

# FOR THE BIRDS

## Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter December 2011

### ***THE BOARD "TWEETS"***

The Board of Directors has no scheduled meeting in December. The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Caribou Coffee in Oakdale.

The Board wishes all homeowners a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

### ***WINTER REMINDERS***

City of Woodbury Winter Parking Regulations are in effect until April 1, 2012. No vehicles are permitted on city streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. After the accumulation of two or more inches of snow, vehicles may not be parked on any street until snow removal has been completed.

Our contract with A-1 Maintenance specifications for winter indicates:

1. Driveways will be cleared after at least 1.5 inches of snow have accumulated.
2. Driveways will initially be opened up to allow access prior to 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when continuous snow accumulation reaches 4 inches.
3. Driveways will be cleared within 8 hours of cessation for snow depths of 1.5 - 8 inches and within 12 hours of cessation for snow depths over 8 inches.
4. A snowfall lasting 24 hours or more with an accumulation of at least 1.5 inches will be cleared to allow access.
5. Driveways that become closed by the city plows will be opened near the street.
6. Sidewalk snow removal criteria are the same as for driveways, but sidewalks are generally cleared after the driveways have been completed.
7. A-1 Maintenance is not responsible for damage to any electrical cords which may be buried under snow on the sidewalks.
8. Sidewalk snow removal will be delayed if wind chill temperatures reach 25 degrees below zero until safer conditions prevail.

Homeowners remain responsible for removal of snow from:

- Sidewalks and driveways for accumulations of less than 1.5 inches

- Driveways due to parked cars
- Roofs, decks and patios
- Driveways or sidewalks caused by roof clearing
- Ice accumulation from water drainage on sidewalks, steps and driveways.

Please do not run electrical cords across driveways or sidewalks. If vehicles parked in the driveway prohibit safe plowing without causing damage, plowing may be omitted.

## ***NEW BOARD MEMBER PROFILES***

**Jerry Peterson**, Secretary and Board Liaison to both A-1 and the Maintenance Committee, and his wife Martha have lived in Heritage Glen for 10 years. Jerry retired from a career in education as a teacher, elementary school principal and college professor.

He is currently writing a mystery series featuring St. Paul Homicide Detective John Santana. Jerry's third book, "Bad Weeds Never Die", was released in September; he writes under the pen name of Christopher Valen.

Jerry hasn't been a member of any previous association Boards, but thinks ours is doing a good job of managing the property and homes and he's interested in maintenance issues.

His goal is to help maintain the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board and the association while keeping dues and costs reasonable.

**Jean Crotty**, Member at Large and Social Committee Liaison, has been a homeowner in HG for 6 years. She works part time as a travel agent; her outside interests are family activities and traveling.

This is Jean's first venture as an active participant on the Board and the Social Committee. Her current goal is to learn more and to contribute whatever she can to our Association.

Thanks to both Jerry and Jean for serving on our Board. Their phone numbers are included in the listing on the last page of this newsletter.

## ***THE WINNERS.....***

This year's Heritage Fest picnic was a success, with attendance higher than average on a beautiful day. The winner of a \$25.00 gift card for Cub Foods was Dan Gunderson from Bluebird Lane. Dan was one of the attendees who contributed a pet item for the local pet food shelf.

At the Annual Meeting, a drawing was conducted from the names of those present. The lucky winner of one month's free association dues was Louise Jacobs from Blue Heron Lane. Congratulations to both winners!

## ***THANKS!***

Thanks once again to Karl and Sharon Bozicevich for allowing us to use their garage, driveway and lawn area surrounding their home to hold the annual picnic. Also thank you to Bill and Dottie Weber from Woodduck Circle for donating the large canopy to our Association for outdoor events.

## ***YOUR NEW DIRECTORY***

If you do not have the 2011 HG Directory and Communication Guide which was delivered to your door in late October, please notify Betty Koreltz at (651) 501-0897 and a duplicate will be provided. We hope you find the new directory useful.

## ***RAINGARDENS***

As we learned at the Annual Meeting in October, raingardens may be coming to our Association. A representative from the Washington County Watershed District spoke to those in attendance about the many benefits derived from planting raingardens, the most important being the reduction of pollutants entering nearby lakes and rivers. A raingarden can be a remedy for chronic wet areas, but they may be planted anywhere.

The bowl-shaped garden collects and filters water and generally drains

completely within a day or two depending upon its size and amount of rain. Once planted, a raingarden requires minimal care since it features native plants. See the attached flier for more details, pictures and ideas.

The Watershed District offers businesses, home associations and individuals help with planning, financing and installation once an application is approved. Several homeowners have already expressed interest in planting raingardens on association property. If you are interested, call any board member to join in.

## ***TRASH/RECYCLING***

Looking ahead to the Christmas and New Years Day Holidays, because they both fall on Sundays, trash will be collected on the normal Thursdays.

## ***TUESDAY WALKS***

Our evening walks were less than successful this year due to the weather and low participation. We'll resume the walks again in May, 2012.

## ***WELCOME!***

A new homeowner in Heritage Glen is Leslee Lindahl on Bluebird Lane.

Leslee is an air traffic controller for the FAA in Farmington. Welcome to our community, Leslee.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- A traditional Christmas dinner in early England was the head of a pig prepared with mustard.
- Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim for his character in "A Christmas Carol," Charles Dickens also considered Little Larry, Puny Pete and Small Sam.
- Many parts of pine, spruce and fir Christmas trees are edible. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones, are also a good nutritional source.
- Christmas was once a moveable feast celebrated at different times during the year. Pope Julius I in the 4th century A.D. chose December 25 because it coincided with the pagan rituals of Winter Solstice, or Return of the Sun. The intent was to replace the pagan celebration with the Christian one.

## ***EDITORIAL***

Homeowners continue to see a few pet owners allow their pets to roam our common areas without cleaning up after them. The November issue of Woodbury City Update included an

article addressing obligations of pet owners to pick up after their pets, carry supplies for excrement removal and to clean up all messes on public and private property. In Woodbury, it's the law.

## **CHRISTMAS CAROLS (KID VERSIONS)**

Sing along with these fractured versions of old favorites:

- Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
- We three kings of porridge and tar
- On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
- Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire
- He's makin' a list, chicken and rice
- Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
- Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay
- O Come, froggy faithful
- Good tidings we bring to you and your kid
- Noel, Noel, Barney's the King of Israel
- Sleep in heavenly peas

• In the meadow we can build a snowman, then pretend that he is sparse and brown

• You'll go down in listerine

## ***NAMES AND NUMBERS***

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Susan Kallman President 734-0887  
Liaison to Personal Touch

Jim Jacobs Vice President 731-0764  
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Gene Roggeman Treasurer 702-7815  
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Jerry Peterson Secretary 578-1516  
Liaison to Maintenance Committee & A-1

Jean Crotty Member at Large 774-6464  
Liaison to Social Committee

### **ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE**

Karl Bozicevich Chairperson 739-6067

### **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Ray Buczkowski Chairperson 702-6461

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Betty Koreltz Chairperson 501-0897

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 or phone (952) 238-1121. For general**

questions or to submit an on-line service, request it via [www.ptouch.net](http://www.ptouch.net), click on Home Owners Requests, then Service Request.

## ***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***

**No recommendations  
were made this quarter**

Remember, when you are planning any changes, consult the *Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria* publication. If you're not sure if 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.