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Special Annual Meeting Edition

DRUM POINT VILLAGE WEST

March 2004

Date for the FY2004 Annual Meeting is April 2, 2004

The date for the FY2004 Annual Meeting of the Homeowners has been set for:

**April 2, 2004 at 7:30pm
Brick Municipal Courtroom
401 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, New Jersey**

This year we were looking for a 100% voter turnout. Come and meet your neighbors, officers and board members.

Directions to 401 Chambers Bridge Road:

Take Drum Point Road West to Brick Boulevard and turn right. Follow Brick Boulevard Northbound for approx 7/10ths of a mile to the second traffic light, and make a left turn onto Chambers Bridge Road. Follow Chambers Bridge Road Westbound for approx 1 mile and turn right into the parking lot of The Brick Township Municipal Building. Please park in the visitor parking areas. The courtroom is located on the upper level at the West end of the building.

Regardless of how you vote, each homeowner's vote is important. **Even if you plan on attending the meeting in person, we encourage you to complete and return a limited proxy form.** This will assure that your votes will be cast even if you are unable to make it to the meeting due to last minute scheduling conflicts. Doing so does not lock you into your vote because you may revoke your limited proxy at any time prior to the time of voting at the meeting – i.e., if you return a limited proxy, and then attend the meeting in person, you may change your votes at the meeting.

Next Regular Board Meeting

All members of the Association are invited to attend. The next regular Board meeting will be:

**May 12, 2004 at 8:00pm
The Mill Brook Manor Clubhouse
Saw Mill Road
Brick, New Jersey**

Protecting Unit Owner's Social Security Numbers

Submitted by Fred Weintraub, 37 White Swan Way, 732-267-3344

A YES vote for Proposal 6: Archiving of Unit Owners Social Security numbers will assure:

1. Greatest sheltering of your Social Security number to avoid "identity theft."
2. Remove liability from the Association for the handling of your Social Security numbers.

The Board's plan is for Unit Owner's Social Security Numbers to be kept by the Association Treasurer in a coded system for storage. I would assume the Board should have full control of this storage of Social Security numbers. However, they are leaving it up to the Treasurer who is not a CPA...not background checked to baby-sit this sensitive information. When the Treasurer isn't around does the World stop or does a Board member get into the system? All of the Board members are just regular citizens, neighbors of ours, who have been elected but have never had a background check.. As much as we consider their character to be good, there is no way of knowing if future Board members or a Treasurer may have bad motives and leaving them with 95 of our Social Security Numbers is simply inviting a future event of "identity theft". I sincerely doubt they would give you their Social Security numbers...why would you give them yours? Too many people...too many opportunities for erroneous access. This Amendment will have our "Attorney" as the only source of Unit Owner's Social Security numbers.

The Hot Button issue of "Identity Theft" is on the cover of the last AARP Publication and David Willis of the Asbury Park Press will have a series exposing "Identity Theft" of which Social Security Numbers are sensitive data to be protected.

If the Board won't take the highest level of protecting your sensitive Social Security Numbers then you must take responsibility...vote in person...vote by Proxy but you must VOTE YES for PROPOSAL 6.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE A STORY OR TOPIC TO THE NEWSLETTER?

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