

President's Letter: April 2011

John Serumgard, President, Taberna Home Owners Association, Inc.

Dear Taberna Residents:

As the weather turns warmer and yards start to green up, all residents are reminded that yards waste such as grass and shrub clippings should be handled properly and put out for collection by the city. They must not be dumped on vacant lots, in the woods across the street, in any wetlands, including wetlands on your own property, or on the Taberna golf course.

With the improvements made to Todd Denson Park in the past year, the Board would like to renew the **Annual Community Picnic** later this summer. For that we need volunteers to chair and serve on the picnic committee. If you would be willing to help with this project please call me at 633-2119, or drop an email to j.serumgard@suddenlink.net.

Just a short reminder: if you are out after dark walking the dog, jogging or bike riding, please wear something reflective so that motorists can see you.

Taberna could not operate as a planned community without the help of our various committees such as the B&G committee discussed in this space last month. This month I would like to highlight the **Architectural Control Committee (ACC)**.

The ACC is the only HOA committee established in our original protective covenants giving you some idea of the importance placed on its activities. When Taberna was being built, every home in Taberna was subject to review by the ACC to insure that it conformed to the standards established in the covenants. Even as new home construction has slowed, the ACC still has a full plate. Any major exterior revision of your home falls under its jurisdiction, including removal of specific sized trees, construction of fences, installation of pools, erection of outbuildings such as a free standing garage or workshop, or enclosure of screen porches, among others.

The ACC has been under the capable leadership of Richard Turner since the earliest days of the THOA. Several other members have also served on the ACC for an extended period. This veteran membership allows the ACC to do its work swiftly, accurately, and with sensitivity to the wishes of individual residents, while keeping the best interests of the entire community in mind. But this is not an arbitrary process. The covenants and the rules and regulations set forth established standards for all of the items which the ACC oversees. These are all available on the THOA web site, www.tabernahoa.org. The web site also has downloadable forms that are needed to seek review of any contemplated improvement.

The ACC usually makes quick work of any requests that are sent its way. Residents should also know that in the rare case where they dispute a decision made by the ACC, there is a right of appeal to the full THOA Board, and an opportunity to be heard.

So before you build a fence, construct a new deck, enclose a screen porch, or cut down a large tree, seek review by the ACC. The names and contact information for Dick Turner and the other members of the ACC are available on the THOA website and are printed in every issue of the Taberna Tribune.

Finally, THOA Board meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month, are open to all residents. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 6, at 5:30 PM at the HOA office at 3948 Hwy 70 East (Beside the Exxon station).