

# **FOR THE BIRDS**

## **Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter December 2009**

### ***SOCIAL EVENT RECAP***

This year's Heritage Fest on September 12 was the best attended in several years. 63 residents joined us for the picnic fare, which was expanded this year thanks to approval of the Board of Directors to provide beverages as well as a greater variety of "extras". The day was warm and sunny and we all had a good time.

The autumn date works very well, so we'll continue to hold the picnic at that time of year.

Our Tuesday evening walks were also more successful this year, averaging 4 - 6 people, with 8 or more residents occasionally meeting for a leisurely stroll and interesting conversation. Please join us next spring when we resume the walks.

### ***NEW BOARD MEMBERS***

Congratulations to Jim Jacobs and Susan Kallman who were elected to the HG Board of Directors at the annual meeting on October 20.

The Board has not met to determine the positions that the new members

will hold. If you need to contact any board member, their names and phone numbers are listed on the last page of this newsletter.

You should have received a mailing from Personal Touch with a summary of the association accomplishments, committee reports, maintenance plan, finances, leasing rules, etc.

### ***WINTER PARKING***

Effective November 1, Woodbury's winter parking restrictions became effective and remain until April 1, 2010. City ordinance prohibits on-street parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. or any time 2 or more inches of snow have accumulated until after the street has been completely plowed.

### ***WINTER MAINTENANCE***

A-1 Maintenance is our new service provider for snow removal and lawn care. Driveways and all obstructions have been marked with stakes for guidance and safety when plowing.

Winter maintenance specifications:

- Snow removal will occur when accumulation has reached at least 1.5 inches.
- Driveways will be initially opened to allow access prior to 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when continuous snowfall accumulates to 4 inches.
- Driveways will be thoroughly cleaned within 8 hours of cessation of snow depths of 1.5" to 8", and within 12 hours of cessation for snow depths exceeding 8 inches.
- A snowfall lasting 24 hours or more with an accumulation of at least 1.5" will be cleared.
- Driveways that become closed by city plows will be opened near the street.
- Sidewalks will be cleared using the same guidelines, but may be delayed if wind chill factors reach 25 degrees below zero until safer conditions prevail.

## ***CONDOLENCES***

Our sincere sympathies go out to the family of Rose Raiola, who passed away in early October.

## ***YOUR NEWSLETTER***

At the annual meeting a sign-up sheet was available for those who would accept an electronic version of the "For the Birds" newsletter.

E-mail [fbkoreltz@comcast.net](mailto:fbkoreltz@comcast.net) with your name and address if you would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically rather than have the blue paper copy delivered to your door. We are assessing the logistics of delivery issues if some residents prefer a paper copy rather than by e-mail. Stay tuned.....

## ***TRASH & RECYCLING***

Because Christmas and New Year's holidays both fall on Friday this year, trash/recycling collection days will be the usual Thursdays.

Interesting facts:

- Maroney's Sanitation partners with the Eureka Recycling organization that insures our materials really get recycled.
- By collecting materials in two "streams", (1) containers (cans, glass and plastic - types 1 and 2 only) and (2) papers/fibers (cardboard, magazines and junk mail), the quality is protected for manufacturers who choose which materials they buy to make new products.
- The slow economy affects recycling. Last July, Maroney's collected 270,340 pounds of newspaper and cardboard and received only \$99.50 for it.

Items not recyclable include:

Pizza boxes, egg cartons, frozen or refrigerated food boxes, paper cups, plates or napkins, soiled or food-contaminated paper, plastic types 3-7, plastic tubs (yogurt or margarine), plastic toys, styrofoam, aerosol cans, scrap metal, window glass, light bulbs, dishes, ceramics or cookware or bottles for hazardous materials.

Washington County's Environmental Center on Cottage Grove Drive south of Bailey Road is open for residential hazardous waste (household paints and chemicals). The center will also accept electronics including computer components, TVs, VCRs and DVDs.

Batteries that contain hazardous material and must be properly disposed of include:

- Automotive: car, motorcycle, golf cart, ATV, wheelchair, etc. (State law requires that stores selling automotive batteries must take them back at no charge.)
- Button type: greeting card, toy, hearing aid, watch, pager, calculator, etc.
- Rechargeable: cell phone, power tool, laptop, digital camera, MP3 player.

Non-rechargeable, alkaline batteries may be placed in your trash.

## ***FOOD ALLERGIES?***

The Tailor Made Nutrition store at 8160 Collier Way (next to Great Harvest Bread and Elite Liquor) caters to people with food allergies, providing healthy, gluten free and allergen free foods. They offer baking and health-related classes and have trained staff available to answer nutritional questions. On Tuesdays, those 55+ receive a 10% discount.

Visit [www.tailormadenutrition.com](http://www.tailormadenutrition.com) for more information.

## ***CHOOSING APPLES***

Good for pies, baking, freezing and eating:

- Braeburn, Cortland, Fuji, Gala, Granny Smith, Haralson, McIntosh, Paula Red, Regent, San Rose,

Best fresh for eating and salads:

- Honeycrisp (short availability), Delicious, Fireside, Jonathon

## ***FACTS YOU DIDN'T LEARN IN SCHOOL***

- The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad
- A violin contains about 70 separate pieces of wood

- A group of geese on the ground is called a gaggle; a group of geese in the air is a skein
- The average life span of a major league baseball is 5 - 7 pitches
- You are born with 300 bones, but as an adult you have 206
- Thomas Edison, lightbulb inventor, was afraid of the dark
- A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue
- "Q" is the only letter in the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any of the United States
- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave

## ***CREATE LESS WASTE***

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, we produce 25% more trash than at any other time of year. Much of this comes from boxes, wrapping paper, tissue, ribbons and bows used for gifts.

To reduce waste, give gifts in reusable gift bags or use newsprint instead of wrapping paper. Give non-material gifts such as a donation to a favorite charity. Send electronic holiday greetings instead of cards. Reuse ribbon, bows, tissue paper and wrapping paper that's still in good condition.

Remember, wrapping paper and tissue are NOT recyclable.

## ***NAMES AND NUMBERS***

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Julie Wright	501-1037
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Jim Jacobs	731-0764
Susan Kallman	734-0887

To report problems, notify Personal Touch, in writing, attn: Heritage Glen Homeowners Association, PO Box 5233, Hopkins, MN, 55343, or notify a Board member.

## ***COMMENTS - ANY TYPE***

If you have any newsletter suggestions, comments, requests, or issues we can address, please phone Betty Koreltz at 501-0897 or e-mail [fbkoreltz@comcast.net](mailto:fbkoreltz@comcast.net).

## ***RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER***

Remember, if planning any changes, consult the *Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria* publication. If you are unsure as to whether your proposed change is pre-accepted, submit a completed Architectural Change Petition Form to an Architectural Committee member for approval before any work is begun.