



FOR THE BIRDS



Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter

December 2020

BOARD TWEETS

Hello Neighbors,

Included in the mailing of this December issue of *For the Birds* are:

1. Minutes from our November 10th Board meeting
2. Corrected Minutes from the October 29th Board meeting
3. Initiatives inadvertently omitted from our Annual Meeting mailing.

We hope you are all well. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,

Heritage Glen Townhome Association
Board of Directors

Noteworthy:

- The extreme fluctuations in weather this fall have made it a challenge for A-1 Maintenance to complete the fall clean-up of leaves. Just when the clean-up

was scheduled, we got 7.9" of snow. Once that was melted and we enjoyed 75-degree weather again, A-1, like many other lawn maintenance contractors in the Twin Cities, had outfitted their trucks with snow plows and stowed away lawn care equipment. Mother Nature strikes again!

- The Board encourages homeowners to volunteer by January 5, 2021, to fill Board positions and allow time to become familiar with Board matters before the next meeting. Or, sign up for one of our association's three committees. Your active participation helps guarantee a successfully managed community.

WINTER PARKING AND PLOWING

Effective November 1, Woodbury's winter parking rules went into effect,

banning on-street parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. through April 1, 2021.

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 - this applies to any hour of the day.

Residents who violate the ordinance will be ticketed. To avoid receiving a ticket, also please inform any guests you have about the restrictions so they don't receive a citation.

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

For new residents who haven't yet experienced Heritage Glen's winter guidelines and as a reminder for all of us:

1. Driveways will be cleared after at least 1.5 inches of snow have accumulated.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
6. Sidewalk snow removal criteria are the same as for driveways, but sidewalks are generally cleared after the driveways have been completed.
7. 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 AND ICE 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.

Please do not run electrical cords across driveways or sidewalks. Because vehicles parked in the driveway prohibit safe plowing and may incur damage, driveway plowing may be omitted.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you have a milestone birthday, anniversary or other happy event, we'd love to recognize you. Contact Betty at fbkoreltz@comcast.net or (651) 501-0897.

Everyone faces challenges. What defines us - distinguishes us - is how we respond.

*Don't trust everything you see.
Even salt looks like sugar.*

HG ACTIVITY RECAP

Because of the COVID-19 situation, our social activities were curtailed considerably this year. Following is a recap of each group's activities (or lack thereof):

The **Ladies' Lunch Group** met monthly outdoors, socially distanced, and it was a pleasure to see and visit with each other again. Our final outdoor lunch was on November 6, a beautiful, sunny 75-degree day.

Attendance has been very good even though several regulars chose not to attend due to existing medical conditions and/or an abundance of caution. We applaud them for being careful and hope that by next spring or summer the virus is contained or we are all vaccinated and again feel safe.

The **Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group** agreed to wait until next year and, in the interest of safety, reconsider their options at that time.

Our **Book Club** continued to meet throughout the summer and autumn, primarily outdoors, and will gather on December 2, at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Rebecca Colby, 389 Bluebird Alcove, to discuss Howard Blum's World War II story, "The Last Goodnight". They are undecided about further meetings.

The **Walking Group** met irregularly this past season and was less successful than previously, but will try again next spring when the weather improves and perhaps we can feel safe walking together again.

QUIPS

Getting old is easy. Having fun at it is the real trick!

Does anyone know which page of the Bible explains how to turn water into wine? Just asking for a friend.

If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus.

Lord, give me coffee to change the things I can change and wine to accept the things I can't.

Golf – the adult version of an Easter egg hunt.

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

I miss the '90's when bread was still good for you and no one knew what kale was.

As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I'm sure of: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

MARONEY'S SCHEDULE

Collection of trash and recycling for the Christmas and New Year holidays will be on their scheduled days.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

(KID VERSIONS)

Sing along with these fractured versions of old favorites:

- Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
- We three kings of porridge and tar
- On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
- Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire
- He's makin' a list, chicken and rice
- Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
- Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay

- O Come, froggy faithful
- Good tidings we bring to you and your kid
- Noel, Noel, Barney's the King of Israel
- Sleep in heavenly peas
- In the meadow we can build a snowman, then pretend that he is sparse and brown
- You'll go down in listerine

GEMS OF WISDOM

Worrying won't stop bad stuff from happening. It just stops you from enjoying the good.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.

Definition of a friend: someone who says nice things about you when you're not around.

The less you respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become.

Faith is.....holding on tight when the going gets windy.

I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me. I'm too busy loving the people who love me.

The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy.

All you need is love.....but a little
chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.
Musings by Charles Schultz

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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.

When you're right, no one remembers. When you're wrong, no one forgets.

It's only worth it if you enjoy it.

RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER

There were no recommendations for this issue of *For the Birds*