September 5th RWNA Board Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7:08pm
2. Karen approved March 4th's meeting minutes, seconded by Fred
3. Beautification Update:
    a. Asa put out flags for Memorial Day and 4th of July, they looked great! He plans to do the same for Veterans days.
        i. Spent about $200 on new flags- Asa will send receipts to Fred for
    b. Replaced 2 sprinklers near the front entrance near Harwood
        i. The one was an older model, thankfully Asa had one on hand and was able to replace it.
    c. The entrance beds need attention: looking to do something for the fall
        i. Asa asked if we should do perennials vs annuals to save money. Karen stated that this question had been asked before, and due to the sunlight each entrance receives, they've always gone with annuals. However, we could look into perennials for the Harwood entrance since it gets enough sun, and annuals for Industrial Blvd.
            1. Pat emphasized that we should only add plants if there's enough budget to make the entrances seem full since in the past it's looked sparse.
    d. A garbage truck lost a load along 157 and there is debris. Asa is working to clean it up with the help of his son.
    e. Discussed seasonal displays and what is needed/when
        i. Asa is currently in possession of 2 boxes with holiday display items for the entrances. Pat mentioned that most of the items are older and worn out.
            1. Karen suggested getting together November 22nd and seeing if anyone can donate items from their personal collection then decorating.
                a. If needed and there is room in the budget, we can look into sale items after Christmas.
4. Social Update:
    a. Reviewed past events and everyone expressed their satisfaction with the outcomes and want to continue holding them.
        i. Thirsty Thursdays

ii. Guy's Whisky Night
iii. Community Yard Sale, bi-annually
iv. Beers and Brats
    1. Will give Angela Hoss the opportunity to host 2026's. If she does not want to, the RWNA will take it on as theirs.
    2. It should take place in early May, generally the first weekend.
v. 4th of July Parade
    1. Great family event, possibly the largest turnout this year.

b. Confirmed upcoming events
i. Thirsty Thursdays- September 11th at 7pm
    1. Feb. 12th, Galentine's Day at Isabelle's
ii. Guy's Whisky Night- September 27th at 8pm
    1. Will obtain 2026 dates from Lee
iii. Movie Night (Phase 1's block party)- October 4th at 7pm
iv. National Night Out- October 7th at 5pm
    1. 7 Eleven is not having the Slurpee truck make an appearance anymore, however, they will have games, prizes and be handing out free Slurpee coupons.
    2. The official time is 5-8pm, however, Rustic Woods will host from 6-8pm in Periwinkle Ct.
v. Community Yard Sale- October 11th from 8am-4pm
vi. Chili Cook Off- November 8th at 4pm
    1. Misty Glenn Ct. by Mary Derrant
    2. Date may change due to hockey schedule
vii. Holiday Happy Hour- December 6th at 5:30pm
    1. Rochelle's House
    2. The signs will not be changed, therefore, they will not say "Holiday Happy Hour"
viii. Holiday Decorations Stroll- December 12th, time TBD at later date
    1. Karen suggested starting at 7-8pm and possibly walking over to the Daystar lights
    2. Will need to confirm route next meeting
ix. Annual Meeting- January 24th 3:30pm-5:30pm at Rochelle's house

1. Will add the "Winter" newsletter to the 1st billing, which will go out in December. The annual meeting will be promoted to obtain attendance.

x. Extras:
   1. Yard of the Month (April to September 2026)
      a. Need to set up website to have nomination page
      b. Need to figure out the requirements to be selected
         i. Has paid dues
   2. Best Holiday Decorations Display
      a. Figure out how to vote while on stroll
      b. Isabelle will make a sign
   3. Pat suggested holding more family events, suggestions included:
      a. Earth Day- plant seeds like planned for 2025
         i. Bedford library has a free seed bank
      b. Pumpkin painting for fall
      c. Couples activities and not just one or the other

