

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
December 2007

AUTUMN HERITAGE FEST

For the HG residents who did not attend our first autumn outdoor get-together on October 6, you missed a wonderful, warm day with the chance for neighborly socializing and great picnic food, entirely free to you!

Sincere thanks to Karl and Sharon Bozicevich who generously allowed us to use their grill, garage and driveway for the picnic, and to Jim and Diane Bonney for providing gift items for those present.

The Social Committee has tried several different events with mixed results. Thirty-six residents had a good time at the picnic and we hope for increased attendance at future events.

RADON TESTING

New awareness about the dangers of lung cancer due to radon has prompted Washington County to offer free radon test kits. Radon is a natural, odorless, radioactive gas that rises through the soil and gets trapped under buildings. Radon and other trapped gases build up pressure

and emerge through cracks and openings in floors and walls. Testing your home is the only way to find out if it is safe.

The EPA recommends that for homes, initial measurements be short-term tests placed in the lowest lived-in level. Short-term testing in closed building conditions helps residents quickly learn if their homes have high levels of radon.

If you would like a free test kit, contact the Washington County Department of Public Health and Environment at (651) 430-6655 to get your name on the list, which is now a 6-month wait. You will then pick up the reusable kit, conduct the test, and drop off your kit; the nearest location is in Cottage Grove. Test results will be mailed within 10 days.

If you prefer to test more quickly, you may purchase kits from hardware stores and other retail outlets.

Contact Chris LeClair at (651) 430-6673 for more information or visit http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/environment/indoor_air/radon_laboratory_free_testing/.

TRASH AND RECYCLING REMINDER

Trash and recycling collection for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's will be on Friday, December 28, 2007 and Friday, January 4, 2008.

Remember to keep your trash and recycling containers in your garage other than on collection day.

Winter Season Snow Removal

As winter approaches the Maintenance Committee and Board wanted to take the opportunity, prior to the first snowfall, to review the terms of the Heritage Glen Association contract with Land Maintenance. If there are any issues related to snow removal they should be brought to the attention of the Board Liaison to the Maintenance Committee, Scott Thompson, at dsthompsonc2c@yahoo.com and to Personal Touch Property Management. It is preferable to communicate in writing or by e-mail so that all issues are clearly documented and can be followed up on quickly. In the event of multiple day storms, Land Maintenance will work to adhere to the terms specified as best possible, but please understand that they cannot be on our site continually throughout a long storm.

Land Maintenance's primary goal during snow removal is to first clear all driveways of snow, such that all homeowners can enter and exit their homes through the garage, and will then work to clear sidewalks and mailboxes. If there are any questions please contact the Board Liaison to the Maintenance Committee. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Heritage Glen Board

Terms of the Heritage Snow Removal Contract with Land Maintenance

- Snow plowing will begin after 2 inches of accumulating snow occurs.
- Open up all driveways before 7:00 am or 5:00 pm.
- Snow measuring 2" to 4" will be removed within 12 hours of completion of snowfall.
- Snow measuring over 4" to 8" will be removed within 18 hours of completion of snowfall.
- Snow measuring over 8" to 12" will be removed within 24 hours of completion.
- Snow measuring over 12" to 20" will be removed within 36 hours of completion of snowfall.
- In the event the Department of Transportation calls equipment off the road in the metro area or wind becomes over 20 mph with blizzard conditions, the contractor has the option to postpone plowing until conditions exist in which it is safe to operate. If the above conditions occur all deadlines are void and the contractor will complete snow removal with the best efforts under those conditions.
- Shoveling of sidewalks, mailboxes, and hydrants will be completed once all normal plowing is completed.
- The contractor reserves the right to call off shoveling if temperatures are below zero with extreme wind chills, making it unsafe for employees.
- Contractor not responsible for snow within three feet of parked cars.
- Damage to any welcome mats or anything in the stoop area is not the responsibility of Land Maintenance during snow removal.
- Land Maintenance is not responsible in the event of a resident slipping and falling.
- Slush plowing is an additional charge.
- Making more room for snow in the winter by pushing back piles and or removing from premises is an additional charge.
- Sanding will occur only upon request.

- Additional charges will be based on the following rates:
 - Sand in place - \$50.00 per ton
 - Operated Bobcat \$50.00 per hour
 - Operated front end loader \$110.00 per hour
 - Operated dump truck \$65.00 per hour

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES

Contact Personal Touch, *attn: Heritage Glen Homeowners Ass'n.*, PO Box 5233, Hopkins, MN 55343, directly **in writing** for any Association problems, and send a copy of your correspondence to any Board member.

LIVING "GREEN"

Continuing our conservation hints to save energy and resources:

#7 - Save energy: When you're not watching TV or listening to DVD players or stereos, turn them off. When not using your computer, make sure it's turned off or in a sleep mode. A desktop computer and CRT monitor can consume more than 300 watts.

#8 - Unplug electronics from the wall when not in use. Cell phone chargers, hairdryers or clocks in unused rooms can use energy even when turned off.

#9 - Bring your own grocery bag. Reusable canvas tote bags work

great and last a long time. If you use plastic bags, recycle them because they can take hundreds of years to break down.

#10 - Create less paper waste this holiday season. Reuse ribbon, bows, tissue and wrapping paper that's still in good condition or place gifts in reusable gift bags. Send electronic holiday greetings instead of printed cards - save paper, time and postage!

PARKING REMINDER

From November 1 through April 1, Woodbury's winter parking regulations are in effect. No parking is allowed on city streets between 2 and 6 a.m.

LIFESMARTS QUIZ*

1. Which of the following fats is worst for your health:
 - a.) saturated fats
 - b.) polyunsaturated fats
 - c.) monounsaturated fats
2. Lead is considered:
 - a.) a toxic metal
 - b.) a ground contaminant
 - c.) an explosive gas
3. Which of the following takes up the most space in landfills:
 - a.) plastics
 - b.) yard trimmings
 - c.) paper
4. When speaking of computers, a macro is one type of:

- a.) interface
 - b.) programming language
 - c.) batch file
5. What percentage of motor oil consumed in the U.S. is recycled:
- a.) 33%
 - b.) 50%
 - c.) 67%

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** Answers to the questions follow the Board and Committee names.*

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Answers to LifeSmarts Quiz: 1 - a; 2 - a; 3 - c; 4 - c; 5 - c.

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 501-0897 or e-mail fbkoreltz@comcast.net with this information.

Remember, if you are planning any architectural changes, you must provide a completed Architectural Change Petition Form to an Architectural Committee member for approval before any work is begun.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!