

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
June 2012

THE BOARD "TWEETS"

In spring and summer months many homeowners begin projects to improve or maintain their homes. Contractors hired to perform these jobs often place advertising signage in the homeowner's yard. **Please inform your contractor that such signs are not allowed in our association.**

Section 7.6 Signs, in our HG Declaration reads: No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any Unit except for one sign of not more than five square feet advertising the property for sale.

Past and present Boards have considered that rule severe, as it doesn't allow for occasional garage sales or birthday/anniversary parties.

Historically the Board has not pursued remedial action against homeowners who post signs for such activities *as long as the sign is removed immediately following the event, the event lasts 2 days or less and the purpose of the event is not commercial in nature.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Annual Homeowners' Meeting will again be held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on Tower Drive. Refreshments will be provided, and all attendee names will be entered into a drawing for one month's free Association dues, so don't miss this one! Come and voice any questions or concerns you may have. You'll be notified of the date and time in the September newsletter and by mail.
- Mark your calendars for our annual picnic get-together on September 22, at the home of Karl and Sharon Bozicevich at 331 Bluebird Lane (same location as last year). Meet, get to know your neighbors and enjoy food, fun and socializing. Remember that the Social Committee is always looking for new members to join us.

BE ON THE ALERT!

Other homeowner associations have

reported theft of copper piping and valuable valves from their irrigation boxes. Heritage Glen's large green irrigation boxes are located in front of 471 Bluebird Lane and on the east side of Woodduck between Bluebird Lane and Blue Heron Lane.

Anyone who is authorized to enter the boxes has the key to get in, so if you notice someone tampering with or otherwise trying to break into the boxes, phone the Woodbury police immediately.

LAWNS and IRRIGATION

If you see sprinkler heads that are broken, fail to retract or are watering anything other than the lawns, please phone Personal Touch or Maintenance Committee Chairman Ray Buczkowski to report the problem so it can be addressed promptly.

On Thursdays, the day A-1 mows the lawns, please don't place your recycling bins on the grass, leave cars parked too close to the lawns, or leave inflatable pools, bicycles and other items on the lawns so that A-1 can do the best possible job.

Remember that our lawn watering schedule has changed. The City of Woodbury agreed to permit both odd and even day irrigation to assist us in our efforts to conserve water.

In mid-May our grassy areas were treated with a granular insecticide to prevent Japanese Beetle grubs from emerging from the soil during the summer. The irrigation system was used to insure the insecticide was adequately integrated into the soil.

A-1 MAINTENANCE, Inc.

A-1 Maintenance has provided tree and shrub pruning services for 27 years. Jon, Rich, Kevin and Leonard all hold undergraduate degrees or are in the process of finishing degrees and attend continuing education classes annually.

It is mandatory for all lawn care staff to attend tree and shrub pruning classes annually. Employees who hold a state license for pesticide treatments have been tested and are required to attend continuing education classes on all general grounds maintenance, including tree and shrub care, to maintain their licenses.

A-1 also continuously researches new products and methods to improve their services. This information was provided by Jon Nelson, owner of A-1 Maintenance, Inc.

DRIVEWAY TREATMENT

Due to either age or to the original construction method, many driveways

are eroding or sinking. The HG Board has discussed ways for homeowners to get reduced pricing for driveway replacement with asphalt or concrete, which is now priced competitively with asphalt.

A minimum number of addresses may be required to qualify for a group rate. The price will vary upon the driveway size and number of homeowners participating. If you are considering driveway replacement and have questions, would like more information or desire to have your name placed on a list of homeowners interested in obtaining a price quote, contact Jean Crotty at (651) 774-6464 before June 22.

Already this spring numerous homeowners have had their driveways sealcoated, while others are in need of care. Please be environmentally aware of the product that is placed on your driveway whether you do the job yourself or hire a contractor. Stay away from any sealcoating material that is a coal tar based emulsion.

MEDICATION RECYCLING

Washington County has installed a permanent drop-off box in the Law Enforcement Center Main Lobby at 15015 62nd Street North in Stillwater for residents to dispose of unused and expired prescriptions, free of charge.

Dumping medications in the trash or flushing them down the toilet are not

healthy options. Flushing them can pollute surface and groundwater and be harmful to fish and wildlife. Municipal sewage treatment plants are not equipped for proper disposal, and medications that end up in the trash at landfills can still end up in the groundwater.