5. Financial Update:
   a. View current expense report (Isabelle's breakdown below)
      i. Social Events: $325.25 out of $1,300
      ii. Newsletters: $39.72 out of $37.49
         1. Price is for Summer's newsletter, Spring's was free
      iii. Misc: $812.92 out of $500
         1. Sign inserts: $194.28
         2. Metal frame: $42.24
         3. Sign storage bags: $43.24
         4. Cricut materials: $553.16
            a. Will need around $40 for Holiday Decorations Stroll and to buy 1 more black vinyl to change dates for early 2026 events
   b. Breakdown cost for each event
      i. **Thirsty Thursdays (quarterly)-** $75 out of $100
         1. $25 to Isabelle for hosting the first event (paid)
         2. $25 to Isabelle for wine glasses for the second event
         3. $25 to Isabelle for candles and tattoos for third event
      ii. **Guy's Whisky Night (quarterly)-** ___ out of $100
         1. Has Lee asked for any reimbursement?
      iii. **Community Yard Sale-** 53.48 out of $50 (did not include service fee in initial estimate)

1. **$**53.48 to Isabelle for April and October's permits

iv. **Beer and Brats-** __ out of $100
1. RWNA provided the meat-

v. **4th of July Parade-** $196.77 out of $200
1. $196.77 to Isabelle for event supplies (paid)
    a. Have drinks left over to be used for other events

vi. **Chili Cook Off-**
1. Possible $25 to Mary

vii. **Holiday Party-**
1. RWNA to provide the meat: $25

viii. **Holiday Decorations Stroll-**
1. $10 for hot cocoa?

ix. **Block Parties-**
1. Phase 2's block party- __ out of $100
2. $100 to Isabelle for Phase 1's block party

c. Go over 2025's dues collected so far
i. Need 24 to pay to get the 56%, Fred thinks we'll get it
ii. Fred will send an updated spreadsheet

6. Block Captain Update: Jill and Rochelle will send list
a. What blocks need captains?
b. What are the block captains responsibilities?
i. Hand out newsletters
ii. Hand out 2nd billing
iii. Host block parties
1. How can we ensure they do that?

7. Website Update:
a. Pat and Karen mentioned the emails need to be updated
b. The rest of this year's events are on there

8. Newsletter: Send out Winter issue by end of November
a. Letter from President
b. Due reminder
c. Wanted positions for board or block captains
d. Highlight annual meeting in January
e. Market 2026's events
f. Anything else?
i. Bedford public library has seed cateloge and random items
ii. Acknowledge the current block captains and put out new ones needed

9. Safety Update:

10. 2025 RWNA Goals Review:
    a. Have 56% of houses pay dues (Phase 4 specifically) Achieved- on our way!
        i. Action steps:
            1. Write letters to phase 41
            2. Quarterly hand out rather than only twice
            3. Events, if they feel like we're doing things for them, then they should pay
            4. Talk to your neighbors, face to face contact
                a. Need to have a meeting with Karen and Fred after the September meeting
                b. Pat asked if we could have a list of phase 4 houses to see who has not paid yet.
    b. Have more participation in events Achieved- Yes, but could be more
        i. Action steps:
            1. Use signs regularly
            2. Have several but reliable and consistent ways of getting the word out
                a. Website
                b. Facebook page
                c. Email
                d. Nextdoor?
            3. Have events for all residents
    c. Neighborhood connections Achieved- Yes
        i. Action step:
            1. Helping your neighbor
            2. Hold block parties
11. New Business- Open Forum
    a. Spots open for board
        i. Social
        ii. Legal
        iii. Safety
    b. The condominiums on Harwood
        i. Pat saw they're for lease and not for sale like originally marketed
            1. Cannot necessarily doing anything, but let them know we're paying attention and not happy

    c. Pat is concerned about HEB traffic going through Cummings and suggested we look into a light for the crossroad of Harwood and Forest Dr.
    d. Pat stressed the importance of voting and going to the city meetings
    e. The creeks on Cummings and throughout the neighborhood are starting to get bad due to erosion.
        i. We need to reach out to the city to have them come and evaluate what can be done for prevention.
12. Next meeting- November 2nd at 7pm, probably Teams call again
    a. Fred is no Mondays
    b. Rochelle is no Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Thursdays beside November)
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm by Pat, Fred second