

Comments from the Webmaster – 03-01-07

I wanted to update the community about the current status of our website. The existing website package, from Network Solutions, includes only one web page and requires use of their site-building software (SBS). A recent upgrade of their SBS required me to choose from a selection of new, predefined web designs in order to utilize some new SBS features. Hence the new look.

A number of good suggestions were made regarding the look and use of this website. A more interactive feel was desired – such as a regularly published newsletter (volunteers anyone?), pictures and a new neighbors section, as well as posting the homeowners policy handbook, financials, an organizational chart, meeting minutes and other documents. In order to maintain privacy, I would like to create a members-only section that requires community members logging in. See the website of the Donegal Cliffs Homeowners Association (www.donegalcliffs.org) for a nice example. Our current package does not allow for the login feature, among other things. I am looking at other packages that Network Solutions has that fits our needs as well as other web hosting sites.

Meanwhile, I am trying to make do with what is available to me. I plan to create links within the document to make moving around easier instead of having to scroll up and down. I was hoping the new design would allow me to create links to the left side but from what I can ascertain, the tabs to the left only link to different web pages, not a useful feature when you only have one page to work with ☺ I will try to create links at the top, bottom, and throughout the text for easy mobility which requires experimenting with the SBS software. The software makes it relatively easy for anyone to design a website, but in exchange, control of many design aspects is forfeited.

Thank you for your patience as changes to the website are gradually implemented.