

Queens Lake Community Association



As of November 18 we are the same strong community with the same committed membership, but with a new name. As the departing (and last) "Club" president, Don Tortorice notes below the reason for the change that you see in the banner above. Let all of us strive to increase our membership, and thus the strength of the community.

A Message From the President

I come to this, my last President's Message, with feelings mixed with some distinct relief, but colored with a sense of unfinished business. However, the bylaws tell me that I must move on – and I do. When I came to this second term year, I set two goals. The first was to begin a promising effort to achieve a deed-restricted critical mass of members – a core of committed people who would ensure the future of the Club. Not in my most optimistic moment did I believe that we would not only begin the effort, but would actually achieve the critical mass of 120 member properties within six months! This was a wonderful thing, reaffirming what I knew to be the worthy heart of this community. And, of course, it happened because of the work of committed and talented people. Much is owed to Bill Morrison, Bruce McRitchie and their committee members who carried the load and whose perceptive execution of an imaginative undertaking made it work. The second goal was to bring the Queens Lake website to life. That turned out to be much easier, but again was attributable to good work from good people. We were blessed to have the talented and economic design efforts of Carter Cowardin who actually built the site. Then, the efforts of Kate Helwig, Julia Morris and Chris Hailey brought completion to the wonderful photographs that show the world the beauty and completeness of Queens Lake. The site will serve us well, providing a true look at our community and its facilities, while also providing a handy and current source of information. Take a look – our website address is www.queenslake.net.

I did not anticipate Isabel. After all, having gone through Hurricane Floyd and a hundred-year ice storm in 1998, then a 23-inch snowstorm in 1999, it seemed appropriate that an extended spell of quietude would follow. Not to be. In the last, special Newsletter, we outlined the assessments of damage to our facilities and projected the work necessary to recover. Actually, we were fortunate not to have sustained heavier losses; to have had in place a relatively good scope of insurance; and to have an entire community of leaders who began immediately to plan the process of complete recovery. I am also relieved and proud to have conferred with Harry Hager, Chair of the Finance Committee, to confirm that **there will be no need for any assessment of the membership to recover from Hurricane Isabel**. The combination of reserved capital and insurance will be sufficient to see us through.

I am very pleased to note that the nominating committee has brought forward a truly excellent slate of nominees to the board who have now been accepted by the vote of the membership. The quality and dedication of this group make me feel secure in the future of Queens Lake – which brings to another matter. At the last board meeting, I suggested that we propose to the membership a **change in our name – to Queens Lake Community Association, Inc.** You may ask why, after more than 50 years, we would change the name from Queens Lake Club, and the reason is this – we are truly an association of property owners who have come together to create a community. We are not a social club so often inferred from the word "club" in our name. We are actually - we are truly - a community, and our new name will confirm that. I am truly pleased that the community has agreed to this important change. Also, we recommended, and the membership accepted, that we restate the articles of incorporation. This means nothing more than drawing together the original articles and multiple amendments into one document instead of many. The substantive provisions will not change.

Farewell and thank you for your help along the way, but most of all, thank you for being the wonderful and unique community that you are.

Don Tortorice
President



Tree Preservation and Management

Educational Forum

December 2, 2003, 7:00 PM

Queens Lake Clubhouse

As we continue the seemingly endless cleanup of the devastation left by Hurricane Isabel, as we watch trucks with sideboards carry the remains of literally thousands of trees that previously graced our community, there are several questions that any prudent Queens Lake homeowner needs to ask:

- Are any of my remaining trees weakened to the point of becoming a hazard?
- Do any of my damaged trees need attention to keep them healthy?
- When picking replacements for downed trees, what varieties would be most suitable, fast growing and storm resistant?
- With all the fly-by-night tree “experts” that have knocked on my door, whom can I trust to do a good job at a fair price?

Your Queens Lake Club is putting together an educational forum in which local tree experts will give honest, trustworthy advice on how to best approach these and any related questions you may have. They will prepare you to ask the right questions when seeking advice regarding specific situations in your own yard.

We have experienced what many long time residents say was the most devastating storm in Queens Lake history. For the most part, the community has acted very responsibly in cleaning up and repairing the damage. A few have seemingly over-reacted, cutting down healthy trees that had weathered the storm unscathed. Most have not panicked, realizing that a storm of this magnitude is not likely to repeat in most, if not all of our lifetimes.

The workshop is an opportunity to come together with neighbors and discuss intelligent and rational approaches to restoring your landscape.

All Queens Lake residents are invited to attend, whether or not they are currently members of Queens Lake Club.



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The QL Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the club-house. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Books and records of the Queens Lake Club, including minutes of all Board meetings, are open to all members for review.