

# KILLEARN Commonsense

The Newsletter for YOUR Killlearn Commons Homeowners Association

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## *Our Post-Election/Holiday Issue*

### New KCHOA Officers Elected

October 19, 2009

**ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Ballots were distributed and instructions for voting were explained by **Bill Duncan**, Chairman of the Election Committee. Introduction of Candidates: **Tom Weiskotten, Greg Hill, Melodie Greene**. After introductions were made, ballots were cast in private and collected by the Election Committee (**Kelly Bagwell, Roger Bagwell, and Anne Duncan**), and delivered to Bill Duncan for counting; Roger Bagwell will verify the count. During tabulation (in the next room), the Board meeting continued.

- **Treasurer's Report:** September's report was presented by **Cathy Suddarth**. Words of thanks and appreciation went out to Cathy for her volunteering to handle Treasurer duties. The Talquin bill needs clarification; it includes the electrical light used to illuminate the Killlearn Commons entrance sign on Greenland. The larger Killlearn Lakes Association does not pay this bill (all other signs in the development use solar power), but they do pay for maintenance on the sprinkler heads. The electrical timer box is locked by the Killlearn Lakes Association. Our Killlearn Commons Homeowners Association needs to file a protest letter for them to take over the entire water bill or, at a minimum request, a key to the timer box.

- **Landscape Report:** We will be having a Pool/Common area neighborhood "Clean-Up" day sometime soon. Date to be determined, will be announced in the Jan/Feb newsletter.

- **Vote Results:** The two highest candidates, and therefore new members to the Board, are: **Tom Weiskotten and Greg Hill**. Congratulations! The Board is now complete with five members. The new Board will convene soon to appoint from the five members who shall be President and Vice President. Because the Treasurer's position needs to be filled, since Cathy Suddarth will be leaving, the Board accepted **Melodie Greene's** offer to be Treasurer and Advisor.

- **Outgoing President's Word of Thanks:** **John Truax** expressed his pleasure of serving with the Board for the past three years. He also thanked the rest of the Officers and Advisors who served this past year: **Richard Wingerson** - Richard was recognized for his newsletter service, his many pool duties, and his welcome committee efforts. **Bill Duncan** - Bill was instrumental in seeing many projects get completed this past year, among them the Memorial Park and making the easements park-like and family friendly. **Karen Blanchard** - Karen did a wonderful job this year with social activities, coordinating the Community Yard Sale, the Volunteer Appreciation party, and the fantastic Block Party! And thanks to all the other folks who made the Board's work such a success: **Cindy Reynolds, Matt Caldwell, Edith Bowden, Cathy Suddarth, and Jim Reynolds**.

On November 5, 2009, the new Board of Directors met to elect officers, President and Vice President. At that time Jim Reynolds submitted his resignation from the Board, which was after the Annual Election. The Board then voted Bill Duncan into Jim's position on the Board. **The Board then voted for officers, electing Bill Duncan as President and Greg Hill as Vice President.**

## Board Meeting Highlights

September 21, 2009

Three potential candidates on ballot: Tom Weiskotten, Greg Hill and Melodie Greene. Proxy ballots to go out two weeks prior to October 19 election.

### Treasurer's Report

KCHOA has \$62,331.08 in three CDs. Our Bank of America account needs to be closed. Cathy Suddarth has set up the KCHOA books with Quicken for year-round efficiency and cost saving at tax time. Cathy is moving to Washington, DC and needs replacement. Virginia MacKinnon asked the Board to do a cost analysis.

### Pool Committee

**Pool security** proposals were presented. Two bids were received, with a high of \$6,273 from Lockdown to a low of \$1,781 from Bill Massey. Night vision cameras and infra-red motion detectors were discussed. The Board agreed that further surveillance system information was needed. Talquin Electric for info on lights. Need to ask Bill Massey for light/camera co-ordination. Cameras have individual sensors. Need to sub-contract electrician for installation of deterrence system motion sensor lights. Ask Bill Massey to recommend. No electrician needed for co-axial cable installation.

**Question** about unkempt house in foreclosure on Hannary Circle. KCHOA can present a lien for uncut grass

**Board needs** to write a letter with a checklist for violations of covenants and by-laws.

**Examples:** Un-mowed lawns, overgrown trees and shrubs, mildew on houses, illegal parking, trash and garbage can removal, etc.

**Killearn Lakes** Homeowners Association maintains our water system, but KCHOA pays the water bill. Why?

**Rory Reese** from Deerfield Plantation was a guest and proponent of fluoridated drinking water. She's a Florida Department of Health Registered Dental Hygienist. Says it would cost about \$3.00 per person per year. Bill Duncan

will talk with his neighbor, John Hewa, General Manager of Talquin. For more info, log on to: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/dental/fluoridation/index.html>

**Karen Blanchard**, Fun/Event Committee chair, needs a replacement to run next year's Block Party at the pool. She'll help out, but she's expecting (twins!) around that time.

## Neighborhood Yard Sale A Big Success

### "A Yard Sale as Big as the Neighborhood."

That's how the First Annual Killearn Commons Yard Sale was advertised, and that's exactly how it came off. Over 20 individual sales were held. Killearn Commons neighbors put out their trash and treasures, had a good time, even made a few bucks. Potential traffic problem, though. Suggestion to make Charrington Forest one-way on Yard Sale day next year. What do you think? A good idea?

## Volunteers Dinner Party

A "Thank You" Dinner Party for KCHOA volunteers and their families was held Tuesday evening, September 15. Good eats, too! It was catered by Sonny's Barbecue. Outgoing President John Truax organized the affair. He wanted to thank the volunteers and to recognize their importance to our Killearn Commons community.

