



# DOUGHERTY LAKE NEWS

## IMPROVING DOUGHERTY LAKE'S CURB APPEAL

What is going on along Des Peres Road south of our entrance? For 3 years we have been working to improve the area above the retaining wall. Dougherty Lake residents who have been here a while will remember the unkept "jungle" of poison ivy, bush honeysuckle, Ailanthus trees, and other weedy, invasive plants growing above, the wall. The past 3 years have involved working with the City of Des Peres, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and private contractors to improve Dougherty Lake's curb appeal along Des Peres Road.

The process began with clearing the area. At Dougherty Lake trustees' request, the City of Des Peres street department and its contractors did considerable work. Although the area looked much better, we were still left with a difficult situation—a very unmanageable piece of steep hillside.

The second step was contacting the Missouri Department of Conservation and enlisting the aid of their professional landscape architect. His task was to prepare a plan that would be attractive and easily maintained. His recommendation was to add two rows of blocks to the retaining wall height and extend it north about 40 feet. This would minimize erosion and allow easier, safer access for maintenance. The landscape architect and our St. Louis urban forester assessed the existing trees on the property above the wall. They determined that 6 trees should be removed because they were not good specimens and would interfere with the growth of new trees. They recommended planting 7 small flowering trees which would complement the narrow space between the neighborhood fence and the retaining wall. We thought this was a good plan that would enhance the front of our subdivision and beautify this section of Des Peres Road.

The third step was making a capital project request to the City of Des Peres. The City has continued to cooperate with us by providing \$5000 in the 2007 Capital Improvement budget to help with landscaping of this right-of-way.

The fourth step has been talking with contractors and obtaining bids. The tree removals were recently completed. We have selected Rosch Company, retaining wall specialists, to complete the wall improvements. We will then be prepared to plant the small flowering trees in early spring. From weeds to flowering trees—we hope you enjoy the new look as the trees mature!

## YOUR 2007 ASSESSMENTS

2007 Assessments: Per the Dougherty Lake Subdivision Restrictive Agreement the annual assessment for 2007 will be increased in proportion to the increase in the U.S. Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (for All Urban Consumers, All Items, St. Louis, Missouri). Therefore, the standard assessment will increase from the 2006 level of \$207.50 to \$211 in 2007. Assessments will be mailed to each lot owner by the City and Village Tax Office in April or May.

## DOUGHERTY LAKE GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

The Dougherty Lake Garden Club is once again offering a program for the entire subdivision to attend. Albert Hirson, a Master Gardener, will present **"Lawn Care the Easy Way"** on April 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Learn how to take care of your lawn with less effort. This program will present horticultural practices and a timetable for lawn maintenance that will help you minimize hours of tedious lawn care. Topics include seed selection, watering, fertilizing, mowing, and pest management. Watch for more info.

If you are interested in more information about the Garden Club, contact Moira Steuterman at 821-8869.

## HERE ARE YOUR DOUGHERTY LAKE TRUSTEES... WE'RE JUST A PHONE CALL OR EMAIL AWAY!

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## NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please update your directory by adding the following four new families in our neighborhood:

- Francis & Ken Faulhaber, 715 Briar Fork Rd, 909-7171
- Ken & Laura Wilhelm, 2330 Hollyhead Drive, 394-0391
- Nathan & Rebecca Kelly, 12852 Crab Thicket, 984-9986
- Keith & Theresa Miller, 2353 Hollyhead Drive, 822-4402

On page 3 of the directory, we listed Dougherty Lake Social Events. Please make a note of the following changes:

- Annual Fall Neighborhood Picnic, call Susan Stephens at 835-0189;
- Marathon Bridge Group, call Betty Struckhoff at 966-8404
- Christmas Cookie Exchange, call Heidi Crocker at 821-2674
- Dougherty Lake Garden Club, call Moira Steuterman at 821-8869



**2006 CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Dougherty Lake Subdivision Trustees  
c/o Carel Reynolds, Communications  
12962 Briar Fork Road  
Des Peres, MO 63131

## WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD IDEAS!

Your trustees view this newsletter as a way to communicate with you on what we have been doing, but we would like to hear from you too!



Let us know what is going on in the neighborhood. If you see someone being a kind neighbor, let us know. Have a great idea for a newsletter article? We're listening!

Contact one of the Trustees listed on page one.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DOUGHERTY LAKE TRUSTEES

Please..

Spring weather is approaching – and residents of Dougherty Lake are beginning to make plans for yard work and landscaping. We would like to remind the folks living along Des Peres Road to please keep a clear space next to the subdivision's fence.

Symmetry, our landscape contractor, does a good job of keeping stuff away from the outside of the fence. It is the homeowners' responsibility to maintain the fence area next to their property. Your neighbors thank you!

**Please help us keep our  
beautiful lake clean.  
Rake your leaves and gumballs  
into disposable bags  
for free pick up on Mondays  
by the City of Des Peres.**