

## ARMOUR HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting  
November 17, 2005

President Peter Egan called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. and welcomed the 32 residents who attended the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. Pete introduced the board members and then re-capped the past year's activities, pointing out that the Ice Cream Social was a major success. The wading pool was open this year but we do not know what will happen next year. Pete also said that crime was down this year. We had 25 incidents in 2004 and as of September 30, 2005, we have only had 15 incidents.

He also reminded everyone that we now have weekly re-cycling and that there will be a special yard waste pick-up on December 12 with a limit of 15 bags. The judging of our annual holiday lighting contest will be done on December 18. Kate Carr will again coordinate this. Pete then turned the meeting over to Mel Solomon.

Mel expressed his pleasure in having served on the Board for the past 16 years with such dedicated people as Maya Coopersmith, who has been on the Board for 23 years, and who has taken such good care of our parks and islands. Margaret Taylor has served as treasurer since joining the Board in 1990 and Pete Egan, who has been on the Board for almost six years and who has worked tirelessly to improve Arbor Villa Park.

Mel said the next order of business was election of two board members. Mel said that Steve Parker is an attorney and has been Chairman of our Code Enforcement Committee since 2002. He was appointed to the Board in 2003 and is willing to stand for re-election tonight. Patrick Carr has served as Chairman of our Crime Prevention and Community Awareness Committee since 2003. He was appointed to the board in 2005 to fill the balance of a term created when another board member relocated out of town. He, too, is willing to stand for re-election tonight. Mel then asked those in favor of electing Steve and Patrick to another 3-year term so signify by raising their hands. Everyone did and Steve and Patrick were unanimously elected.

Mel called everyone's attention to the sign-up sheet on the table and said we are trying to stimulate interest in serving on a committee as a stepping-stone to becoming a board member. Steve Parker has graciously offered to host an informal meeting after the first of the year where you can learn more about what we do and what it takes to keep your homes association running. While we like input from younger homeowners, we know retirees have made invaluable contributions as well as having the time. Mel asked everyone to consider attending the special meeting at Steve's home.

Mel then turned the meeting over to Margaret Taylor. Margaret called everyone's attention to the third page of the agenda, which contained the proposed budget for 2006. Margaret said this was almost exactly the same as 2005 with the exception that we are now earning a little more interest on our bank accounts. No one had any questions about the budget and it was unanimously approved.

Pete Egan then introduced Michael Schumann, Vice President Finance & Development for the YMCA. Mr. Schumann told everyone that the new Cleaver Family YMCA is coming to 70<sup>th</sup> & Troost in the Spring of 2006. This will be a 30,000 sq. ft. building. There will be an indoor pool and outside spray park, water exercises and swim lessons, state of the art training equipment, youth and teen center, computer lab, after school programs, tutoring and mentoring as well as volunteer opportunities. The building will also be available for neighborhood meetings.

In response to some questions, he said that the dues have not been set but would probably be about \$74 per month for a family membership and \$40 for individuals. He said they were committed to turning no individual away because of inability to pay fees. Based on dues, the YMCA will provide financial assistance to those in need. In response to another question, he said that members would be allowed to bring outside guests for a small fee. Fee has not yet been established.

Mr. Schumann finished up by saying that they were glad to be in the area and looked forward to working with the neighborhoods.

Pete said the next order on the agenda was awarding the first Neighbor-of-the-Year Award. He said he was particularly happy to present this award to his good friend and neighbor—Sam Beckett. Sam converted the pocket park in back of his house into sandlot baseball. Every Monday evening between 35 and 40 children show up to play—everyone gets a turn at bat. Sam has now started flag football for the kids. Sam is also a great neighbor—when his neighbor's front yard was dug up because of a plumbing problem, Sam tilled and planted it for her. Pete then presented the first Neighbor-of-the-Year to Sam and thanked him for all he has done for our neighborhood.

Pete then asked Patrick Carr to talk about the house-numbering program and crime prevention. Patrick explained that the police department had asked our help in making residents aware of the importance of visible house numbers. Armour Hills has a complicated system of house numbering and the Police and Fire Departments have trouble responding to calls because they can't locate an address. Patrick said he had completed a survey and those residents whose numbers are missing or not visible will be so advised. Patrick also said "Neighborhood Block Watch" signs are available for any blocks who need one. Patrick asked the audience if they knew what the single largest incident of crime occurred in November-December. It was car theft—caused by people warming up their cars while they were in the house.

Pete adjourned the meeting by inviting everyone to stay for refreshments