

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter March 2010

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As stated in the Heritage Glen Board meeting minutes, the new Board of Directors positions are as follows:

President - Rob Blocker

VP/Secretary - Mary Helbach

Treasurer and Liaison to Social
Committee - Susan Kallman

Member and Liaison to Architecture
Committee - Julie Wright

Member and Liaison to Maintenance
Committee - Jim Jacobs

BOARD MEETINGS

Homeowners are welcome to attend Heritage Glen Board Meetings which are held at Caribou Coffee in Oakdale (across from Best Buy, next to Buffalo Wild Wings). If you have a topic to discuss, please contact a Board member prior to the meeting to ensure your topic gets on the agenda. Upcoming meeting dates:

Monday, March 8, 2010, at 6:30 PM
Agenda: Communication plan

Monday, April 12, 2010, at 6:30 PM
Agenda: Grounds Maint. Projects

Monday, May 10, 2010, at 6:30 PM
Agenda: Budget formulation

LANDSCAPING SITEMAP

In March, all Heritage Glen homeowners will receive a Landscaping Sitemap Request. This request will facilitate A-1 Maintenance in replacing existing mulch around all trees in the grass areas (trees located in rock beds will not be affected) this spring.

This entails removal of any material (rocks, mulch, flowers, etc.) unless homeowners choose to maintain existing mulch themselves by opting out. A landscaping sitemap will be created denoting trees excluded from this maintenance project.

MAILBOXES

Some mailboxes and mailbox posts were damaged during the winter and will be repaired this Spring. House numbers on the mailboxes will be replaced about the same time.

HOMEOWNER SURVEY

The Heritage Glen Board of Directors is attempting to assess our Association's performance and overall community needs. We hope to measure our progress, identify areas that need attention and strengthen communication. All homeowners have received a survey in the mail; your candid and thoughtful response will help our community. Survey questions will help obtain and identify information to:

- (1) Update the HG Association homeowner directory, which was last published in 2007
- (2) Obtain homeowner comments regarding our association.

Return completed surveys to Mary Helbach no later than March 26. Survey results will be presented at our annual meeting in the fall.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Architectural Control Committee is looking for new members to be part of the exciting changes taking place in the community. If you have new ideas and/or would like to participate in the Association's architectural scheme, contact Julie Wright at bandwright@comcast.net or phone (651) 501-1037 for more information.

AUTO-PAY OF DUES

Personal Touch offers a free service by which you can electronically pay your monthly association dues from your checking account. The direct payment occurs on the third Saturday of the month for the current month. To obtain an authorization form, contact Personal Touch or go to the following URL:

www.ptouch.net/homeownersrequests/homeownersforms.html

INSURANCE REMINDER

Insurance carried by the Association pays for liability and damage **ONLY** for features on common property. This includes such items as our irrigation system and boulevard trees. The Association does not carry insurance for homes and their contents or for limited common areas, such as retaining walls, driveways and sidewalks. Homeowners must purchase this insurance and are responsible for keeping the limited common elements safe; for example, by sanding or salting ice on sidewalks and driveways.

SUMP PUMPS

It's a good idea to check your sump pump once a year, especially if yours is one which seldom, if ever, goes on automatically. While many Heritage

Glen residents' sump pumps regularly discharge water, some have never done so. Pour a bucket of water into the reservoir to insure it will work when/if necessary.

OUR CONDOLENCES

On December 13, 2009, Marjorie Hiltunen, one of the first residents of Heritage Glen, passed away. Marge had moved to Boutwell's Landing in Oak Park Heights nearly a year ago due to ongoing health issues.

SUMMER STROLLS

With longer days and the snow slowly receding, it's time to think about our Tuesday evening walks again. Weather permitting, let's start the season on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m., in front of 471 Bluebird Lane.

OLD CELL PHONES

Recycle your old cell phones - collection boxes are located at the information desk inside Central Park and in the lobby at City Hall.

DIVERT BURGLARIES

The increase in residential burglaries in Woodbury has prompted the following suggestions:

- Lock all doors and windows, including the door leading from your garage into the home
- Use light timers when you are away from home to make your residence appear occupied
- Ask a trusted neighbor to collect mail and newspapers
- Keep valuables in an unlikely place
- Insure that your garage door is closed every night and when you are not at home

RAMP UP YOUR SPIRITS!

Why are some people nearly always optimistic, while others are somber or even grumpy for no reason? We can practice habits that increase our happiness levels:

1. Get regular, brisk exercise
2. Get enough sleep and eat a healthy diet, light on junk foods
3. Listen to inspiring music
4. Go for a walk
5. Buy some fresh flowers
6. Take time to laugh every day - read the comics, go to a funny movie, listen to comedy tapes
7. Snuggle with your cat or dog
8. Write down at least one thing you're thankful for every day
9. Do something for others
10. Form new friendships
11. Forgive - holding grudges drains your energy and dampens your ability to feel happy

"SENIORS IN MIND"

Free programs to be offered on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Minnesota History Center's 3M Auditorium are:

- March 9: MN State Parks. Take an armchair tour of our state parks exploring our parks, lakes and rivers.
- May 11: The University Avenue Project. Stories and insights into the creation of the 6-mile project of over 360 portraits projected onto store windows and sides of buildings.
- July 13: Strike Up the Band: A Musical Salute to Minnesota's Greatest Generation with the Minnesota State Band - times are 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- September 14: "Food Will Win the War". Hear voices of the soldiers, homemakers, farmers and other Minnesotans who led the state and nation through the successes of food conservation during World War One. Stories and images come from the MHS Press book.
- The Pleasures of Bread and Chocolate. Sample sweets and visit the History Center's "Chocolate - The Exhibition".

IMPORTANT PAPERS

Organize your personal documents and records before you're faced with a crisis. Having them at hand will help take the stress out of an emergency and ease the burden on your family if you're unable to do things yourself. When you make your checklist, include location information on all documents.

- Birth certificate
- Social Security number
- Living will
- Durable power of attorney for health care
- Life insurance
- Health insurance
- Accident insurance
- Pension plans
- Bank account(s)
- Safety deposit box location and key
- Automobile titles
- Real estate/rental papers

NAMES AND NUMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Rob Blocker | President | 738-7676 |
| | Board Liaison to Personal Touch | |
| Mary Helbach | VP/Secretary | 702-6986 |
| Susan Kallman | Treasurer | 734-0887 |
| | Board Liaison to Social Committee | |
| Julie Wright | Member | 501-1037 |
| | Board Liaison to Architectural Committee | |
| Jim Jacobs | | 731-0764 |
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ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Sharon Bailey 702-2645
Karl Bozicevich 739-6067
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Ray Buczkowski 702-6461
Mary Crowley 714-2401
Jim Jacobs Board Liaison 731-0764
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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Susan Kallman Board Liaison 734-0887
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Dorothy Werner 738-2128

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.

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.

RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER

Cover-All Painting

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(612) 419-6910 or
Cover_allpainting@yahoo.com

A-1 Handyman Service

HG's grounds maintenance service will also provide general maintenance, handyman and repair services (indoor and outdoor) for our homeowners.

A-1 will provide a rate quote upon request for services.

(651) 771-2654

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 Julie Wright at 451 Bluebird Lane for approval before any work is begun.