

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter June 2010

FROM THE BOARD

➤ Newly named chairpersons are Karl Bozicevich for the Architectural Control Committee and Jim Auer for the Maintenance Committee.

➤ Upon completion of her service as chairperson of the HG Maintenance Committee, we offer a sincere thank you to Kathy Brolly for her dedication and commitment to improvements. Kathy devoted significant time and effort to ensure all maintenance work was addressed and resolved promptly. Tasks included community walk-arounds, fielding homeowner concerns regarding maintenance issues, and providing valuable input in obtaining our new maintenance service company.

➤ Our new lawn mowing day is Thursday rather than Wednesday as originally planned. A-1 Maintenance is aware that Thursday is also our garbage and recycling day, and if we place containers on the driveway (not on the lawn), they will not interfere with the grounds maintenance.

➤ A-1 conducted a soil sample analysis in order to customize the fertilizer specifically for our lawns. On May 4th, fertilizer and crabgrass

preventer were applied to our common areas of 300,000 square feet, and all lawns were flagged with warning signs.

➤ Thanks to the 62 (out of 100) homeowners who took time to respond with answers and additional thoughts in the Heritage Glen 2010 Survey. The Board appreciates your thoughtful and candid feedback and is working on addressing questions and comments. Distribution date for the overall results tabulation has not yet been finalized. In addition, some common questions will be addressed in the next issue of "For The Birds".

➤ If you indicated an interest in participating on one or more of the association's committees, you may be contacted in the near future to discuss your interests and potential committee work.

➤ The Board of Directors voted to change the architectural guidelines regarding swings to allow children that enjoyment on their unit. See the complete change on the last page of this newsletter. It is printed full page width so homeowners can place it into their *Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria* document.

➤ If you cannot locate your copy of the HG Architectural Guidelines dated 09/27/08, obtain a duplicate from Julie Wright at (651) 501-1037 or bandjwright@comcast.net.

2010 HERITAGE FEST

Our 4th annual Heritage Fest Picnic will be held on September 18. Circle the date on your calendars. Details will follow as the time draws nearer.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next HG Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Caribou Coffee in Oakdale (across from Best Buy, next to Buffalo Wild Wings). The primary agenda item will be the finalization of the 2010-2011 budget.

Homeowners are always welcome! If you wish to discuss a particular issue, please contact President Rob Blocker to get your topic onto the agenda.

CONCRETE PROBLEMS?

If your sidewalks or steps have cracked, moved, tilted or are unsightly and/or unsafe, our neighbor Jerry Peterson would like to hear from you. He has contacted the Able Concrete Raising Company, Inc. regarding repairs.

If several HG homeowners contract for the improvements, a discount will apply. Contact Jerry at (651) 578-1516 for more information.

NEED DRIVEWAY HELP?

If your driveway needs seal coating and crack filling, Blacktop Specialist Company will do the work for HG homeowners during June and July at a discounted rate of 20% if at least 10 driveways are included on the list.

Depending upon the length of the driveway, the cost will vary between \$70 and \$90. If black top repair in addition to seal coating and crack filling is required, the cost will depend upon the work to be done.

For general questions and/or to be placed on the list for seal coating, contact Ray Buczkowski of the HG Maintenance Committee at 702-6461. To contact Blacktop Specialist Company directly, call Howard Dixon at (651) 731-9005 or by cell phone at (612) 275-2495.

Each homeowner will be contacted before any work is begun.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Remember that this year the Minnesota state primary election will take place on Tuesday, August 10.

The change also means an earlier start for absentee voting which will occur between June 25 and August 9. If you have a valid reason for voting absentee you may vote in person at the Washington County Service Center or by mail.

Questions about the primary election, absentee voting or voter registration can be directed to City Hall at (651) 714-3500 or to Washington County at (651) 430-6175.

WHAT DOES A SELL-BY DATE REALLY MEAN?

Many foods are still good and safe to eat well beyond the dates stamped on their boxes, bottles or cans. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers the following:

1. "Sell by" tells the store how long to display the product for sale, so you should purchase it before that date. It should be good for several more days.
2. "Best if used by", "Use by" or "Best if used before" indicate when to use the product for peak flavor and quality. Using it beyond that date is not necessarily harmful to your health.
3. Julian date, a 3-digit code for the consecutive day of the year (1-365) is used in the egg industry

and represents the day the eggs were washed, graded and packed. It's best to use eggs within 5 weeks of purchase, even if that extends beyond the sell-by date, according to the USDA.

SUMMER STROLLS

The first two Tuesday evenings in May were not ideal for walking, but the weather has improved so we were able to get together for conversation and pleasant walks in our area. Please join us at 7:00 p.m., in front of 471 Bluebird Lane on Tuesday evenings.

REMINDERS

- Close your garage door, especially at night. Lock home interior door and vehicle doors
- Due to the large number of children residing (and playing) on and near Bluebird Alcove, please drive carefully and slow your speed
- Don't place your garbage and recycling bins out before 6:00 on Wednesday evenings. Return them to your garage by the end of the day on Thursday
- Don't tempt thieves by leaving articles outdoors on the lawn or on your porch overnight
- If you observe any suspicious activity in our neighborhood, report it to the authorities

DO YOU KNOW?

Can you answer these questions about Minnesota? What is our:

1. State tree
2. State flower
3. Motto
4. Nickname
5. State bird
6. Year Minnesota became a state
7. Largest city?
8. What does "Minnesota" mean?
9. What are the colors of the MN state flag?
10. MN was the # state admitted to the Union.

The answers are located on page 5.

FUN FACTS

- ❖ "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand
- ❖ "Lollipop" is the longest word typed with only your right hand
- ❖ A cat has 32 muscles in each ear
- ❖ No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple
- ❖ Our eyes remain the same size from birth on
- ❖ Our nose and ears never stop growing

- ❖ A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds
- ❖ A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second
- ❖ The words 'racecar', 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether read left to right or right to left (palindromes)

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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.

Answers to "Do You Know?"

1. Red Pine (Norway Pine)
2. Pink and white showy lady slipper
3. Star of the North (L'Etoile du Nord)
4. Gopher state, North star state
5. Common loon
6. 1858
7. Minneapolis, (St. Paul, Duluth next)
8. "Sky-tinted water"
9. Blue, gold, white and red
10. 32nd state

REMINDER

Due to the Labor Day holiday on September 6, trash and recycling collection will take place one day later than usual, Friday September 10.

There is no change for the 4th of July holiday week collection.

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.

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Remember, when you are planning any changes, consult the *Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria* publication. If you're unsure as to whether your proposed change is pre-accepted, submit a completed Architectural Change Petition Form to Karl Bozicevich at 331 Bluebird Lane for approval before any work is begun.

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES, STANDARDS AND CRITERIA

The Board of Directors recently voted to amend our *Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria* document dated September 27, 2008, section 3.4.3, Recreation/Play Equipment, to read as follows:

"A swing suspended from the deck of a home is pre-accepted. The homeowner should verify that their insurance policy covers any liability for loss or damage due to use of such a swing. Additionally, the homeowner is responsible, at their own cost, for the repair of any damage to common elements caused by the use of the swing (for example, turf damage). The repair must be effected when the home is vacated or when the swing is removed, whichever occurs first.

See Section 7.9 (Exterior Facilities) in the Heritage Glen Townhome Association Declaration for guidelines for any recreation/play equipment other than a swing suspended from the deck."

The Board took this action to accommodate the reasonable request of homeowners to let their children have the use and enjoyment of a swing on their unit, without putting other association owners at risk for injury or loss lawsuits. The Association's insurance doesn't include coverage for any damages or loss due to a tree swing.

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