

Dear Brasch Park Residents,

On behalf of the board of directors of our community, I hope this message finds everybody well. As we approach the end of the summer, we wanted to take this opportunity to bring our residents up to date on the state of our community.

For starters, by now you all have noticed our community is much more illuminated at night. For a long time, our streetlights had been literally flickering out. Some lamps were not coming on at all. This caused obvious safety and crime concerns, not to mention it was truly an eyesoar. At the request of your board, the City of Grantville went through and checked each lamppost and replaced the bulbs, of course at no cost to the community. No doubt this has contributed to a safer and better maintained community. We will keep an eye out to ensure the community never goes dark again.

The next bit of news has the potential to truly help improve our community in the long term with regards to our appearance and even our property values. I am very happy to report the vacant lots surrounding the community have been sold to a developer named Mr. Thomas Chandler. These vacant lots were previously bank owned through foreclosure on the original developer of our community. While we have not received any architectural plans as of yet from Mr. Chandler for future development on these vacant lots, the fact somebody was willing to step forward in this terrible economy to buy up vacant lots in an uncompleted subdivision is remarkable. We stand to truly gain from this as a community. We will make certain we forge a good relationship with Mr. Chandler, as all of us should benefit from this business transaction and investment.

I am also pleased to inform you, with the sale of these lots the board was able to work out an arrangement to collect on past dues and fees on each vacant lot. I can assure you this was not an easy task collecting past dues on foreclosed properties from the bank, but we ultimately prevailed. I would like to give special recognition to our property manager, Mary Carroll for her hard work mediating and facilitating this process. For the first time ever, our community will have some much needed reserve funding. Also, there is some much needed maintenance work around the community which has always been put off due to a lack of funding. We will finally be able to evaluate and prioritize these needs, and have them completed. The rest of the funds will be deposited into a reserve account.

While your board will work diligently to continue to improve our common ground appearance and keep our amenities well maintained, we also ask for everyone to be doing their own part as homeowners. We realize times are very tough economically, but it's the small inexpensive things we all can do for a better maintained community: such as keeping your lawns mowed regularly, keeping garbage cans and debris out of sight, pressure wash vinyl sidings, etc. With your help, Brasch Park will continue to be truly the best subdivision in our city.

The final information I would like to share with you all is a bit more serious, as it concerns what could possibly have a detrimental impact to our community. I am sure you all saw the banner a few months prior on the commercial dumpster off Hwy 29, advertising a proposed recycling center. I do not think I have to stress the importance of us being vocal in opposing such a development in such proximity to our subdivision. Prior to the recession, our part of Hwy 29 was

set to see some much needed commercial development which would actually appreciate our property values over time, as it would attract new residents. For instance, we are fortunate to finally have the Piedmont Physicians office opened. But I do not foresee any benefit to our community or the City of Grantville if this recycling center is opened off Hwy 29. It will likely scare away any chance we have of attracting businesses we truly need right now such as a grocery store, bank, etc.

Our property values would surely deteriorate even more if essentially a junkyard opens at our front door step. And the noise factor from such a facility must seriously be addressed. Recycle trucks are no different than the heavy garbage collection trucks. Recycle centers are not intended for placement in residential areas. Our City granted our developer the permits to develop a residential community on Hwy 29. When we all purchased our homes it was understood the business restrictions would be such normally found in residential areas. We all want to see the City attract new business and a recycling center set away from houses and families in a completely rural and remote setting would be acceptable and welcome. However, where Brasch Park meets Hwy 29 does not fit that criteria.

While the comments I shared are a matter of personal opinion, it is in the best interest of our community to oppose this recycling center. Like the rest of you, we want to protect our investments. I strongly urge each of you to contact our City Council members and let them know your opinion on this matter. It is reassuring to see Mayor Sells is opposed to such a development. We can make the difference and give our little corner of suburbia the chance it needs to thrive. Our council members want to hear our views... please contact them and let them know your feelings on this matter.

On behalf of the board of directors, I wish you all a safe and happy end of summer and Labor Day, and will see you all throughout the community.

Regards,  
Vaughn Harper  
President, Brasch Park Community