

December
2009

Annual Meeting



SHADOW LAKE TIMES

Highlights from the 2009 Annual Meeting

Landscape Committee

Larry Hartig thanked members of the landscape committee: Bill Egan, Sally Albrinck, Bob Jones, Lois Fannin and Richard Davis. He indicated that Brickman will continue as the landscaping company. He negotiated a long-term contract that reduces costs by approximately \$1,000 each year for 2010 and 2011. The following two years: 2012 and 2013 will each move to the 2009 contract amount. He noted they did some seeding work in 2009 and will continue to do so each year as it is an on-going project.

Larry stated they continue their effort to make sure plants are replaced in a timely manner—mostly in the spring and fall as these are the prime-planting seasons. They will continue to look at all requests and respond in a timely manner making individual replacement decisions on an as needed basis. Larry reported they completed a large project to

enhance the clubhouse and front entrance. They also added 3 or 4 additional trees through out the community and replaced several that were still under warranty. This should complete all the tree replacements lost during the 2008 drought.

Larry indicated that plans are currently underway for 2010 projects. Some items being considered are utility boxes, additional plant beds in common areas and they will continue adding color at the entrance / monument areas.

Larry ended by saying the committee will begin work on a five-year plan over the winter. This will assist those who will take over the committee at some future point.

Architectural Committee

Fred Schmidbauer stated that he picked up this position when Tim McCarthy resigned. He indicated it took awhile to get up to speed. He noted Jim Cauhorn, Ed Ziegenhardt and Mary McCray, are members of the committee and

are doing a good job. Fred reported they are working on concrete bids and the work will probably be done in the spring. The committee did an evaluation of maintenance work and determined that most of their repairs are roof leaks, siding repair / replacement and gutter repairs.

The committee will look at areas to see where they can save money. They will be looking at the reserves and set high standards to keep the community up. Both the Architectural and Landscape committees are thinking along the same line—keep expenses down and maintain property values.

Social Committee

Barb Poynter indicated that the committee had a very active year with the following events:

Soup and Side Night
Annual Yard Sale
Monday Night Pool Parties.

- White Castle Night
- Coney Night
- Wilson Hot Dog Night
- Fannin Barbecue Night

Social Committee...continued

Summer Beach Party Night
 The Chili Cook Off
 Evening Parties at the Clubhouse (after pool closing)
 Christmas Craft Night
 Ladies Christmas Luncheon
 Christmas Party Saturday, December 5th, 2009 to benefit Big Stef

Special thanks to the Clubhouse Decorating Committee for the fabulous job of redecorating the Clubhouse: Sue Hoppenjans, Cheryl Hussung, Mary Lee Yeager and Carol Wilson with Barb Poynter as board liaison.

The Social Committee held an Annual Yard Sale and sold the old clubhouse furniture and was able to deposit \$940 back

into the Clubhouse reserve fund.

Barb indicated they purchased additional chairs, side tables, lamps and artwork for the clubhouse using the social committee funds instead of the community funds.

Barb noted the clubhouse has been rented 32 times so far in 2009 and is currently booked 6 times in December.

Barb ended by thanking the Social Committee members: Sue Hoppenjans (chairperson), Gayle Davis, Nancy Dorgan, Cheryl Hussung, Mary Jo Schuerman, Kathie Turin, Polly Venneman, Carol Wilson, Mary Lee Yeager and Andrea Larsson.

Finance Committee

Terry Reed thanked members of the finance committee: Anita Glahn, Dick Klein and Patty Landwehr. He noted they spent part of the year trying to simplify the reserve report and they added federal taxes back to the operating budget.

Declaration Amendment #25

The amendment to remove Section 5:10 from Article V of the Declaration did pass. The attorney is in the process of getting it filed at the courthouse.



2010 Board Members

Steve Yelton / President
Larry Hartig / Vice President
Terry Reed / Treasurer
Barb Poynter / Secretary
Fred Schmidbauer / Member at Large



Winter Freeze Checklist

Temperatures that fall below 20 degrees, particularly when accompanied by strong winter winds, dramatically increase the possibility of frozen water pipes and damage from bursting and flooding. It's important that you plan ahead. Inconvenience and financial loss can be reduced if you follow these simple guidelines:

- * Keep your house heated to at least 55 degrees.
- * Disconnect hoses from outside faucets.
- * Drip lukewarm water from at least one inside faucet so that both hot and cold pipes are involved.
- * Ask a neighbor to check pipes if you are going to be away for any length of time.
- * Turn off all outside water and drain lines. Should a faucet freeze, you can thaw an inside faucet easily with a good hair dryer. Outside faucets, however, usually require both the hair dryer and plenty of hot water.
- * If a pipe bursts, take the following steps:
 1. Shut water off at the main valve.
 2. If the break is in a hot water pipe, the valve on top of the hot water heater should be closed.
 3. Call a plumber.

