

**VINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER
September, 2008**

VCA MEETINGS

Unfortunately, the VCA Board did not consult Mother Nature when scheduling a meeting for August 18. Fay interrupted those plans, and it was necessary to cancel the meeting. The next VCA meetings will be Sept. 15 at 8:00 a.m. and Oct. 27 at 9:00.

Joe Houghtalen of Fairway Bend has been appointed to fill the remainder of Gladys Beron's term.

PERIMETER LIGHTING

Sometime in the near future residents of the Vines will be receiving a survey letter regarding the perimeter lighting project. You will be asked to rate the various options for improving the lighting. Although this is not a vote, the VCA Board will make the final decision based upon this survey and other factors.

RAILROAD

The new crossing was completed in July, and everyone agrees the railroad did a very good job. When they repaired the crossing the railroad put into place all the necessary improvements to make the installation of a gate relatively simple for them. The re-landscaping of the area will be completed in the near future.

LANDSCAPING

Those of you returning from your Summer sojourn be sure to notice the new hedges, plantings and 26,000 sq.ft. of sod installed on Vintage Trace. In addition to the many projects too numerous to mention, the sprinkler system was updated to accommodate the new plantings, and the fire hydrants were painted.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

At the request of George DeAngelis, Safety and Security Chairman, the Sheriff's office conducted a security survey of the Vines property. This advisory report will be a valuable aid in identifying the security issues which require attention. One observation which the officer made is that he noticed many open garage doors. Of course, this is a most simple correction – be sure to keep garage doors closed, doors locked, and lock vehicles parked in driveways.

Visitors entering the Vines gate will be given warning leaflets regarding speeding, stop signs and observing certain parking rules. Incidentally, it is worth noting that more people seem to be observing the stop signs and coming to a full stop.