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*We're on the Web!* Please visit us online at [www.somersetillsviii.net](http://www.somersetillsviii.net) where you can provide feedback, make a request, lodge a complaint or submit any kind of comment. Also keep in touch with community events or review our CC&R's or By-Laws. It's a work in progress so keep checking back for updates.

## Meet the Board

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## CC&Rs and Starting a Project

Whether trimming trees, landscaping or building a deck, don't forget to check our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and have your project approved by our Architectural Control Committee. We all accepted the CCRs simply by purchasing or renting a home in this neighborhood and they guide what can and cannot be done on and around each property in the neighborhood so as to maintain the beauty and character and value of our homes.

Every resident is urged to become familiar with the CC&Rs (see our web site) and courteously respect these agreements.

## Mailbox Upgrade

Your HOA has worked with homeowner Sue Pickens to replace broken and rusty curbside boxes on wooden supports with a new central unit of locking boxes for the 2925 to 2995 Timberline cul de sac area. The new locking box units will be installed in the next few weeks. All keys will be distributed to homeowners and are the homeowner responsibility.

## Board Opening

We have an opening on our board and welcome suggestions of names or volunteers to serve out the year until we have elections again in January. Please submit on our web site.

We thank Rod Kimmel for his service on the Board, especially his work on redesigning our web site.

## Next Meeting

Our next Board meeting is June 10, 2015, 7 p.m. at Valley Covenant Church, 3636 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. (18<sup>th</sup> & Bailey Hill Rd.). Please submit questions or business on our web site.

## Street Parking

Please remember that street parking in our neighborhood is intended to be temporary parking only for residents and guests. Garages and driveways should be the primary parking location and please no trailers.

## Pets

As you walk your dogs on these warm summer evenings please be mindful of your neighbors by not allowing "presents" to be deposited on their lawns and landscaping.

## Street Work

This summer the city will be resurfacing the main stem of Timberline Drive. Please be careful of the workers and possibly leave time for an alternate route up and down Hawkins Lane (via Wintercreek).

Your HOA also has its own street work planned for late July after the city work is done. We will repair and resurface the 2925-2995 Timberline cul de sac, Ashford and Brighton. Please watch for notices about parking, etc. when that work begins.

## Get Newsletter by E-mail

We will send you an e-mail copy as well as paper (for the time being). Log onto our website at [www.somersetillsviii.net](http://www.somersetillsviii.net) and choose the contact link to provide your e-mail address. Thank you!

## **SLOW DOWN!**

Please, please, please slow down when driving through the neighborhood and have some respect for our children, pets and wild animals. We have posted speeds in many areas of 15 mph. Thank you!

## Thank you!

Thanks for being a good neighbor by reading this newsletter, getting familiar with our CC&Rs, and taking an active part in your HOA. Having a quiet, attractive, and desirable neighborhood is a joint effort in which we all have a part.

## Spring Cleaning

We know clean-up around our HOA is a mutual year-round effort, but spring especially calls for weeding, trimming, and the clearing of winter's dropped twigs and small branches around the home and adjacent common space. So grab your yard waste barrel, pack it full for each pick-up day, and help our neighborhood shine. Please be courteous and do NOT blow lawn clippings, leaves, and other debris into the street. Our streets are only cleaned twice a year.

## Plants and Landscaping

Though major landscaping changes and their potential effects on common space need to be approved by the HOA, there are many planting ideas that can be implemented within the homeowners' property every season to problem-solve and beautify. Some plants and ideas for our area (see below):

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## Plants and Landscaping cont.

- a. Deer-resistant plants and flowers (some are evergreen) such as: Helleborus, Foxglove, Barberry, Lavender, Heuchera, many Coneflowers, 5' tall Miscanthus Variegatus and smaller ornamental grasses, many Sedges, Lilyturf, Shasta Daisy, many Sedums, Thyme, Wallflowers, many ground covers, Tassel and other ferns and the large local selection of azaleas and rhododendrons. Most of these, and many others, are also perennials which will come back every year.
- b. If your own property is slightly sloping, just a single row one-high of small rock or landscape brick across the space to even each level can provide a place to inhibit water run-off and nestle in some of these resistant ground covers or plants.
- c. Mulch or bark will keep down weeds and give a neat look to your yard.
- d. Systemic insect killers may be a major cause of bee die-off, and are not recommended for use.
- e. Note: Large shrubs should not be planted alongside our roads, as that is common space and needs to be kept clear for traffic visibility and safety.