

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
December 2008

ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Our second annual Heritage Fest on Saturday, September 27, was a success! Forty residents enjoyed the complimentary picnic food and visiting with current and new friends.

All homeowners indicating their preference at the HG Annual Meeting were in favor of another autumn get-together rather than a summer one, so in the future our annual outing will be held in late September.

CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Effective August 1, 2008, Minnesota State Statute 299F.51 requires that all existing single family dwelling units have an approved and operational carbon monoxide alarm installed within 10 feet of each room lawfully used for sleeping purposes.

A carbon monoxide alarm can be hard-wired into the electrical wiring, directly plugged into an electrical outlet without a switch, or, if the alarm is battery-powered, attached to the wall.

WINTER PARKING

Winter parking restrictions are now in effect. Woodbury's city ordinance prohibits on-street parking:

- Between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. through April 1
- Any time 2 or more inches of snow have accumulated until after the street has been completely plowed.

Reminder: Our Land Maintenance contract provides for the following:

- Snow plowing will begin after 2 inches of accumulating snow occurs.
- All driveways will be open before 7:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.
- Snow measuring 2" to 4" will be removed within 12 hours of completion of snowfall.
- Snow measuring 4" to 8" will be removed within 18 hours of completion of snowfall.
- Snow measuring 8" to 12" will be removed within 24 hours of completion of snowfall.
- Snow measuring 12" to 20" will be removed within 36 hours of completion of snowfall.
- 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 is not responsible for snow within three feet of parked cars.

- Damage to welcome mats or anything in the stoop area is not the responsibility of Land Maintenance during snow removal.

Direct issues related to snow removal to Personal Touch Property Management and to Board Liaison Scott Thompson at dsthompsonc2c@yahoo.com. Write or e-mail so that all issues are clearly documented and can be followed up on quickly.

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy goes out to the family of John Crowley who passed away recently. John and Mary were among the earliest residents of Heritage Glen.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New members elected to our Association Board of Directors are Mary Helbach and Julie Wright. Positions on the Board for the new members are not yet determined.

RADON REMINDER

Our December 2007 Newsletter addressed the odorless gas radon that rises through the soil and gets trapped under buildings. The trapped gases build up pressure and emerge through cracks and openings in floors and walls. Test your home to find out if it is safe.

You can purchase a test kit from hardware stores and retail outlets.

TRASH COLLECTION

The trash and recycling collection for Christmas week will take place on Friday, December 26. For New Year's week trash and recycling will be collected on Friday, January 2, 2009.

TELEPHONE BOOKS

A new website offers the opportunity to opt out of delivery of unsolicited telephone books that you don't want. It's free of charge and not intended to stop publication of directories, but to eliminate the waste created by phone books that go directly into the recycling bin.

Visit www.yellowpagesgoesgreen.org and click on OPT-OUT.

UNWANTED MEDICINES

Don't flush unused or unwanted medications down the toilet or drain. The chemicals in the medicine can eventually end up in our water supply, causing adverse effects to fish and aquatic wildlife. Humans can be unintentionally exposed when the wastewater is eventually reused.

1. Scratch out or remove patient information from the container.
2. Add a small amount of water to dissolve pills or capsules.

3. Add salt, flour or a spice to liquids to discourage anyone from consuming them.
4. Tape the container lid with packing or duct tape and place it in a non-transparent container such as a yogurt or margarine tub so contents can't be seen.
5. Discard the container in your garbage can. Do not recycle.

2. On average, which size of car has the most occupant deaths in a crash?
 - a.) Compact
 - b.) Midsize
 - c.) Large
3. The "use by" date on a food item indicates the date:
 - a.) The store must sell it
 - b.) For peak quality
 - c.) The food goes bad
4. Rechargeable batteries contain which potentially hazardous material:
 - a.) Cadmium
 - b.) Lead
 - c.) Mercury
5. The security thread will glow under ultraviolet light on:
 - a.) New \$50 bills
 - b.) New \$100 bills
 - c.) All new US currency

QUIZ FOR PEOPLE WHO KNOW EVERYTHING*

1. Which are the only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons?
2. Name at least half of the 14 punctuation marks in English grammar.
3. Many liquor stores sell pear brandy with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe and hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
4. Name six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "s".

** Answers to questions on the last page.*

LIFESMARTS QUIZ**

1. For an accidental poisoning, first:
 - a.) Induce vomiting
 - b.) Give the person milk to drink
 - c.) Call the Poison Control Center

***** Answers to LifeSmarts Quiz on last page***

BOARD AND COMMITTEE NAMES AND NUMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mary Helbach	702-6986
Scott Kienitz	578-2580
Julie Wright	501-1037
Rob Blocker	738-7676
Scott Thompson	702-9468
Board Liaison to Maintenance Comm.	

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Sharon Bailey	702-2645
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Rob Blocker	738-7676
Karl Bozicevich	739-6067
Louise Jacobs	731-0764
Susan Kallman	734-0887
Sandra Kienitz	578-2580
Katherine Line	735-4362
Julie Wright	501-1037

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Auer	731-7693
Pete Backlund	702-4612
Kathy Brolly	735-8918
Ray Buczkowski	702-6461
Jim Jacobs	731-0764
Fran Koreltz	501-0897
Sharon Shumaker	735-8532
Scott Thompson Board Liaison	702-9468

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Kathy Brolly	735-8918
Rose Duncan	459-3558
Marie Elverum	735-1346
Louise Jacobs	731-0764
Susan Kallman	734-0887
Betty Koreltz Chairperson	501-0897
Sharon Shumaker	735-8532
Dorothy Werner	738-2128

COMMENTS - ANY TYPE

If you have any suggestions, comments, requests, complaints or issues we can address, please phone Betty Koreltz at 501-0897 or e-mail fbkoreltz@comcast.net.

*** Answers to Quiz for People Who Know Everything:**

1. Asparagus and rhubarb
2. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parentheses, braces and ellipses

3. It grew inside the bottle, which was placed over a pear bud when it was small, and wired in place on the tree. The bottle was left in place for the entire growing season, and when the pear was ripe, it was snipped off at the stem.
4. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snow shoes, stockings, stilts

**** Answers to Lifesmarts Quiz:**

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. c

KITCHEN HINTS

- If a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake.
- Cure for headaches: cut a lime in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.
- To open tight jars, use latex dishwashing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy.
- If you accidentally oversalt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato; it will absorb the excess salt.
- For a beautiful glossy finish to a pie crust, brush beaten egg white over it before baking.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE!

RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER

Do you know a good window washer, painter, carpenter or other trades person whom you'd recommend? E-mail Betty at fbkoreltz@comcast.net or phone (651) 501-0897 with your recommendation.

Blacktop Specialists
Seal Coating of Driveways
Howard Dixon Oakdale, MN
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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.