



Rolling Knolls Homeowners Association  
 P.O. Box 8157  
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President’s Letter: 2008 In Review

Dear Fellow Members and Neighbors,

Thank you for your support of the RKHA board and activities throughout this past year. As we close in on the holiday season and the end of the year, there are some items that require your attention: the election of 2009 board members and the payment of your 2008 dues.

Enclosed you will find two important documents. The first is an election sheet of candidates who will provide direction for the Association for the upcoming year. The second is the request for your dues and an information sheet about you we use for our membership records and directory. Please fill out these two forms completely and mail them with your dues check in the enclosed envelope. Remember, in order for your vote to count, you must be a member in good standing and that means both your dues and completed ballot must be postmarked no later than **December 5, 2008**.

Here are a few highlights for the year:

**Grounds** – Once again, John and Tina Treglia have done an outstanding job with the entrance lots at Windwood and Friar Tuck. John and Tina spend many hours on the flowerbeds and lawns to ensure that the entrances to our subdivision stay beautiful. The grounds maintained their great appearance this year through the cumulative challenges of cicadas, hurricane force winds and a second consecutive late summer/fall drought.

**Rolling Knolls Directory** – A special thank you to Annette Clarke for her effort on the advertising sales, layout and printing of the directory.

**Government Relations** – The proposed rezoning and sale of the RELIS property in Sharonville that borders Rolling Knolls was defeated. The rezoning and sale would have replaced the nature center with high-density housing. A developer also attempted to buy and rezone the residential properties across Route 42 from our

Windwood entrance. The businesses that would be added would create a significant increase in an already busy traffic area. The rezoning process has not moved forward at this time. We will continue to watch for any changes.

**Social** – The board organized six events including the Cookbook Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Neighborhood Picnic at Windwood Pool, Neighborhood Garage Sale, and the new Holiday Bonfires in the Cul-de-sacs. Thank you to all those who helped out with Social events this year!

**Membership** – Three quarters of our membership now receive Association newsletters and other information via email, saving printing and postage costs for the association. Homeowners who are still receiving paper newsletters but have e-mail capabilities should consider

Upcoming Dates

December 5 - Membership dues & Board Ballots Due

December 7 - Neighborhood Santa Visit & Bon fires

December 8 - General Meeting of the RKHA Board

**Rolling Knolls Holiday Happenings**

We are trying something new this year! Get out and greet your neighbors at a Holiday Bonfire!

Gather around a cheery bonfire, drink hot chocolate, eat cookies, visit with neighbors, and play Rolling Knolls Holiday Scramble. Santa will make a stop at each bonfire.

**Sunday, December 7 from 4-6 pm**  
 at the following cul-du-sac locations:

- Amberwood
- Larchwood
- Thornwood

(More information is available on the enclosed flyer)

moving to the electronic format. You may do so by sending your e-mail address to [info@rkha.com](mailto:info@rkha.com).

Your board continues to be prudent with your Association dues. Dues have not increased in approximately 10 years, however costs associated with maintaining our entrance lots have risen every year. Property taxes, utilities (electricity and water), and maintenance costs use up an increasing portion of our budget. The attractive entrance lots are an important asset to the Rolling Knolls community. The escalating cost of maintaining the lots have caused us to raise dues from \$35 to \$40 per year. We hope that you will continue to support your neighborhood and your homeowners association in 2009.

Lastly, you are invited to attend our once a year General Meeting to hear about what all has happened this year. It will be held on Monday, December 8, 7:00pm at Annette Clarke's house (10270 Amberwood Court). Your attendance and participation are welcome.

Jim Scarborough  
President, Rolling Knolls Homeowners Association



Does Clark Griswold live next door? Have a neighbor that goes all out decorating for the holidays? Nominate them for the **RKHA Best Holiday Decoration**

**Award.** Nominations can be made at the Holiday Bonfires or e-mailed to [info@rkha.org](mailto:info@rkha.org). The best dressed house will receive a \$25 Home Depot Gift Card and have the honorable distinction of being the best dressed holiday house in Rolling Knolls!

*Nominations must be received by December 7.*

## New Faces in The Neighborhood!

Help us welcome the new families that have made Rolling Knolls their new home!

Allspach family (David & Dana) – Sprucewood Court  
Bicknell family (Thomas & Cheryl) – Pinewood Lane  
Bozik family (Paul & Erin) – Sprucewood Court  
Byk family (Dmitry & Aimee) – Willowood Drive  
Ellison family (Karen) – Rushwood Court  
Gallaher family (Shawn & Rebecca) – Amberwood Court  
Ingram family (Robert & Sherry) – Willowood Court  
Langenkamp family (Max & Tonya) – Driftwood lane  
Mowery family (Bill & Tracy) – Pinewood Lane  
Pearson family (Shawn & Emily) – Windwood Drive  
Troncone family (Fred & Ginger) – Willowood Drive

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS - Dennis Braje

On October 14, I attended a meeting of the West Chester commissioners to hear a report by the *West Chester Connections* Committee. The goal of the committee was to develop a long-term plan for bikeways and pathways through out West Chester so that residents could move about our area without using autos or motorized vehicles. They showed an extensive potential network of neighborhood and inter-neighborhood connections.

While no immediate action or expenditures were recommended (the plan was to be part of the 2025 plan), several in the audience spoke to encourage more specific actions and a shorter-term action plan. The plan can be viewed at [www.westchesteroh.org](http://www.westchesteroh.org). Click on WC connections.

A special thank you goes out to Casey Klocke for doing such a wonderful job in notifying the Welcoming Committee of new families. All street reps, please contact Susan Tamanko at 779-6719 or at [tamanko@aol.com](mailto:tamanko@aol.com), if you have information regarding new Rolling Knolls families!



## DOG ETIQUETTE: A Word to Dog Owners

We know you love your dog(s), but please remember that not everyone feels the same way. Please be respectful and...



- Keep your dog in **YOUR** yard! Our neighborhood is full of children who can be scared and even injured when a strange dog is in the street or in the child's yard. If your dog tends to wander off, please invest in a fence – electronic or normal fence... or keep your dog indoors. The safety and well being of our residents and our children is important!
- Try to keep your dog's barking at a minimum when the dog is outside - especially early mornings and late at night.
- Pick up after your dog! If your dog does his business in a neighbor's yard, please be kind and use a doggie bag to pick it up and dispose of it properly. *A big thank you to the dog owners that already take care of this business!*

