



# **FOR THE BIRDS**



***Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter***

***September 2020***

## **BOARD TWEET**

Hello friends and neighbors. We hope you are all well and taking care to stay healthy.

Due to the coronavirus, getting together socially has not been an option for many, but we're happy to see that some of you have managed to meet with family and friends on your own boulevards and driveways. See the article "HG ACTIVITIES" later in this newsletter for more complete details.

Thank you for your patience as we move forward in this new (hopefully temporary) lifestyle.

We are currently trying to organize our Annual Meeting, either inside while socially distancing or by using a visual option. If you have any suggestions or ideas, contact any Board member promptly. Watch your mail for specific information regarding the date, time and manner of the meeting which will probably take place in late September or early October.

While we work on a solution, please consider volunteering for either the Architectural, Maintenance or Social Committee or running for a Board position. Three positions will be open this year for interested homeowners to get involved and with minimum time and effort, help influence the direction of the association. For instance, since you're paying monthly dues, which will increase to \$106 starting January 1, you can assist the Board in making sure the money is well spent!

## **LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

Our common grounds are seeing multiple projects being performed this summer:

^ Landscape edging repair or replacement is an ongoing project, due to ground heaving that occurs during freeze/thaw weather cycles.

^ Pruning of non-deciduous trees (except oak) which present an obstacle to our mowing crews, or are needed to clear limbs that are too near homes.

^ Removal of one dead pine tree and one linden that has roots likely unable to hold the tree upright through the winter.

^ Ash trees treated to prevent damage by emerald ash borer bugs. The trees are injected with a serum, expected to be effective for two years, then a metal tag is hung on each tree.

^ Repair of the metal irrigation controller boxes with a metal skirt installed around the bottom perimeter, wire brushing and painting.

Other projects under consideration:

^ Turf core aeration, which breaks up our heavy clay soil and allows for healthy grass rootings.

^ Addition of fabric berms to rain garden #3, to slow the water movement and help prevent a stream of water flowing to Woodduck Drive.

^ Cutting back the invasive, nuisance buckthorn growth at the far north and south sides of our grounds.

## ***STREET PROJECT***

You should have received a postcard recently from the Woodbury Engineering Department with additional information regarding the 2021 Road Rehabilitation Project for our area.

Your feedback is requested. Access: [www.woodburymn.gov/roadrehab2021](http://www.woodburymn.gov/roadrehab2021) .

## ***HG DIRECTORIES***

For those homeowners who had not yet picked up their 2020 Heritage Glen Directories, they were hand delivered on July 14 to the mailboxes of the following addresses:

- 389 Bluebird Alcove
- 401 Bluebird Alcove
- 470 Bluebird Lane

## ***NEW RESIDENT***

Pamela Scaia moved into her new home at 462 Bluebird Lane in mid-summer. She raised her family of six children in Los Angeles, but moved to Minnesota about 10 years ago. Her adult children are now living in various cities all around the U.S.

Pamela worked as both a teacher and a nurse, and currently works part time at St. Therese in Woodbury in transitional care, along with caring for her mother in New Hope.

Pamela loves canoeing, kayaking, dancing and playing pickle ball. She'd love to hear from anyone also interested in those activities. Welcome, Pamela!

## ***UPCOMING ELECTION***

Remember to vote in the General election, November 3, 2020, either in person or by absentee ballot.

For further information, go to [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us) where you can also apply on-line for an absentee ballot.

## **CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Lynne Michaels, a long-time HG homeowner, who passed away recently. She had been a member of our Social Committee, involved in the annual picnic preparations, and served as secretary for the Maintenance Committee, volunteering for projects including maintenance of mailboxes and working on the irrigation upgrade.

As a retired librarian, Lynne was actively involved and instrumental in making our Book Club a success. She had many hobbies: beading, quilting, knitting, crocheting, teaching classes, spinning her own wool for knitting and traveling. Lynne will be missed.

## **HG ACTIVITIES**

For the most up-to-date information about our Ladies' Lunch group, Men's Coffee/Breakfast group, Book Club or Walking Group, see the article "GET-TOGETHERS" near the end of this newsletter for contacts.

Both the Ladies' Lunch Group, which now meets twice monthly, and the Book Club, which meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, have been gathering, socially distanced, outdoors

during this Covid-19 period. We'd love to have you join us - it's good to get out to see friends again! Call the contact person for further information.

## **CANCELLED**

As stated in the July Board Meeting Minutes, after serious consideration the 2020 Heritage Fest picnic will not take place this year. We look forward to seeing you there next summer.

