FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter December 2016

BOARD TWEETS

You may be aware of the popular Neighborhood Crime Watch Program available in many communities. At the September annual HOA meeting, a representative of the Woodbury Police Department and Neighborhood Crime Watch Program attended to explain the program and how to get a one started in our community.

The general tone of the audience was positive in favor of exploring this opportunity. At the October 27th HG Board Meeting the topic was discussed and further research on steps to take, costs, commitments, etc. was explored. Key information:

- Contact person at the Woodbury Police Department is Wesley Peterson, Community Service Officer #690, (651) 714-3690 or www.ci.woodbury.mn.us
- Neighborhood Crime Watch Program Requirements:
 - Neighborhood meetings at least 2 times per year. Our current annual meeting and community picnic would meet this requirement

- A Woodbury Police Officer must attend
- At least 50% of households must participate in the program
- "Block Captains" on each block would help relay information (meeting times, suspicious activity, etc. to neighbors).
- A contact list (phone, email, etc.) for all neighborhood watch members would be needed to relay information on suspicious activity.
- A map of the community documenting layout of the neighborhood including a list of names and phone numbers of residents.
- Purchase neighborhood watch signs, coordinate with the police department to display the signs in our community.

Next Steps;

 The Board will discuss this issue at our November meeting and consider ways to obtain feedback from each household regarding interest in being included in a Neighborhood Watch Program.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the recent HG Homeowners' meeting, three new Board members were selected. Following are brief profiles of each:

Tami Hagen has lived in Heritage Glen for six years. Her work experience was in residential construction and landscape design/installation.

Now that she's retired she wanted to serve on the board to bring the insight she has relative to her work history. She's collaborative, inclusive, resourceful and hardworking.

Tami and her husband Jeff have three children and 1 grandson who keeps them pretty busy!

Larry Cozad and his wife Cecile have lived in HG for over two years, returning to the area to be nearer to family members and 6 grandchildren.

Larry was formerly a high school principal, then a professor in teacher education at UW-LaCrosse. He served in several different positions including department chairman and academic dean.

In retirement he has traveled in the U.S. and abroad, wrote twelve books and researched topics of interest. His goals are to continue to learn and understand more about the variety of world cultures.

Larry chose to volunteer and serve on the Board because it is "one way of giving back that which you receive".

Jill Frazier, a 3-year resident of HG, is a native Wisconsinite who also lived in St. Paul and Apple Valley.

She worked as a nurse in a variety of nursing leadership roles at United Hospital, Children's Hospital, North Memorial Medical Center and the last 11 years of her 43 year nursing career with HealthEast.

Jill retired in February and now has time for the things she enjoys including quilting, cooking, home improvement, traveling and spending time with family. She volunteered to serve on the HOA Board to get involved in the community and looks forward to serving.

WINTER PLOWING RULES

The following provides timely information for new residents and a reminder for the rest of us:

Woodbury's winter parking rules began November first. On-street parking is banned between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. and continues through April 1, 2017. The city ordinance also prohibits on-street parking any time two or more inches of snow have accumulated until after the street has been completely plowed.

On recycling days, keep trash and recycling containers on your driveway so the plow won't hit them.

Residents who violate the ordinance will be ticketed. To avoid receiving a ticket, also please tell any guests who visit you about the city restrictions.

Our contract with A-1 Maintenance remains the same as its predecessor regarding snow removal for driveways and sidewalks.

- Driveways will be cleared after at least 1.5 inches of snow have accumulated.
- Driveways will initially be opened up to allow access prior to 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when continuous snow accumulation reaches 4 inches.
- Driveways will be cleared within 8 hours of cessation for snow depths of 1.5 8 inches and within 12 hours of cessation for snow depths over 8 inches.
- A snowfall lasting 24 hours or more with an accumulation of at least 1.5 inches will be cleared to allow access.
- 5. Driveways that become closed by the city plows will be opened near the street.
- Sidewalk snow removal criteria are the same as for driveways, but sidewalks are generally cleared <u>after</u> the driveways have been completed.
- A-1 Maintenance is not responsible for damage to any electrical cords which may be buried under snow on the sidewalks.
- 8. Sidewalk snow removal will be delayed if wind chill temperatures reach 25 degrees below zero until safer conditions prevail.

Homeowners remain responsible for removal of snow from:

- Sidewalks and driveways for accumulations of less than 1.5 inches
- Driveways due to parked cars
- Roofs, decks and patios
- Driveways or sidewalks caused by roof clearing
- Ice accumulation from water drainage on sidewalks, steps and driveways.

<u>Please do not run electrical cords</u> <u>across driveways or sidewalks</u>. If vehicles parked in the driveway prohibit safe plowing without causing damage, plowing may be omitted.

