

TIMBERLINE TALK

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PLANNING A HOME IMPROVEMENT?

Homeowners are required to call the architectural committee before making any permanent improvements to their properties. This includes, but is not limited to, fences, sheds, or room additions.

For an architectural improvement form, call Brian Wiente at 356-5965 or find it on the web at <http://timberlinevalley.us>.

TIMBERLINE VALLEY HOMEOWNERS CALL BRIAN BEFORE THEY DIG!



Detention Basins

Members of the Board of Directors met on October 3rd with the city employees dealing with the detention basins. At this meeting the city presented the board members with a letter responding to our request to have the basins changed from private to mixed use basins. The city agreed and as of now our detention basins are mixed use.

The city also stated in the letter that they don't believe that the long basin can be dredged deeper due to its proximity to the adjacent properties. But they did give the board a few suggestions as alternatives to dredging (rain garden; dry detention area). The board is presently reviewing the letter and looking at all suggestions made by the city. The board will set up meetings for the homeowners to review and discuss our options with the city employees in attendance in late winter and early spring. The board will send out letters explaining where and when the meetings will take place.

Annual Meeting

The Timberline Valley Homeowner's Association annual meeting was held on October 11, 2008. Those present reviewed the letter from the city and discussed the options suggested by the city. The homeowners present wanted the board to pursue all avenues to make the basins presentable. The homeowners also discuss the possible need for a property maintenance committee. The board of directors are presently looking into the necessary steps needed to create a property maintenance committee.

The following article is a postings from the City of Champaign's web site:

HOLIDAY PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

Posted: Friday, December 5th, 2008

- **Don't be a victim.** When shopping, never leave your purchases unattended, even for a few minutes. Consolidate purchases into one or two large shopping bags so you can keep track of everything.
- **Conceal your valuables.** Roll up the windows, lock the vehicle and ensure your valuables are concealed, preferably in the trunk. If you must leave valuable items in your car, place items out of sight or move them inconspicuously. This includes backpacks, gym bags, GPS units, MP3 players, and so forth. Someone may be watching when you put items under/behind seat or throw something over them.
- **Don't be distracted.** Distracted shopper's often place purses and wallets in shopping carts or on floors. If carrying a purse, hold purse close to body, with the opening facing toward one's body and fully zipped or fastened.
- **Avoid carrying a purse or wallet.** Always carry your Driver License or Identification Cards along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use in your pockets. Keep cash in your front pockets; back pockets are easy targets for thieves.
- **Remain alert to your surroundings.** Thieves will target victims that are distracted or on their cell phones. Sometimes, they may even create a distraction themselves to pickpocket or steal.
- **Keep expensive jewelry at home.** Avoid wearing it while shopping. Do not make yourself a target for thieves.
- **Shop during daylight hours.** If you have to shop at night, go with a friend or family member and park in well-lit areas.
- **Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.** Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible, never leaving credit card receipts lying around on the counter or table. Ensure that clerks and waiters put receipts away before leaving the business.
- **Protect your pin number.** When using a debit card, protect your pin number from the view of others. Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- **Keep a record.** Store all of your credit card numbers and customer service numbers in a safe place at home.
- **Watch children closely.** Ensure that children are not left alone in video arcades, toy stores or restrooms; predators are on the prowl for unattended children. More than 100,000 children are abducted every year - often in malls or department stores, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCME). Shop with another adult, so you can take turns browsing and minding the children.
- **Educate your child.** Point out security guards, so your child knows where to go for help if lost. Have a plan in case you become separated, including a pre-designated spot to meet.
- **Monitor mailboxes.** Protect gift cards and gifts from being stolen from your mailbox. If traveling on vacation or away from home for long periods have mail forwarded to an alternate address or held at the Post Office.

TIMBERLINE VALLEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following homeowners have volunteered to serve as a board member

Glenn Adden, 3106 Timberline Drive, 398-8153

Steve Anderson, 3305 Timberline Drive, 352-4686

Roger Corsaro, 3206 Amy Drive, 355-1849

Stuart Folsie, 3101 Gold Medal Drive, 378-5222

Harry Ellis, 3108 Sharon Drive, 359-8038

Harold Hempel, 3203 Sharon Drive, 607-0147

Melanie Hertel, 3405 Timberline Drive, 398-4263

Mitch Kazel, 3301 Valerie Drive, 689-4589

Bill Link, 3302 Valerie Drive, 403-9845

Brian Wente, 3002 Valerie Drive, 356-5965

Tom Shaw, 3094 Timberline Drive, 351-7359

Two homeowners volunteered to be on the Board of Directors. The board welcomes Harry Ellis and Harold Hempel.

CITY OF CHAMPAIGN OFFERS FREE CASHKEYS

Posted: Monday, December 8th, 2008 to the City of Champaign's Web site

Champaign - No idea what to give friends and family this holiday season? The City of Champaign has just the idea - the CashKey. CashKeys make great gifts and the City is making it easy and inexpensive to get one. On Saturday, December 13, the City will be giving away CashKeys for free with the purchase of \$20 of City of Champaign time. Pre-loaded keys will be available from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the CityView room on the fourth floor of Illinois Terminal. Parking is available in the University and Market parking lot and, remember, there is no charge for parking Downtown on Saturdays. One free CashKey per person. Cash and checks only will be accepted during this time.

The CashKey is a cashless way to pay at parking meters and each key can be set up for use at City of Champaign, City of Urbana and University of Illinois meters. It can be carried on a key chain and eliminates the need to carry change for the meters. The key itself typically costs \$17.50 but that price is being waived for this special offer. The CashKey functions like a quarter; each time the key is inserted into a meter, \$.25 is automatically deducted from the balance on the key and deposited into the meter.

"With the increased use of credit and debit cards these days, many people don't carry change for parking meters," says Stacy Rachel, Administrative Services Supervisor for the Public Works Department. "We want to get the word out about this convenient payment option and figured this is a good way and useful time of year to do that."

Additional value for use at any type of meter can be purchased at two locations in Champaign: the Parking Programs Office on Edgebrook Drive and the Finance Department in the City Building, which was recently set up to provide this service Downtown. Time can also be purchased at the City of Urbana Finance Department at 400 S. Vine Street and the U of I Division of Campus Parking and Transportation Office at 1110 W. Springfield Avenue.

MARK YOUR 2008/2009 CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meetings:

January 10

March 14

May 9

July 11

September 12

Annual Meeting

October 10, 2009

Tony Noel Building

Parkland College

2009 Garage Sale

May 23, 2009

August 29, 2009

MOVING

If you're planning to leave the neighborhood, please remember that you will need documentation from the Board to prove there are no outstanding liens on your home. Also, please give us adequate time to prepare the documents, since we don't do this as our full time job. If you're planning a move please contact our President, Roger Corsaro at 355-1849, and he'll be glad to assist you.

**Timberline Valley
Homeowner's Association**

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