

Summer 2007

Dear Homeowners,

This has been an incredibly hot and dry summer. Your board is aware of both the expense of watering and the sense of futility that once a week will keep our lawns green. As you drive through Avington Place you can see that our lawns are drought stricken.

The good news is that given time, cooler temperatures and some rain, we *will* have green lawns again. In the mean time, there are a few things we can all do to make our neighborhood as good looking as possible.

If your grass is long, mow it. If there are weeds in your flower beds, pull them. Keep your lawn edged, including the strip of lawn on the other side of the sidewalk from your home.

Your board has noticed that there are a few window air conditioners popping up throughout the neighborhood. Window air conditioners are considered an alternation to your home. They are not approved and existing ones must be taken out.

If your upstairs is not cooling, you need to contact your air and heating company to make sure your ducts are working properly. Personally, I have an upstairs bonus room, and though a few degrees warmer than downstairs, it's comfortable. I have my air conditioning checked every year. Our homes were designed with sufficient central air conditioning.

Your board is taking further steps to make our community an attractive place to live. In the works right now is the re-sanding and re-staining of the pond bridges. We are also looking into planting small Leland cypresses around the side of the pond bordering the River Landing subdivision. We feel this will give us more privacy and a feeling of being set apart from the other neighborhood.

We had planned to set up lights at the gazebo. We have learned that to have electricity at the pond area is cost prohibitive. We are looking into battery powered solar lights.

You may have noticed our neighbors from the north, the Canadian geese, have decided to take their summer vacation here. Unfortunately, they're making a mess and eating our fish, so we are taking measures to "kick them out". They won't be harmed; the gardener will spray repellent on the grass. They'll decide to end their vacation with us and fly off.

Sincerely,

Pam Owen, vice president  
Avington Place Board