BUNCO PARTY

Our October 22 Bunco Night was again lots of fun, laughter and great snacks! Come and join us at our next Bunco party in April, 2017. The exact date will appear in the March issue of **For the Birds**.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Marge Hanson, who resides at 402 Bluebird Lane, previously lived in Eden Prairie and moved to Woodbury to be closer to her grandchildren.

She is recently retired after many years as a Social Worker, then working in Insurance Authorization.

Eldo and Helen Thielfoldt recently moved into 383 Bluebird Alcove from their previous home in Afton.

They are both retired and decided to enjoy townhome living.

A warm welcome to all! Please consider joining a committee (the time involvement is minimal), meet new people and learn more about how our Association works. Contact any Board member or Committee Chair for more information.

HG GARAGE SALE

Reminder: consider participating in our anticipated HG Community Garage Sale in June, 2017.

This is an opportunity to make a profit on your unneeded and unused items which others may be delighted to purchase.

JERRY'S NEW BOOK

The sixth novel in the John Santana series, The Darkness Hunter, by our HG resident author Jerry Peterson, who writes as Christopher Valen, is available.

Jerry also recently released an e-book entitled All The Fields. It tells the story of a young professional baseball player who makes a decision that forever changes his life - the struggle to find his place in the world and to overcome betrayal and personal demons.

You can find all of his books at Barnes & Noble, some independent bookstores and on-line at www.barnesandnoble.com and www.amazon.com. Check out Jerry's website at www.christophervalen.com.

COMMITTEE LISTS

Following are the current updated lists of committee members:

Maintenance Committee:

Tim Ahles Jim Auer
Pete Backlund Pam Buczkowski
Jim Jacobs Scott Keinitz
Fran Koreltz Gene Roggeman

Karl Bozicevich - Chairperson Jerry Peterson - Board Liaison

Architectural Control Committee:

Karl Bozicevich Jean Crotty
Jim Jacobs Susan Kallman
Linda Smith

Julie Wright - Chairperson Tami Hagen - Board Liaison

Social Committee:

Sharon Bozicevich Jean Crotty
Marie Elverym Louise Jacobs
Susan Kallman Bessie Lombard
Lynne Michaels Debbie Mullen
Linda Rousseau Judy Samuelson
Linda Smith Dorothy Werner

Betty Koreltz - Chairperson Jill Frazier - Board Liaison

If your name appears on a list and you no longer wish to be included, contact Betty Koreltz at 501-0897.

TRASH COLLECTION

Celebration of the Christmas and New Year's holidays will not change our trash and recycling collection days during the weeks they occur.

BUMPER STICKERS

Forget about world peace - just visualize using your turn signal.

I get enough exercise just pushing my luck.

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you've got.

It's lonely at the top, but you eat better.

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.

HG WEBSITE

Access our HG website for information relating to our community.

Click on <u>www.heritageglenhoa.com</u>. Contact Karl Bozicevich at 739-6067 or <u>karlboz@comcast.net</u> with any questions, suggestions or additions.

I'VE LEARNED

That being kind is more important than being right.

That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

That money doesn't buy class.

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

DID YOU KNOW?

The head rests on car seats are deliberately kept detachable so the sharp ends of the posts can be used to break open the window in case of an emergency or fire.

The car's glass is easily breakable from the inside. Very few people know about this and thus can't save themselves in an emergency.

NAMES AND NUMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jerry Peterson Co-President 578-1516 Liaison to Maintenance Committee and A-1

Jean Crotty Co-President 774-6464
Liaison to Personal Touch

Jill Frazier Treasurer (952) 261-6509
Liaison to Social Committee

Larry Cozad Secretary 773-5800

Tami Hagen Member 263-8227
Liaison to Architectural Committee

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Julie Wright Chairperson 501-1037

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Karl Bozicevich Chairperson 739-6067

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Betty Koreltz Chairperson 501-0897

To report problems, promptly notify any Board member directly or contact Personal Touch, attn: Heritage Glen

Homeowners Association, PO Box 5233, Hopkins, MN, 55343, in writing or phone (952) 238-1121. For general questions or to submit an on-line service, request it via www.ptouch.net, click on Home Owners Requests, then Service Request.

If you are planning any changes to your home, please consult the Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria publication. If you're not sure if your proposed change is pre-accepted, submit a completed Architectural Change Petition Form to Julie Wright at 451 Bluebird Lane for approval before any work is begun. The HGA Architectural Petition form is located under "Architectural Committee" on our HOA website.

REMEMBER:

Life is short. Live it to the fullest. Life has an expiration date!

RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER

Do you know a good painter, carpenter or other trades person whom you'd recommend to others? Please call Betty Koreltz at (651) 501-0897 or e-mail fbkoreltz@comcast.net.

No recommendations were provided for this issue.