

# Annual Report of “Property” Committee

## Fiscal Year 01June2007 thru 31May2008

**Scope:** The property committee maintains the grounds, buildings & their systems

**Co-Chairs:** John Chase(787-3085) and Bill Newton(787-688-8912)

**Paid staff:** Janine Tompkins (cel 504-8716) & Ron Cahill (539-1272)

### 1. Grounds, parking lot, outdoor signage and planting, playground.

John Chase, Ashlynn Ponnudurai and her volunteers, too numerous to mention.

### 2. Buildings

Roger Snow (variety of small jobs)

Al Weaver (lighting, playground, light construction)

Bob Lehner (painting, carpentry)

Ron Boucher (painting, carpentry)

Jan Krave (interior design, furniture & signage)

Del(Scotty) Scott (painting supervisor)

Max Shimer (fire safety)

Carl Hansen (wide variety of work)

Owen Thompson (TBD)

Bill Loomis

### 3. Systems

Sound Booth - Hank Charneskey, John Fraser and his volunteers

Computer network - Bill Newton

Security & lighting - Bill Newton, John Chase

Phones - Bill Newton, Mark Buckley

Pond - Al Weaver & Bill Newton

Kitchen - John Chase

Air Conditioning - Bill Newton, John Chase

Projection Equipment - Bill Newton

Serenity Garden - Jeannie Shimer

Water, Plumbing - John Chase

## Highlights of 07-08 year:

### **People:**

Bill Newton agreed to co-chair the Property Committee.

Ashlynn Ponnudurai needs assistance to do Outdoor Work Parties in 2008-09

John Fraser agreed to lead the Sound Booth volunteers

### **Outdoor planting:**

- Ornamentals, and new lighting, added to the Nursery Rd marquee.
- Abhi's grandfather's Live Oak is alive and well in the parking lot, awaits dedication.
- Peace Pole installed in the grassy area just east of Octagon entrance.

### **Sound Booth:**

- Hank Charnesky trained new (much needed) volunteers for soundbooth. **Anyone interested, please call John Fraser at 527-7648**
- Speakers in the "hearing impaired" section have been down, awaiting amp repair.

### **Octagon Interior:**

Interior upgrades in furniture, surfaces, decorations and signage done, still in progress. Added 110 V outlets to Octagon's Alcove so copier can vacate the Chorale Room.

### **Social Hall:**

Replaced both ancient household ovens with one almost-new restaurant oven. Added new(round) tables to complement existing rectangular tables.

### **Plans For Near Term:**

Renew signage inside the Octagon Foyer and Hallways.

Restore sound to the 'hearing impaired' section of Octagon's Sanctuary

Periodic outdoor work parties.

Emphasize importance of energy conservation - e.g. Progress Energy monthly bill.

### **For Possible Long Range Work\*:**

- Completed conceptual plans and obtained estimate to upgrade bathrooms in Social Hall.
- Estimated cost of 10KW photovoltaic solar array placed between the Octagon and Nursery Rd.
- Estimated cost to replace Octagon's decaying exterior wood doors with galvanized steel doors.
- Estimated cost to replace the Octagon's peak roof (not the sloping roof) in case it begins to leak.
- Estimated cost to replace Octagon's sloping tile roof in case its leaks become too many to manage.
- Estimated cost to add roll-down shutters for windstorm protection to Octagon's large windows.
- Estimated cost to convert peer-peer computers to "server" for ease of backing up data.
- Plan needed for Manse after/if it is vacated by Waldorf

\*These estimates are not for imminent work; they are needed in case they are needed.

On a final note, anyone who sees himself/herself helping in any of these areas, please contact John Chase (787-3085) or Bill Newton( cel 688-8912). All are welcome!

John Chase  
Property Co-chair  
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