

April 2, 2010

President's Report

As I compose this report, I can't help but refer to last weekends attempt to hold an Annual Membership Meeting. To the Member's who took the time to attend the meeting, I commend you. To the Member's who did not take the time to attend or send in your proxy, you have no right to complain about anything that will transpire at the Reconvened Meeting, May 1, 2010. By your lack of participation, you have made it possible for the votes of 25% of the membership to affect the entire Association.

This means that 130 members can approve changes that will impact over one thousand residents of Heritage Lake. I don't know what you think about this, but it doesn't sound fair. But it is what the Heritage Lake Association Bylaws state. Until you realize that you need to participate in the Association, you can't effect change in the Association.

How would you feel about a \$1,000.00 special assessment for road repairs? You must agree with it if you didn't care enough to return your proxy or attend the Annual Meeting. Have I got your attention yet? I hope so. The \$1,000.00 amount was mentioned at the adjourned Annual Meeting. Neither I nor the Board of Director's can stop this if a motion is made and seconded at the Reconvened Meeting. The only people who can stop this are the members who attend the reconvened meeting on May 1, 2010.

You cannot blame anyone but yourself if this happens. Not the current Director's or those elected in the future. **For failing to utilize voting privileges as a member of Heritage Lake Association, your unwillingness to participate means you have no right to complain about what transpires.**

I spoke with the Association's Attorney, Brian Johnson on Tuesday March 30th to apologize for the conduct of the membership at the Annual Meeting. In my opinion, we will not make any progress until the animosity among our members is resolved. I have no cure for our problems, but they will not go away until we start working towards a common goal. What that goal is, I don't know yet.

One common complaint I hear has to do with the condition of our roads. I agree that they need major repairs. However, **a problem that has been Forty years in the making cannot be fixed tomorrow.** I am not blaming anyone for their condition. But if anyone is to be blamed, it is the members who fail to participate in the Association. Those who don't vote and those that won't attend volunteer day because "I pay my assessment." Your attitude should be, *the more I can help the less money the Association has to spend to get it done.* This translates to more money for the roads and other amenities.

I believe that you are alerted to what may occur May 1st. You can't say you didn't know. Your concern will be reflected in either your attendance or absence. **I felt you should be given the opportunity to have your voice heard and your vote counted.**