

VCA NEWSLETTER
January, 2009

Regularly scheduled VCA meetings were held October 27, November 24 and December 15. The next meetings will be held January 26, February 23 and the Annual Meeting on March 23.

Due to upcoming shoulder surgery and extensive rehabilitation, Bob Boothe will be leaving as Silver Oak representative to the VCA. We did not have to look far to find a worthy replacement. His wife, Candy, is the Silver Oak recommendation to replace him on the VCA Board. The Board commended Bob for his dedication as Chairman of the Landscaping Committee.

LANDSCAPING

Planned projects for 2008 have been completed. The large electrical boxes are scheduled for painting or replacement in January or February. We can thank the Planting Committee – Candy Boothe, Cheryl Carnivale, Sharon Doyle, Gaye Smith, JoAnn Soukup and Sjeila Wainscott for the selection of various plantings and flowers at the entrance.

PERIMETER LIGHTING

Before making a final decision on a lighting replacement option for Vintage Trace, the Lighting Committee will meet with each of the neighborhoods for input. In the meantime the lampposts will be repainted and plans for replacement lights are temporarily postponed.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

As many of you are aware, a couple of our neighboring communities have experienced house break-ins. Please be diligent – lock your houses and cars and keep you garage doors closed.

The VCA Board continues to examine options to include in a Vines Traffic Safety Policy. If you have any suggestions please do not hesitate to share them with your community representative. When a plan has been formulated it will be conveyed to the residents for comments and discussion.

DON'T FORGET!

Come to a complete stop at all Vines stop signs.

WALMART AND RT. 41

Walmart intends to move forward with their project before the start of the RT. 41 widening. They have requested a variance in the starting date for their building from Lee County. With the soon-to-be-completed fly-over on Estero Parkway it would behoove us to encourage this early construction, as then we would have our own road (which Walmart will build) from the Vines to Estero Parkway.

The County and FDOT are making progress on the future construction of a temporary signal at Rt. 41 and Estero Parkway. Hopefully, a schedule for construction and installation will be in place by the end of March, 2009.

2009 VCA BUDGET

At the meeting held November 24, the Board approved the 2009 Budget which calls for no change in the quarterly assessment, which will remain \$350 per unit. Slight increases in the Grounds expenses (primarily tree trimming and mulch) will be entirely offset by a lower contribution to the general reserve.

- *To help our strategic thinking, we would like your response to the following question: “What is the single biggest issue which will confront the Vines Community in the next 3 – 5 years?” Please forward your response to Skip Loper at either skiploper@comcast.net or 19603 Lost Creek Drive.*