## In Memoriam

**Earl Beaty**, age 70, of 8409 Wellesly Place, passed away October 12, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kitty. He is also survived by a son, Dan (wife, Kim) and two granddaughters, whom he adored. Earl and Kitty have lived in Killearn Commons since 2006, moving here from Orlando to be near their son and his family. Earl loved golf and he and Kitty enjoyed sitting on their front porch on weekday mornings, waving at the kids on their way to school.

## Three FSU Alumni Step Up To Volunteer.

### Vice President Greg Hill

Greg is a 1991 graduate of FSU. A Tallahassee native, Greg works for the Department of Management Services with the Division of State Purchasing. Greg, along with his wife Shannon and son Connor, have lived in Killearn Commons "for 3 ½ enjoyable years." When not helping coach youth sports, Greg enjoys playing golf, helping with the Pool Committee and weekend adventures with the family.

### Board Member Tom Weiskotten

Tom is another Florida State alumnus on the Board. A 1989 graduate of FSU, he's Co-Owner and Managing Director of G.R. Robbins, an investigative CPA firm. Tom and his family have been in Killearn Commons on Elan Drive since 2002. Tom and his wife Jana have two daughters, Emily (8) and Caroline (2). Tom was born in London, England and raised in Sarasota. He moved to Tallahassee in 1984 to attend FSU.

### Treasurer Melodie Greene

Melodie graduated FSU in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. Her husband Ken has his degree in Architecture and works for a local firm. Melodie is the Commercial Services Specialist with Florida Commerce Credit Union where she helps small businesses with their deposit and borrowing needs. Melodie and Ken have two "awesome" children, Kenneth (7) and Kenadie (19 months). Melodie is pleased to offer her financial expertise to Killearn Commons Homeowners Association.

## Pool Talk

Our community pool is CLOSED for the season. It will re-open, as usual, at the end of March.

See you at the annual Fix Up, Plant Up, Clean Up, Green Up Pool Work Party in mid-March.



## Our VIPs (Very Interesting People) Man of Many Hats

New KCHOA President Bill Duncan collects baseball-type caps. But he also wears many hats around Killearn Commons. Bill is our Landscape Beautification Chairperson and was also this year's Elections Chairperson. A Tallahassee lad, he moved with his parents to Killearn Lakes when theirs was the 13<sup>th</sup> house built. **He remembers when Killearn Commons was a cow field that he played in.** Today, Bill lives with his wife, Anne, on Oakleigh Court. They've been married for three years. Anne is a Registered Nurse and works for McKesson as a Case Manager. Bill started his healthcare career over 30 years ago, as a Paramedic at TMH, became a P.A., then a hospital administrator, then a number of executive positions in healthcare. He has served as President of the American Heart Association, as well as President of the American College of Cardiovascular Administrators. He is currently President/CEO of The Marshall Montana Group, a nationwide healthcare recruiting company. A Certified Personnel Consultant, he can provide training and education on Employment and Discrimination Laws. Bill also owns **BD Lawn Service (668-0173)** and enjoys working with KCHOA. He would like to see this community be one of the best, with landscaping and beautification maximizing homeowners' investments and helping create an enjoyable place to live. Bill provides the lawn service for the pool area. He also helped develop the memorial park on Charrington Forest and regularly mows the Charrington easement as part of his community involvement, along with his many other projects, such as planting the new shrubbery on Greenland. He says he'd "like to see more park-like areas developed in different sections of our subdivision, where common areas are located."

## Holiday Decor Contest

Killearn Commons takes on a festive glow during the Holidays, with many homes decorated for the season. Again this year, we're sponsoring a Holiday Decorating Contest, with \$50 Publix Gift Certificates awarded to two winners in two different categories for the best decorated homes. The two categories are: Child Appeal and Adult Appeal. The Landscape Beautification Committee will judge.

## Music Man

**I'm Bob White. I live at 8544 Hannary Circle and I have a four-piece Dance Band.**

We play it all: Rock, Country, Beach, Blues and whatever else you may need. We are four very professional musicians, but we're very affordable. We play every month at the Plaza Restaurant in Thomasville, GA, from 7:30 p.m. until 11. Or you can listen in at our practice sessions at my home on Monday evenings, if you call me at 212-0837. We'd very much like to play weddings, birthday parties, and any other social events in the community.



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**Tom Weiskotten**, Board Member, 894-9625

## Advisors

**Melodie Greene**, Treasurer, 654-8891 or 488-0035 ext. 1611  
**Cindy Reynolds**, Secretary, 519-8310  
**Karen Blanchard**, Event Committee, 320-2800  
**Richard Wingerson**, Pool Committee and Newsletter, [Wingerson@comcast.net](mailto:Wingerson@comcast.net)

## Block Captains

**Virginia MacKinnon**, 8199 Charrington Forest, Powerline to end; **Cheryl Shaw**, 8111 Charrington Forest, Powerline to Greenland; **Liz Jordan**, 2826 Dumont Drive; **Mary Pedersen**, 8360 Elan Drive; **Douglas Perry**, 2963 Glen Ives Drive; **Rob and Renee Kissel**, 8556 Hannary Circle; **Fred Beckham**, 8480 Hannary Drive; **Fran Anderson**, 2756 Oakleigh Court; **Karen Blanchard**, 2780 Whitmore Court; **Greg and Shannon Hill**, 8408 Wellesly Place

**Report ANY suspicious activity in Killearn Commons to the Leon County Sheriff at 922-3300.**

**PLEASE be considerate. Please pick up after your dog. Thank You!**

**Plan to attend the next Board Meeting. Monday, November 16, at 7 p.m., at the Deer Lake United Methodist Church. We look forward to seeing you there!**

***Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to All of Our Killearn Commons Friends and Neighbors!***