

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
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CONSUMER ALERT

If you received a solicitation letter sent out by a private company regarding purchasing (for significant cost) a certified copy of the deed for your home, do not respond to the letter. You can obtain a copy from Washington County for \$1.00 per page (deeds are normally 1 or 2 pages).

If you want a copy of your deed on hand, keep it in an organized records system, preferably in a place that you and your loved ones can quickly locate during an emergency. In addition to your deed, include your birth and marriage certificates, wills, advance directives, titles of vehicles and passports. It's a good idea to store the original papers in a safety deposit box and keep copies in a secure place at your home.

DIGITAL TV IN 2009

On February 17, 2009, television stations in the US will stop analog broadcasting and switch to digital. The government wants to free the analog TV spectrum for police and fire departments to use to communicate with one another during emergencies.

The conversion should not affect televisions subscribing to cable, satellite or other pay TV service, or newer sets, usually under 5 years old, that have built-in digital tuners. Research your individual situation regarding this transition. Check the websites www.dtv2009.gov and www.dtvanswers.com and watch for updated information in the media.

Analog TV owners viewing on sets using an antenna will need to get converter boxes that will pick up a digital signal. Coupons will be available to help pay for the converter boxes. The program is just getting started at the time this newsletter was published. The advice is not to rush; you have plenty of time to make a decision.

DECORATIONS

The Board of Directors asks that residents remove all Christmas decorations that remain on your property. It may be difficult if they are frozen in place, but please remove them as soon as possible, and in a timely manner in future years. Thank you!

TRASH COLLECTION

In the week of Memorial Day, trash and recycling will be collected on Friday, May 30, 2008.

COUPON CLIPPERS

There are several websites which offer coupons online. Check www.SmartSource.com, www.Redplum.com, www.Coupons.com, and www.Couponmom.com. Insure that coupons have a bar code and expiration date or they may be rejected by retailers.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN - BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Several residents of Heritage Glen are gone for extended periods of time, from weeks to months, during the winter season. Although we like to think our area is safe, it's a good idea to watch for any unusual activity around their homes in their absence. Generally a nearby neighbor will know when residents are gone, when they are expected to return and if someone else will be checking their homes, so be vigilant and look at the vacationers' home and adjacent area routinely to see if everything appears OK.

LIVING "GREEN"

Continuing our conservation hints to save energy and resources:

#11 - Choose products with recyclable packaging. Take your lunch to work in a reusable container with a lid.

#12 - Reuse! Garage sales, upscale consignment stores and eBay help our planet - and our personal budgets - by encouraging reuse.

#13 - Rely less on your vehicle. Consolidate trips or shop close to home. In good weather walk or bike to closer destinations. Carpool to work when possible.

#14 - Replace inefficient appliances. Old models use twice as much energy as current models. Look for the Energy Star label, an internationally recognized symbol for energy efficiency.

#15 - Cut off junk mail. Fees are involved, but to see what you can do check out www.greendimes.com, www.reduce.org, www.41pounds.org

OUR THANKS

LaVon Jalonack, who has served on the Social Committee since its inception, has decided to pursue other projects. Thanks, LaVon, for your help in our activities, and for helping to deliver the newsletters!

LIFESMARTS QUIZ*

1. What is the second leading cause of preventable death in the US?
 - a.) smoking
 - b.) obesity
 - c.) AIDS
2. The best protection in sunglasses is
 - a.) very dark lenses
 - b.) yellow or blue lenses
 - c.) an invisible chemical in the lenses to block UV rays
3. The beneficiary named in a life insurance policy is the person
 - a.) whose life is covered
 - b.) who applied for the protection
 - c.) to whom the policy value will be paid
4. Conductive hearing loss
 - a.) is permanent damage
 - b.) will always require an assistive device
 - c.) is usually corrected medically or surgically
5. Your credit limit represents the
 - a.) amount you have budgeted for
 - b.) maximum amount of available credit
 - c.) monthly minimum payment

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

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