soon will be a "fence application form" to standardize the fence application process. Although many have moved here to enjoy the openness of the area, there are some who have need of a fence for one reason or another.

We have tried to make the ARHA web site attractive, as well as useful, to the residents of Autumn Ridge and hope that we have succeeded in this effort.

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CALL FOR PETITION ASSISTANCE ! A RESPONSE IS NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 29TH

Some of you may recall our plea for assistance regarding traffic safety issues in our neighborhood in last fall's newsletter. It was determined by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Traffic Engineering in a study last year that over 2,000 vehicles travel Autumn Ridge Drive every day. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour but a huge majority of these drivers exceed the speed limit.

Many of you have expressed concern that it is perilous to turn onto Indian Summer from Autumn Ridge and vice versa. Turning left onto Indian Summer can be a challenge as you dodge the cars exceeding the speed limit on Autumn Ridge. You experience the same trying to turn onto Autumn Ridge from Indian Summer with an added disadvantage of crooning your neck to see around the curves. Those of you using Indian Summer know how irritating this can be.

There is still quite a lot of interest in adding a 4-way stop at the intersection of Indian Summer

and Autumn Ridge. We would like to thank Bill Hughes, Pernie Jennings and Wayne Earleywine for their assistance in gathering signatures on petitions. Unfortunately, we were not able to find enough people at home during the times we were gathering signatures and with cold weather approaching, we postponed any further action.

HOWEVER, we now have decided to take a different path in gathering petition signatures and would like to ask for everyone's assistance in this endeavor.

If you are interested in slowing down the traffic and making this intersection safer for all concerned, then please sign the petition to have a 4 way stop installed. Our deadline date is February 29th as we must submit the signatures to our city councilman on March 1st. You may give us your signature in 1 of 2 ways:

1. Go to www.autumnridge.org and fill in the petition blanks and click on

SUBMIT. This will email us at the Autumn Ridge Homeowners Association letting us know that you are agreeable to having additional stop signs installed.

2. Fill out the form attached and either mail it to P O Box 54812, Lexington, KY 40555-4812 or drop it off in the basket on the porch at the home of Jo and Charles Sutherland, 1125 Autumn Ridge Drive (across from Pleasant Ridge Drive).

There is another advantage to gathering petitions by email. When you submit your petition from the website, we will be acquiring your email addresses and asking if this is a suitable way for us to communicate with you in the future. If your answer is

“yes,” then we will keep your email on file to alert you of any urgent issues in the neighborhood such as vandalism, etc. However, your email address will not be shared with anyone other than the ARHA Board and Property Manager.

Please help us make our neighborhood a safer environment for our children, walkers and pets by giving us your signature on the stop sign petition. If you have any questions, please call Jo Sutherland at 263-2769.

<p>I (an Autumn Ridge Homeowner) desire a 4-way stop at the intersection of Indian Summer Trail and Autumn Ridge Drive.</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone number _____</p> <p>Comments _____</p>
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PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

We want to begin by thanking the community for the opportunity to serve as your management company and wishing all homeowners a prosperous and safe New Year.

This past spring and summer, we spent a considerable amount of time and money clearing ice storm debris from the park and the stream, which runs from the park to Todd's Road, behind Deer Crossing.

The cost of the clean-up

during 2003 was \$3,475.00. We plan to inspect the streams again in 2004 after the spring weather. Homeowners who live near these streams can call our office to report blockages.

We want to ask homeowners, who live next to these streams, not stack or pile wood near the stream bank. The wood can end up in the stream during heavy rainfall, when the stream floods.

On another matter, please

remember that fences must be approved by the Board of Directors before construction. We are experiencing difficulty with two homeowners, who constructed fences without approval and which violate the restrictions. We may need to resort to legal action to bring them into compliance. Please remember free-standing structures, such as sheds or detached buildings, are also restricted.

Please contact my office prior to starting any construction projects, such as building a fence or an addition to the home. Please do not place yourself in a bind. Ask first. Insure you have a copy of and have read and understand your restrictions. Please contact my office if you need a hard copy or visit the Association website to view them on-line.

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Announcements

Annual and Board Meetings

The schedule of Board of Directors meetings for 2004 is March 2, May 4, July 6, September 7, and October 26.

The Annual Meeting of the general membership is scheduled for June 8, 2004. The Association will mail advance notice of the meeting place and time.

These meetings are held, typically, in the Republic Bank community room. The bank is located in the Brighton Shoppes. The meetings start at 7:00 PM.

Any member, who wants to attend the meetings, is welcome. Please contact the property manager, Edwin Gibson, to verify the date, time, and place of the meeting. On occasion, the meetings are rescheduled.

Leaf Collection

Autumn Ridge is not scheduled for leaf pick-up until the end of December or the first part of January. Home owners may want to use the yard waste bags that are provided by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. Coupons are available for the bags in the newsletter which was recently mailed by the Division of Solid Waste. Or you can call LexCall at 425-2255 and request coupons. You can also use your Lenny yard waste can for leaves. If you do not wish to bag your leaves, rake them to your tree lawn. Do not rake them on to the street. By raking them on to the streets they can be washed into the storm sewers and causing them to become clogged.

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