The drop box is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit www.co.washington.mn.us/meds or call (651) 430-6655 for more details.

When dropping off medications:

- ❖ Leave them in their original containers.
- ❖ Black out personal information with a marker.
- ❖ If no longer in their original containers, write the name of the medication(s) on a clear plastic bag and place the medication in the bag.

The medications will be secured and taken to a waste-to-energy facility that is licensed to burn this type of waste.

You may have read that expired medications can be brought to pharmacies for disposal, but at this time none of our local pharmacies are accepting medications for disposal.

GENERAL RECYCLING

Washington County Environmental Center, located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury, is open on the following days and times:

Tuesdays, Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The center accepts hazardous materials from home improvement, yard and garden, household items, automotive and recreation sources, household sharps and syringes, electronics and the usual paper, cans, bottles and plastics. More details at www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter or call (651) 430-6655.

BE AN ELECTION JUDGE

Voter turnout for the upcoming primary and general elections is expected to be high, and Washington County is looking for election judges to work at polling places throughout Woodbury. If you are interested in serving as an election judge, contact Washington County Elections at (651) 430-6790.

SCOOP THE POOP

The January 2012 issue of the Woodbury City Update again reminds pet owners of their responsibility for cleaning up after their pets. Those who don't pick up the waste not only damage the landscape but also violate City Ordinances that require all pet owners to carry proper excrement removal supplies with them when walking pets off their property. By failing to do so you are at risk of being cited and fined.

Pet waste can lead to health issues. Parasites are easily transferable to other animals and to people, so picking up "poop" helps to prevent the spread of disease.

Dog feces have been observed in numerous areas of our Heritage Glen community, creating an unhealthy eyesore.

Section 7.2 of the Heritage Glen By-Laws addresses compliance with the City of Woodbury ordinance for domestic pets.

Section 7.13 states that occupants shall use the property in such a manner as will not cause a nuisance or impede the use of the property by other owners. It addresses not allowing any destructive or offensive activity on the property which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to any other owner or any other person lawfully residing on the property.

Section 7.15 states that no act shall be permitted which could cause an unusual liability, health or safety risk.

TRASH REMINDER

Due to the Fourth of July holiday, our trash will be collected on Friday, July 6, rather than Thursday, July 5.

EASY EXERCISE!

Our weekly walks around the area have resumed. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., in front of 471 Bluebird Lane to begin a casual stroll. Please join us!

MINNESOTA TRIVIA

- ❖ The Mall of America is the size of 78 football fields, a total of 9.5 million square feet.
- ❖ Minnesota has 90,000 miles of shoreline, more than California, Florida and Hawaii combined.
- ❖ The first open heart surgery and first bone marrow transplant in the U.S. were both done at the University of Minnesota.
- ❖ Minnesota students Scott and Brennan Olson invented rollerblades in 1980. Their design was an ice hockey boot with 3 in-line wheels instead of a blade.
- ❖ The Hormel Company of Austin marketed the first canned ham in 1926 and introduced Spam in 1937.
- ❖ The Hull-Rust mine in Hibbing is the largest open pit mine in the world.
- ❖ In 1963, the Control Data Corporation introduced the first "supercomputer", used by the military, and to model complex phenomena such as hurricanes and galaxies.
- ❖ Minnesota boasts 201 Mud Lakes, 154 Long Lakes and 123 Rice Lakes.
- ❖ MN candy maker Frank C. Mars marketed the Milky Way candy bar in 1923, the Snickers bar in 1930 and the Three Musketeers bar in 1937.
- ❖ Northwest Airlines (now Delta), formerly based in the twin cities, was

the first major airline to ban smoking on international flights.

- ❖ Polaris Industries of Roseau invented the snowmobile.
- ❖ Minneapolis is home to the oldest continuously running theater (Old Log Theater) and the largest dinner theater (Chanhassen) in the country.
- ❖ The original name for St. Paul was "Pig's Eye", after the French-Canadian whiskey trader Pierre "Pig's Eye" Parrant who led squatters here.
- ❖ Hibbing is the birthplace of the American bus industry, opening with one bus running between Hibbing and Alice in 1914. It later became Greyhound.

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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 or phone (952) 238-1121. For general questions or to submit an on-line service, request it via www.ptouch.net, click on Home Owners Requests, then Service Request.

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.

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