

President's Letter: November 2011

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

Dear Taberna Residents:

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents and their families the very best wishes for a **Happy Thanksgiving**.

The Taberna Master Homeowners Association will hold its **Annual Meeting** on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at the Creekside Elementary School gymnasium. The meeting will start at 7 PM. The Board encourages all members to attend this important meeting. In the next week or so, each member lot owner will receive a written notice of the meeting. The package will include the formal call to the meeting; the Board approved budget for the upcoming year for the Master Homeowners Association and the supplemental budgets for Abbington Woods, Boleyn Creek Villas, One Taberna Way, and Taberna Landing. The meeting proxy will include the proposed slate of Directors for 2012-2014. ***We ask all member lot owners to return the proxy form, even if they are planning to attend the meeting.*** This will aid in establishing that we have a quorum to conduct business. We are in the final stages of contracting with Community Association Services, Inc. (CAS Inc.) to serve as property managers. They will be in attendance at the Annual Meeting and this will be an opportunity to meet the managers who will be assisting the Board in the coming year.

Taberna has a new address! No, Irene did not blow us down the road. But the Board did decide to secure a post office box to serve as the mailing address for the HOA, rather than the on-street mailbox in front of Todd Denson Park. The new mailing address is: **Taberna Master Homeowners Association, Inc. P.O. Box 3308, New Bern, NC 28564-3308.**

As progress continues on the installation of **natural gas lines**, Dan Voliva of Piedmont Gas has made a request for **donations to aid hurricane victims of good water heaters, stoves and dryers**, that you may be replacing (whether electric or propane that may not convert),. The Pamlico County disaster relief center will be happy to find them good, grateful new homes. If you will have anything to donate, please contact Dan at (252) 639-7228 (O); (252) 617-5917 (C) or at john.voliva@piedmontng.com.

The **fenced in and gated dog run area** at Todd Denson Park has not been a constant subject of my letters. However, it has been brought to my attention that people are bringing dogs to Todd Denson Park, and **allowing them to roam off leash throughout the entire park**, usually without picking up after them. Also, a few people who are using the dog run are not picking up after their pooches. The dog run area was established in response to residents' requests both to provide an area where dogs can be allowed off leash and to free up the remainder of the park for unhindered use by other residents. In addition, we provide a supply of doggy refuse bags for residents who may have forgotten to bring a bag from home, and there are convenient trash cans at the dog run and elsewhere in the park. Please be considerate of your neighbors: keep dogs on leash except in the dog run, and **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET**. (Yes, I know caps are the equivalent of shouting.)

Storm Water Inspection: Earlier this year I reported the NC Division of Water Quality was going to make an inspection of compliance with our storm water permit. That process is now complete with a state inspection that took place on September 15, and a formal notification that **Taberna is in compliance with its permit**. The only comment noted was that several homeowners have curb cuts that pipe gutters directly to the curb. All runoff should flow across at least 30 feet of vegetative buffer before reaching

impervious areas and surface waters. We were asked to advise homeowners not to pipe gutters to the curb. We will consider if our rules and regulations need modification for future compliance.

Just a quick reminder: the **policy requiring pre-approval from the Architectural Control Committee for tree removal has been back in effect since October 1**. Only those residents who sent me notice prior to October 1 that they would not be able to meet that deadline are exempt, and only for the trees that they told me their contractors could not get to by October 1.

As always, the Board welcomes your comments or complaints. Contact any one of us, or use the “comments to the Board” section of the website, <http://www.tabernahoa.org>. The next THOA Board meeting will be **Wednesday, November 2, at our new meeting time of 3:00 PM** at the THOA office.