

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
March 2011

THE BOARD "TWEETS"

Some homeowners questioned why this winter's excess snow was placed where it was, so we hope the following two paragraphs help explain the project.

In January the board requested bids to move some snow offsite, since it was piled so high there was nowhere to put any more and visibility was impeded. To move the snow off our property to the dump was not an option due to the prohibitive cost.

Our maintenance company, A-1, submitted the most reasonable, comprehensive bid for relocation of the snow. Agreement was reached to relocate it on our property without worsening possible spring flooding. The board voted to have the project completed for \$3,500.00.

Reminder: The board has an open meeting policy. You are welcome to attend the monthly meetings held at Caribou Coffee in Oakdale at 6:30 p.m. Future board meeting dates are indicated in the previous month's minutes which are sent to your home.

Survey results were delivered to each resident homeowner last month.

Included were answers to some of the most commonly asked questions. If your question or concern wasn't addressed, please follow up with the Board.

Remember that Woodbury's winter parking rules remain in effect through April 1. On-street parking is prohibited between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Homeowners are responsible for repairing any damage to the lawn adjacent to your driveway if you have driven over it during the winter and/or spring and ruined the grass.

Are you planning to plant some greenery around your home in the spring? Or perhaps you're considering a larger tree or shrubbery in the grassy area? Please consult the *Architectural Guidelines, Standards and Criteria publication*.

"Pre-accepted" plantings within the rock beds do not require submitting an architectural change request. Any changes or alterations with the "contingent" designation require the homeowner to submit a request to the Architectural Control Committee and to wait for written acceptance before making any changes. Please comply with these guidelines.

WELCOME!

We have three new homeowners in Heritage Glen: Holly Irvin, a resident since December, lives on Bluebird Lane with her children, Reed, 4, and Renee, 3 years old.

Elizabeth Emerson, a 3M employee in the Health Care field, has resided in her home on Blue Heron Lane since late October.

Judy Wilson, a Labor and Delivery nurse, moved into her new home on Bluebird Lane in late December.

Welcome to all - we hope to see you out and about when the weather warms up, and are happy to have you in our community.

BOARD PROFILES

With the departure of Rob Blocker as president of the HG Board of Directors, some positions were changed and Gene Roggeman joined the Board. See the list near the end of this newsletter for names and positions of all Board members.

Following are profiles for Board members not previously reported:

Susan Kallman, President, has been a homeowner since the summer of 2000 and has been active as a Board member previously as well as serving on multiple committees, both

at Heritage Glen and a condominium association in Roseville. She is currently employed in the accounting field as an analyst in the University of MN Controller's Office.

Susan is a fiscal conservative, and believes our association should take an eco-conscious approach for planning our future because "being green results in saving the association green". She will strive to make Heritage Glen an attractive draw for resident homeowners.

Jim Jacobs has resided in HG for 8 years and has been active on the Maintenance Committee and is very concerned about maintenance issues. Prior to retirement, Jim worked as a Cereal Chemist in the food industry developing engineering skills through food development and processing projects. He works with a master gardener and others in a large garden during the summer months.

Jim expects to see the irrigation system modified this summer to improve our watering efficiency while reducing consumption. He also anticipates that a plan will be implemented this year to improve lines of communication within the Association.

Jim feels that the Association has a sound financial basis, overall the grounds are well maintained and he hopes the Board has community support to keep it that way.

Gene Roggeman, Treasurer, has owned his home for 11 years. He has served on the board of a townhome development in Illinois and was on the City Council of Marshall, MN.

Gene likes to play golf and fish, and he and his wife Gayle like to travel.

Gene feels that we have a very nice development and our dues are reasonable. His goal is to keep the costs down while being able to maintain the quality of service.

NEWSLETTER FACTS

Many of you may not know that:

1. "For the Birds" is a volunteer project and Personal Touch is not involved in its publication.
2. The newsletter is produced 4 times annually and we use self-service printing. Pastel-colored paper is no longer provided without charge, so we purchase pale blue paper at the lowest possible price.
3. "For the Birds" is hand delivered to save the cost of sending out all 100 copies via U.S. Postal Service, which would cost \$50.00 each quarter for postage and envelopes.
4. We cannot use U.S. mail boxes for the newsletter, and because many residents don't remove items from their lower boxes, the newsletter is

attached to your primary door handle (interior, whenever possible) to insure you receive it.

5. Every effort is made to keep publication costs to a minimum, while providing you timely information related to our association.

TUESDAY WALKS

Weather permitting, we'll resume our Tuesday evening walks on May 3. We meet in front of 471 Bluebird Lane at 7:00 p.m. and take a leisurely stroll in the area. Come and join us - it's fun to chat with our neighbors.

EDITORIAL

Comments regarding "For the Birds" in the March 2010 survey were nearly all very positive, but included was an opinion that the "fillers" could be eliminated. The early issues included no fillers, but upon review we decided to include some less serious items. Several residents of HG have remarked that the "fun stuff" is their favorite part of the newsletter!

Also noted was that it is difficult to unroll the newsletter, so to try to please "all the people", the December issue, and this one, were rolled more loosely. **Did anyone notice, and was it easier to handle?** We hope that the newsletters remain attached to the door handles of homes which have

no storm door or those which are locked and the paper is exposed to outdoor weather conditions.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Joan Anderson, who passed away on December 22 after a lingering illness. Gordy and Joan were early residents of Heritage Glen and Joan was the original chairman of the Social Committee.

TRASH/RECYCLING

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, trash and recycling will be collected on Friday, June 3.

BABY BOOMER TEST

1. What builds strong bodies 12 ways?
 - a. Flintstones vitamins
 - b. Spaghetti
 - c. Wonder Bread
 - d. Milk
 - e. Cod Liver Oil

2. Before he was Muhammad Ali, he was:
 - a. Sugar Ray Robinson
 - b. Roy Orbison
 - c. Cassius Clay
 - d. Gene Autry
 - e. Fabian

3. Good night, David
 - a. Good night, Irene
 - b. Good night, Chet
 - c. Good night, Gracie
 - d. Sleep well
 - e. See you later, alligator

4. Bob Dylan advised us never to trust anyone.....
 - a. Over 40
 - b. Wearing a uniform
 - c. Who eats tofu
 - d. Over 30
 - e. Who says "trust me"

5. Hey kids! What time is it?
 - a. It's bedtime
 - b. It's time for Yogi Bear
 - c. It's time to do your homework
 - d. It's Howdy Doody time
 - e. It's Scooby Doo time

(Answers to questions on last page)

NAMES AND NUMBERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Susan Kallman President 734-0887
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Board Liaison to Social Committee

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Karl Bozicevich Chairperson 739-6067

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Auer Chairperson 731-7693

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. For general questions or to submit an on-line service request via www.ptouch.net, click on Home Owners Requests, then Service Request.

Answers to Baby Boomer questions:

1. C - Wonder Bread
2. C - Cassius Clay
3. B - Good night, Chet
4. D - Over 30
5. D - It's Howdy Doody time

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.