

# LINDEN RIDGE NEWS

The Linden Ridge Homeowners Association

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Summer Party 2008

## SUMMER PARTY SPECIAL!

This year marks the return of the Linden Ridge Community Party Picnic! Save the date, mark your calendars for JUNE 21st! For the first time in two years the entire community has the opportunity to come together for food, fun and friendship! Meet new neighbors, make new friends. Swap information and contacts. There are so many reasons to come along to our event on SATURDAY JUNE 21ST and enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon!

**We Will Have**

### PROFESSIONALLY CATERED FOOD

Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Sweet / Non-sweet Tea!

### AMPLE TENT SPACE FOR SHADE

### A BOUNCY CASTLE FOR THE KIDS

### GAMES FOR THE BIG KIDS

### RELAXING SUMMER MUSIC

But

**What really makes the event work is the PEOPLE!**

Past years have proven a great success and one of the few chances for so many of our neighbors to come together. Last year we were unable to hold the event as the budget would just not allow it. That is why this year we hope we can make it our best event yet, with the best turnout and the most fun!

We will have a brief meeting at 6PM to thank everyone for coming and keep everyone up to date with the latest subdivision news. This is also another opportunity to tell us your thoughts about the community, let us know your concerns and where you would like to see us heading. The committee will be on hand and, if past years are any judge, it is a fantastic chance to really get to know your neighbors and your community.

**COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN!**

### Time Schedule

3PM Set Up

4PM Kick Off!

6PM A (brief) HOA Meeting

8-9PM Close Down



GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT NEIGHBORS, GREAT MEMORIES

### HOW YOU CAN HELP!

First and most important, **COME ALONG.**

Bring a lawn chair,

Bring some cold drinks,

Bring a dessert dish or chips!

If you want to help with the organization, set-up or clean up

to make this our best year yet

Call Wyndi on 910 452 1258

and join the team!

### YOUR LOCAL HOMEOWNERS COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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# LATEST COMMUNITY NEWS!

## THE ENTRANCE SIGN

The deposit has been paid and work on the improvements and repairs to the entrance sign on the corner of Silva Terra and Linden Ridge should have already begun by the time we all meet up at our Summer Party Picnic on June 21st on the communal area. The committee worked hard to find the best solution at the best price and the new structure should have the lasting power to look good for the next decade and beyond!

## POND AND DRAINAGE

Overhauls of the retention pond and main drainage ditches are now complete and we have contracted with fully accredited professionals at the best rate available to keep these key areas of the community in the best of repair. A warning sign by the pond regarding our long term resident alligator will soon be in place to carefully warn all that he is perfectly capable of finding his own food despite the missing leg (many have playfully nicknamed him "Tripod").

## WATER RESTRICTIONS

City water restrictions have now been lifted in our area so we can now wash cars and siding as and when we need. Residents are thanked for abiding by the restrictions and we hope that next year similar problems will not re-occur.

## HURRICANE SEASON

With hurricane season upon us residents are reminded to pay close attention to any dead or ailing trees or structures and also to maintain a stock of water in case the worst occurs.

## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

If you or a close neighbor are elderly or have trouble maintaining your lot or performing any task there are a great many of us in the community that can help and are more than willing to do so. An important function of the Homeowners Association is to provide a link between neighbors and help people find a solution to their local problems.

Your board members are only a phone call away and we strongly encourage you to approach us with any of your community concerns.

Additionally if you have time and skills and feel that you can be helpful around the community why not get in touch and let us know.

A strong community makes a better life for all!

## YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR VOICE.

## STOP SIGNS AND TRAFFIC

You may have noticed that two of the stop signs at the junction of Linden Ridge and Hedingham Lane have been removed. Previously several residents had complained of speeding traffic through the sub-division and we passed these concerns along to the D.O.T. Unexpectedly, the sign removal was their response. They sent us a notice that:

After investigation of the subject roadways it was found that warrants for 4-way stops and a speed limit reduction to 25 mph are not possible. Many people believe that installing STOP signs on all approaches to an intersection will result in fewer accidents. This is not always the case. Although the accident severity may be lessened, such installations cause additional driver delay for those on the main street and higher vehicle operating costs caused by stopping additional vehicles. There is no real evidence to indicate that STOP signs decrease the overall speed of traffic. Impatient drivers view the additional delay caused by unwarranted STOP signs breed disrespect by motorists who tend to ignore them or slow down without stopping. This can sometimes lead to tragic consequences.

Federal and State regulations require the installation of all traffic control devices, including STOP signs, to follow the guidelines in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The MUTCD is published by the U.S. Department of Transportation and is the national standard for Traffic Control Devices.

A multi-way stop condition may be installed if it meets at least one of the warrants as defined in the MUTCD. Below are brief descriptions of these multi-way STOP warrants:

:: Where traffic signals are warranted and urgently needed, the multi-way STOP is an interim measure that can be installed quickly to control traffic while arrangements are being made for the signal installation.

:: An accident problem, as indicated by five or more reported accidents of a type susceptible to correction by a multi-way STOP installation in a 12-month period. Such accidents include right and left-turn collisions as well as right-angle collisions.

:: Minimum Traffic volumes: (a) The total vehicular volume entering the intersection from all approaches must average at least 500 vehicles per hour for any 8 hours of an average day, and (b) The combined vehicular and pedestrian volume from the minor street of highway must average at least 200 units per hour for the same 8 hours, with an average delay to minor street vehicular traffic of at least 30 seconds per vehicle during the maximum hour, but (c) When the 85-percentile approach speed of the major street traffic exceeds 40 miles per hour, the minimum vehicular volume warrant is 70 percent of the above requirements.

STOP signs should not be viewed as a cure-all for solving all safety problems; but, when properly located, can be a useful traffic control device to enhance safety for all roadway users.

I thank you for your concern for concern with the traveling public in the Linden Ridge area.

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