

Notes From The Board Room 2010

Sue Mays - President

The Board of Directors of West Neck Homeowners Association both past and present would like to thank Peter Cousin and his publication, *Village News Magazine*, for allowing us this space over the past years to communicate with the residents of West Neck.

The Board is in the process of developing an electronic newsletter to be distributed through the Villages by their voting members. We hope to give an overall view of West Neck from the input from all the Villages and get a communication tool that reaches all the homeowners. This not only allows us to communicate through newsletters but also send out notices of interest or importance in a timely manner. Copies of the newsletter will be available at the Village Hall for those who do not have computer access. If you have email access and wish to make sure you receive your copy in this way than contact your voting member and give him or her your e mail address for distribution. Opening up the communication lines within West Neck is our main concern at this time. I would like to take this space to thank the many



volunteers that help keep West Neck the great place to live. We do not acknowledge these folks enough and the Board of Directors would not be able to function without their help. Please be aware that these neighbors are working very hard to keep West Neck looking beautiful and a fun place to live.

This will be the last article that the Board will placing here and we again want to thank Peter Cousin for his support of West Neck HOA.

A Note From The Editor: It has been our pleasure to promote the "Notes From The Board Room" since we began Village News over 7 years ago. We will continue to cover important events and items of interest in our community for years to come. If you have anything you would like to see in this space, please email me; peter@villagnewsva.com and let me know your suggestion.

Take pest control and prevention into your own hands

Warm weather welcomes more than just outdoor barbecues, summer vacation and vegetable gardens - it brings back the pests that like to annoy us. Insect problems are more than just irritating - they can potentially pose serious risks. If you're struggling to solve a pest problem in or around your home, and don't want to pay for someone to solve it for you, there are DIY solutions that are effective and affordable.

"While not all insects are harmful, some, such as ticks, mosquitoes and fleas, can carry life-threatening diseases," says Larry Coltharp, director of insect control research and development with Black Flag, a leader in pest control solutions. "Some insects prefer building dangerous nests outside your home, while others find little voids to creep inside and then lay eggs in hidden areas around your house. This is when it can become a serious health threat to small children and pets, and becomes necessary to treat your house to remove these risks from your environment."

A new product from Black Flag, Extreme Home Insect Control, is ideal for DIYers looking to solve or prevent bug problems on their own, especially in today's tough economy. The Pump 'n Spray unit, available at Lowe's for around \$16, offers an average savings of \$100 versus calling a professional exterminator. It's simple to use and proven effective in killing 47 types of insects, both inside and outside of the home.

The new system creates a long-lasting perimeter of defense against bugs, notably up to nine months against German cockroaches. The 1.33-gallon Pump 'n Spray container requires just 12 to 15 pumps to produce up to 10 minutes of continuous spraying.



Children, pets and adults can enter treated areas once the spray has fully dried.

For maximum protection against pests, Coltharp recommends applying the spray around the perimeter of your home, indoors and out. Prevention is the best solution - so spray all possible points of entry for insects, including doors, cracks, crevices and exterior windows. Don't forget to cover areas like the attic and garage.