A pipe doesn't necessarily burst the first time it freezes. Sometimes it takes several freezes and thaws before the damage occurs. Hopefully these tips will help make the winter months more pleasant and worry-free!



YEAR-END EVENTS



The Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, October 25, 2009. We had a great crowd in attendance and our winner again this year was Christine Schierer. Congratulations, Christine. (See page 4 for recipe).

The Christmas Craft Class was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009. Eleven creative residents and friends enjoyed making Christmas wreaths, trees and garlands.

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon was held on Sunday, November 29, 2009. Thirty-seven residents and friends attended and enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken salad, croissants, cranberry salad, cake and various beverages. Activities included games and raffles with Christmas-related prizes.

The Annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 5, 2009. We had a great time and raised \$600 for Big Stef, Inc. Big Stef attended the party. Three wreaths and 21 garlands were raffled out.

CHILI COOK-OFF

The Shadow Lake Annual Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, October 25, 2009. The winner this year was Christine Schierer. Many people have asked for her recipe and she has graciously agreed to let us print in the Newsletter.

Congratulations Christine and thanks for the recipe. Here it is:

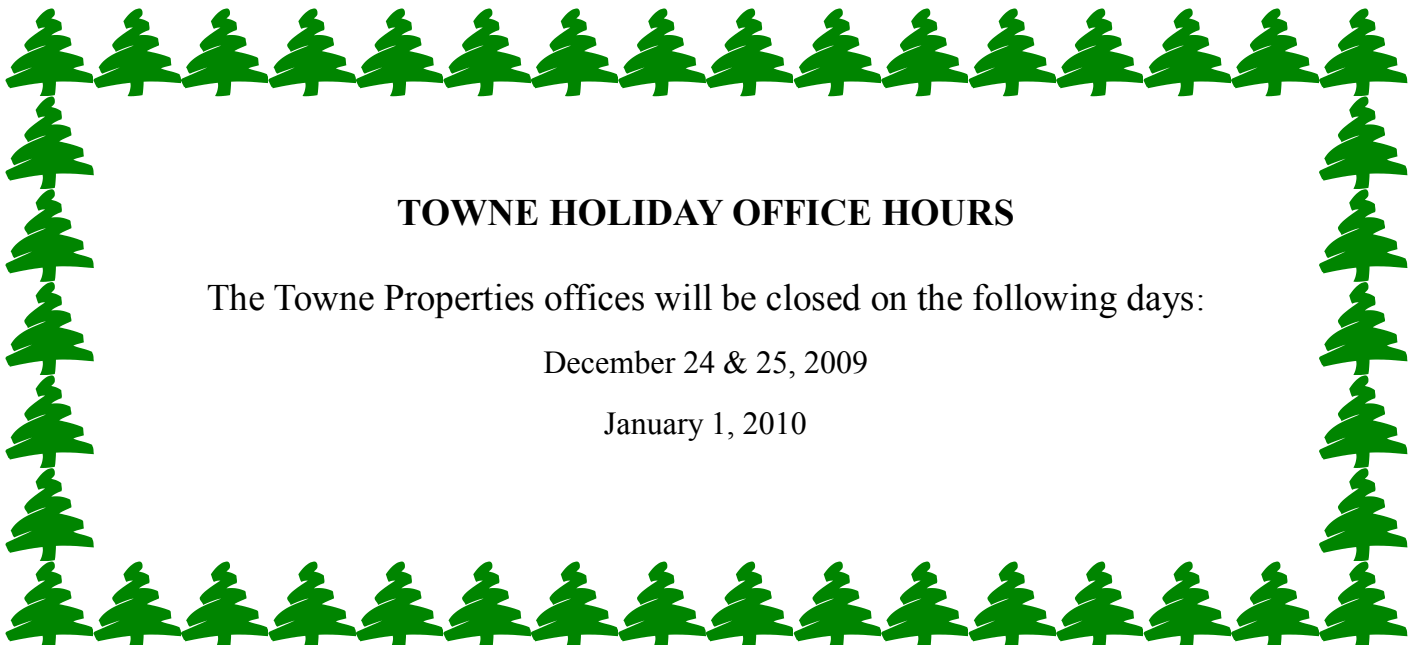
- 3 # Ground Chuck
- 3 cans diced tomatoes chili ready
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 2 cans med hot Busch chili beans
- 1 large onion diced
- 1 green pepper diced
- 4 large diced cloves of fresh garlic
- 2 tbls. oregano
- 2 tbls. chili powder
- 1 tbls. cumin
- 1 tbls. of salt, use less if necessary



Brown meat, onion, garlic, and pepper together. Drain off fat. Add rest of ingredients except beans. ADD ENOUGH WATER TO DESIRED CONSISTENCY. Simmer for a couple of hours, then add beans and cook for 30 minutes more.



The Holidays are rapidly approaching and we want to remind everyone to park in your garage or driveway and save the open parking pads for guests.



TOWNE HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Towne Properties offices will be closed on the following days:

December 24 & 25, 2009

January 1, 2010