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PRESIDENTS REPORT—WINTER 2010

Happy New Year to all! Hope the new-year brings us all hope, joy and contentment! I am looking forward to a wonderful 2010!

The Board took on some major improvement projects in 2009, so is planning on a somewhat less eventful 2010. Our latest item pending approval is the paint palette. I know some of you have been waiting and calling management, anxious to paint your homes. It has been a lengthier and more involved process than anticipated, but I hope to have a palette approved and ready to go no later than February. If you want to paint your house, call ADAM after the Board meeting in January to get a status update.

Things have been pretty uneventful this last quarter. Other than having to replace the west pool light and some damaged sprinkler heads and latches, it has been pretty quiet on the home front. This is good! Just the way we want it around here!

The Board has elected a new member to serve the rest of the term for the vacancy left after our annual meeting in May 2009. We welcome Maureen Gwilliam to the Board and look forward to hearing her input and all she has to offer to our community. Thank you, Maureen, for dedicating your time and effort to help better our community!

I also want to thank all of you who came out to the neighborhood BBQ we held in October! We had a great turn-out and lots of fun! A big thank you to the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association for planning and coordinating the event! We are looking forward to hosting more events in 2010 and working with MRNA in these endeavors.

Please be aware that the Board has switched banks and the old coupon books used for HOA dues should be shredded. You should have received a new coupon book for 2010. Please use this new book when sending payments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT CONT'D

If you are interested in running for a Board position in 2010, come to one of our meetings and see how things work. It takes a little time and dedication, but it's nice to be able to make decisions for your community and to see how things work in an association so large. Get to know your CC&R's and Design Guidelines (which is a good idea, anyway!) because it is the Board's "main" job to uphold these "rules". Come make a difference in your community! Board openings will be available in May 2010. Contact ADAM LLC. this spring if you think you may be interested in running.

To all of our wonderful residents: Have a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee



Treasurer's Report:

Treasurers' Report	November	Y-T-D
Total Income	8,834.93	230,628.18
Total Expense	17,872.61	204,392.57
Difference	-9,037.68	26,235.61
Account Balances:		
US Bank Checking	53,242.74	
US Bank Saving	13,669.88	
Contingency Reserve	11,895.29	
Reserves		
Ed Jones MM	13,115.54	
CD Ed Jones 2/11/10	20,000.00	
CD Ed Jones 5/13/10	20,000.00	
CD Ed Jones 9/13/10	20,000.00	
CD Ed Jones 11/26/10	20,000.00	



HOA DVD's

Any new homeowner that received a Welcome basket should also have received an educational DVD. The DVD explained the role and the operations of a Homeowner Association. If you have received one of these DVD's and have already watched it and no longer need it, we would like to share it with another new homeowner. These DVD's are expensive so we would like to recycle as many as possible. The Disk can be given to any board or committee member or the management company ADAM LLC. The Board would also be pleased to except them at any board meeting.



NEW PAYMENT BOOKS

The Mesquite Ranch Home Owners Association has changed banks. As the President mentioned in her report do not use your old payment books. The old coupons and envelopes send your payment to a San Diego, CA address. The new coupons and envelopes send the payment to your currant bank in Las Vegas, NV. If you have not received your new Coupon Book yet or have sent your January to the old address, contact ADAM LLC our management company as soon as possible. The ADAM LLC web site has in their FAQ section answers many questions about payment of dues. **There is a mistake in the new coupons. The coupons say the late date is the 15th, the late date is actually after the 30th.**



LANDSCAPE UPDATE

It's finally the time of year when you might see frost. When temperatures drop to 32 degrees or cooler, you'll need to protect plants in your yard. Here's how to lessen frost damage and to keep your plants healthy:

Landscape plants

Use bed sheets or frost cloth to cover frost-tender plants such as bougainvillea, celosia, ficus, hibiscus, Mexican fan palm, red bird of paradise and sweet acacia.

Fruits and vegetables

Cover with a bed sheet or frost cloth.

Herbs

Bring container plants closer to the house or cover plants with a sheet or frost cloth. Frost-tender herbs to cover when frost is in the forecast: anise, basil, bay trees, scented geraniums, lavender, lemon balm, lemon grass, lemon verbena, marjoram, nasturtiums, Cuban oregano, oregano, rosemary, thyme, peppers and chilies.

Fruit and nut trees

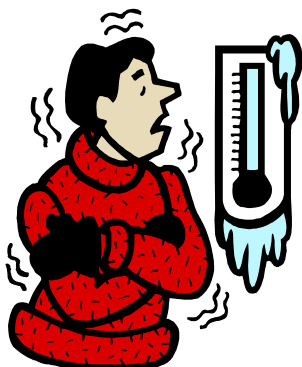
Cover the tree overnight with a sheet or blanket that reaches to the ground. Uncover after sunrise.

Loosely wrap the trunks of young citrus and other cold-tender trees. These wrappings - towel, blanket, cardboard or frost cloth - may be left on during the frost season.

Cactus

Use foam or plastic cups or cardboard boxes to protect the tips of columnar cactus or bloom stalks on agaves and aloes.

Plants damaged from frost? Do not prune damaged areas until the plant begins growing in the spring.



BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

We still have a vacant Board Member position. If you have concerns within our community it is time to act now and get involved. Come to a board meeting and see what your board does and how you can help keep our community a great place to live. Even if you don't want to hold an office there are committees that could use help.



HOME OF THE QUARTER/ HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST



HOLIDAY HOME OF THE QUARTER

The winner this quarter is... 10631 E. Ravenswood (Dan and Marilyn Martin)! This homeowner even went so far as to conceal the cords! Great job...very tastefully done!

You will receive a \$25 gift card to Home Depot! Thank you for getting into the holiday spirit and for adding some holiday beauty to the community!

Thank you to ALL of the homes who decided to light up this season! My children and I love to drive through the community and look at all the beautiful decorations and holiday spirit! There were so many beautifully decorated homes! It's always hard to choose a winner!



BILL PAY – HOA DUES

If you are currently set up to pay your HOA Dues through bill pay – just a reminder that even though your funds are immediately withdrawn from your account, it normally takes approximately 10 to 14 days for the payment to actually clear and post. If possible, please try to pay at least 2 weeks prior to the due date so your HOA payment is not late as it is posted on the date the funds are received NOT paid. Mark the following dates as these are the dates your quarterly HOA dues are due:

April 1, 2010
July 1, 2010

HOA BOARD MEETINGS

Please plan to attend our HOA Board Meetings

January 21
February 18
March 18

All meetings are held at National Self Storage Lobby, 7555 S. Houghton Road, just south of Valencia Road next to Brake Max. Meetings begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

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