Please continue to save all can pull tabs for Children's Minnesota Ronald McDonald House. If you'd like a "mini house" for tab collection, contact Louise Jacobs at (651) 731-0764.

You may deliver the tabs to Louise at 291 Blue Heron Lane, drop them into the Jacobs' mailbox, or have them picked up.

## **RECYCLING EVENT AND MARONEY'S SCHEDULE**

The city of Woodbury's Curbside Recycling Event will occur on Tuesday, September 15, for Heritage Glen residents. You can get rid of major appliances and tires for a modest charge or scrap metal for free. Call Maroney's at (651) 439-7279 for more info or to schedule your pickup.

Because of Labor Day on Monday, September 7, trash and recycling will be collected on Friday, September 11.

Trash for the Thanksgiving week will be collected on Friday, November 27.

Collection day for the Christmas and New Year holidays will be unaffected.

## **MISINFORMATION?**

Guess who decided reusable bags are unsafe during a pandemic?

My grocery store informed me that I'm not allowed to bring in reusable bags when I shop. I was told that the plastic bags it has at its checkout counters are more sanitary.

They got this misinformation from the Plastic Industry Association, which claims that reusable bags "carry viruses and bacteria" and will worsen this pandemic, citing a study funded by the American Chemistry Council, a trade group that represents fossil fuel and petroleum companies that produce plastic bags.

No evidence exists that disposable products are less likely to spread the virus than reusable ones. According to the New England Journal of Medicine, COVID-19 is most stable on plastic and other non-porous surfaces.

Time to be a skeptic. I bring in my own bags, and the grocery store no longer makes me leave them at the door.

Submitted by Susan Kallman

*Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License Agreement. In the end you ignore everything and click "I Agree".*

## **Q and A:**

Q: What are the only 2 fears humans are born with?

- a. The dark, and sharp objects
- b. Fire and water
- c. Falling and loud noises
- d. Large animals and strangers

A: As best as science can tell, there are only two fears inherent in humans - falling and loud noises. A 1960 study verified the fear of falling by testing infants' depth perception; fear of loud noises is part of our innate acoustic startle reflex.

## **YARD SIGN REMINDER**

No signs are to be displayed other than those advertising your property for sale in our community as stated in our Declaration. Refer also to the Architectural Guidelines for specifics on exceptions, Section 3.4.6.

## **GET-TOGETHERS**

Contact names and numbers:

**Ladies' Lunch Group:** Jean Crotty at [jeanmc5133@comcast.net](mailto:jeanmc5133@comcast.net) or phone (651) 774-6464.

**Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group:** Bob Keopp at [rkeopp@comcast.net](mailto:rkeopp@comcast.net) or phone (651) 955-9553.

**Book Club:** Marie Elverum at (651) 470-2437 or [mkelverum@hotmail.com](mailto:mkelverum@hotmail.com).

**Walking Group:** Susan Kallman at (651) 734-0887 or [SLKallman@gmail.com](mailto:SLKallman@gmail.com).

## PUNS

How do you throw a space party?

You planet.

How was Rome split in two?

With a pair of Caesars.

A scarecrow says, "This job isn't for everyone, but hay, it's in my jeans."

Did you hear about the guy who lost the left side of his body?

He's alright now.

What does a clock do when it's hungry?

It goes back for seconds.

Towels can't tell jokes. They have a dry sense of humor.

Do you know sign language? You should learn it, it's pretty handy.

What do you call a beautiful pumpkin?

GOURDgeous.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

What should you do if you're cold? Stand in the corner. It's 90 degrees there.

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta.

Why should you never trust a train?

They have loco motives.

Sausage puns are the wurst!

## NAMES AND NUMBERS

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Pam Buczkowski Chairperson 702-6461

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Louise Jacobs Chairperson 731-0764

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 **Kay Sand at (952) 238-1121**. For general questions or to submit an on-line service, use [www.ptouch.net](http://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.

## **OLD FARMER'S ADVICE**

>>>> Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.

>>>> You cannot unsay a cruel word.

>>>> Every path has a few puddles.

>>>> When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

>>>> The best sermons are lived, not preached.

>>>> Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway.

>>>> Don't judge folks by their relatives.

>>>> Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

>>>> Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

>>>> If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.

>>>> Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

>>>> Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just shoot you!

*"Do Not Touch" must be one of the scariest things to read in Braille.*

*Yes, Officer, I did see the "Speed Limit" sign. I just didn't see you.*

*It' OK if you disagree with me. I can't force you to be right.*

## **RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER**

### **LAKELAND HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**

Call Jerome Hagen - (651) 206-7419

or

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