August 1, 2010

Hi, Neighbors

With the decision having been made regarding the exterior paint colors, the Board has turned to the subject of **Exterior Light Fixtures on the front of homes**. Since May, we checked out products at local lighting stores (Progressive Lighting, Home Depot and Lowe's). We looked for traditional fixtures in a size and general character that would be consistent with the original fixtures, the new exterior paint colors and at a good price. After several tries, we found fixtures that we felt met the criteria.

The board approved those selections at the July monthly meeting. Subsequently, some board members installed the fixtures on their townhomes. So far, homeowner reviews have been very positive.

While no one is (of course) required to change their light fixtures, we think we made a selection that is so attractive that homeowners may want to update their fixtures. If so, here are the particulars:

Available at Lowe's:

Model:	Portfolio Outdoor Lighting	
056872	Two-pack wall lantern (for garage doors)	\$39.98
230098	Single wall lantern (optional—for back door)	\$25.98
0171979	Hanging Lantern (optionalfront porch above door)	\$29.98 (+tax)

So, for \$40, you can purchase lights to replace your garage door fixtures; or, for about \$100, you can replace all exterior fixtures.

Ben has offered to purchase the fixtures for anyone who places an order by August 15, 2010. You simply reimburse him for the costs.

Homeowners will be responsible for installation; however there are capable handymen in the neighborhood. If you are willing to help out a neighbor by installing their fixtures, please let Steve Martin know. If you need help with installation, also let Steve know. He will pair up helpers with those who need help. If you prefer that a professional install the fixtures, Ben and Steve have contact information available.

We hope that you agree this selection is appropriate for our neighborhood and that you will want to participate. But, if you want to install a substitute that is not substantially different in size, shape or character, you may submit the pictures and specifications to the Board at any time for its consideration.

The exterior paint color and lighting decision process will be an agenda item at the Annual **Homeowner's Meeting on October 2nd at 6 pm.**

Westchester Commons Homeowners' Association Board of Directors