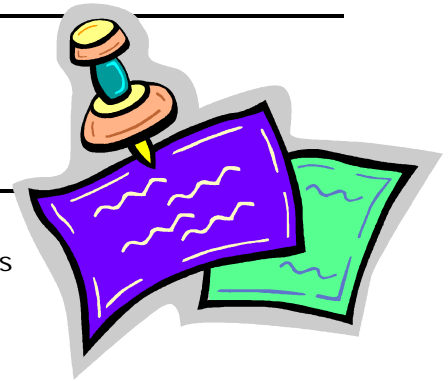


Home Owners Meeting Held



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The annual meeting of the Preserve at Somers Home Owners Association was held on November 23, 2004 at the Yorktown Stage Theatre in Yorktown.

The primary objectives of that meeting were:

1. To elect a total of four Preserve at Somers residents to the Home Owners Association board, and;
2. To open a dialog with the residents regarding issues and/or concerns.

Although a quorum was not reached (only 40% of homes were represented), the elections continued as only four residents ran for the four open positions.

The election decision was ratified at the adjourned meeting held on December 13, 2004. The new HOA board is now represented by:

- Nicholas Ward-Willis, President
- André Sanz, Vice President
- Matthew Murphy, Treasurer
- Anthony Trabucco, Secretary
- Erik Tinkhauser, as the builder's representative, maintains one seat on the five seat board.

With the elections complete, the floor was opened to homeowner's questions and concerns.

Due to a lack of a quorum at the November 23, 2004 meeting, an adjourned meeting was held on December 10, 2004.

There was a call for additional candidates for election to the HOA board. There were no additional submissions. A motion to adopt the board as elected in the November 23, 2004 HOA meeting was submitted; the vote unanimous. *[continued...]*

Annual Home Owners Meeting Held *[continued from page 1]*

If you have any questions, or would like to raise a concern, please email the HOA board at **board@preserveatsomers.org** or voice your question on our new forum:

<http://www.preserveatsomers.org/forum/bod>

Good Neighbors Drive Slowly

The Preserve is a nice place to live, that's obvious. We like it, our children like it, and they are often playing with their neighbors. That means that children may be crossing the street and it's up to both their parents and drivers to watch out for them. The speed limit in The Preserve is 30mph, though many would like to see it 25mph. Please, drive carefully, limit your speed, and be especially careful where children abound.

Interested in learning more, or helping to take action..? Start the conversation on our new forum:

<http://www.preserveatsomers.org/forum/speeding>

ATV Issues

Over the past several months there have been numerous complaints of ATV use in The Preserve, both on the streets and on common grounds. ATV use is prohibited within The Preserve.

Several approaches have been taken to discourage their use based on the environment. For example, on the Rail Road bed (behind the East side of Travis Road) stone and soil blockades have been placed at the north and south property entrances thanks to builder's cooperation.

On Harris, a post was placed in the walking path (with Town consent) to limit access. Discussions with the Town Engineering Department have led to tentative approval for the installation of trees adjacent to the breakaway fence on Cornelius for the right-of-way connection to Hynard. *[continued...]*

ATV Issues *[continued from page 2]*

From recent reports, ATV use has been reduced where obstacles have been employed. That's the good news. But we're not done yet. You can help to make this a non-issue by reporting ATV use to the local police and to the HOA board. What we've learned is that no complaint equals no problem.

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Preserve at Somers Web Site

As a part of the effort to improve the communication between the Preserve at Somers Home Owners Association board and home owners, the HOA board has developed a web site that will be used to facilitate this communication. This web site, located at **www.preserveatsomers.org**

provides several different communication tools, including:

- o A public calendar (**[preserveatsomers.org/calendar](http://www.preserveatsomers.org/calendar)**) to submit calendar entries, go to *[preserveatsomers.org/email/calendar](mailto:preserveatsomers.org@email/calendar)*
- o A discussion forum (**[preserveatsomers.org/forum](http://www.preserveatsomers.org/forum)**) which will eventually replace the current Yahoo email group
- o News from the New York Times, Yahoo! And other feeds (**[preserveatsomers.org/news](http://www.preserveatsomers.org/news)**)
- o A public document area for viewing, uploading & sharing files (**[preserveatsomers.org/documents](http://www.preserveatsomers.org/documents)**)
- o A section for favorite web links (**[preserveatsomers.org/links](http://www.preserveatsomers.org/links)**) to submit your favorite web sites, go to *[preserveatsomers.org/email/links](mailto:preserveatsomers.org@email/links)*

If you have any ideas on how to improve the site, or recommendations for functionality additions, please send an email to **webadmin@preserveatsomers.org**.

Keep your eye on **www.preserveatsomers.org** for new items, the latest news and updates!

Volunteers Needed

The Preserve at Somers Home Owners Association is looking for volunteers to participate in committees and informal groups that address issues related to the Preserve at Somers. These include:

- Grounds & Landscaping
- Water & Sewer
- ATV
- Tax
- Traffic & Speeding
- Services
- Recreation
- Bulk Purchases

If your interested in providing your time and/or expertise in any of these subject areas, please send an email to the HOA Board at **volunteer@preserveatsomers.org**

About Us...

The Preserve at Somers Home Owners Association is made up of board members and residents concerned about maintaining the quality of life we've come to expect... the reason we all moved to the Preserve.

Your thoughts and ideas regarding the content, form and style of future newsletters and our new web site would be greatly appreciated!

If you have questions related to billing, or would like to correspond with the HOA board via USPS mail, please contact our property manager, Leon Cukierman of ARCO Management at:

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ATTN: Leon Cukierman
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Suffern, NY 10901

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All other questions should be directed to the Home Owners Association board at **board@preserveatsomers.org**

Thank you...