

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
March 2012

THE BOARD "TWEETS"

(About Raingardens)

For those of you who have thought about participating on a committee, but are concerned about the time commitment, here's your chance!

At the annual meeting, Angie Hong of the Washington Conservation District described what rain gardens are and the valuable purpose they serve. Several residents decided to form an Ad Hoc Rain Garden Committee for rain gardens here at Heritage Glen.

Focused, single project committee - the ad hoc committee's purpose is to research and recommend to the board a plan for implementing rain gardens on association property. You won't be asked to take on additional projects.

Professional assistance - the committee will get plenty of guidance and advice by seasoned rain garden planners, so you are not 'going it alone'.

Short term involvement - since we'd like to plant our first rain garden this year, your time commitment can be limited to just a few months this spring/summer.

The first organizational meeting will be on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at 381

Bluebird Alcove. If you are interested in attending and not already on the list, please contact Gene Roggeman, board liaison to the committee, at (651) 340-1196. Your interest and input will be welcome.

This is a good opportunity for 'first timers' to participate in decision-making for the association. If your background is in planning, lawn care, conservation or any related field, please consider joining the group.

SPRING REMINDERS

1. City of Woodbury Winter Parking rules end on April 1.
2. You may be encountering an increasing number of flashing yellow arrow traffic signals on roadways in Woodbury. Drivers are allowed to turn left after yielding to all oncoming traffic and any pedestrians in the crosswalk.

WOODBURY'S CodeRED

The January 2012 issue of the Woodbury City Update urges all residents and homeowners to sign up

for CodeRED messages to ensure that you receive emergency notifications.

CodeRED is a high-speed telephone calling system developed to send critical communications to everyone in the city within a matter of minutes.

The system will be activated for missing child alerts, chemical or gas leaks, extended utility outages, evacuation notices, etc., but will not be used for weather warnings.

Self-register on the city website at www.ci.woodbury.mn.us. Click on "Departments", select "Emergency Preparedness", then select "CodeRED Emergency MASS Notification System". If you are without internet service, you can call Woodbury Public Safety at (651) 714-3600 for assistance with registration.

IRRIGATION

The H-G lawn watering schedule will change this spring. The City of Woodbury has agreed to permit both odd and even day irrigation to assist us in our efforts to conserve water.

Only those homes tied to the south control box will be affected at this time. Irrigation in the south area will relate the last digit of your home address to the calendar date. Odd numbered homes will be watered on odd days and even numbers on even days. This will permit the current

watering cycles to be split in two parts. Ground sensors will then only use that portion of the cycle required to maintain the optimum moisture content for the lawns.

If you need further clarification of the change, contact Jim Jacobs at (651) 731-0764.

TRASH REMINDER

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our trash will be collected on Friday, June 1, rather than Thursday, May 31.

USES FOR BOUNCE

1. Takes the odor out of books and photo albums that aren't opened often.
2. Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
3. Eliminates static electricity from your television or computer screen.
4. Clean/dissolve soap scum from shower doors with a sheet of Bounce.
5. To freshen the air in your home, place a sheet of Bounce in the vacuum cleaner, in a drawer or hang in the closet.
6. Prevent thread from tangling. Run a threaded needle through a sheet before beginning to sew.
7. Place a sheet of Bounce at the

bottom of a waste basket, laundry bag or hamper, or in empty luggage before storing.

8. To freshen the air in your car, place a sheet under the front seat.

9. Cleans baked-on foods. Put a sheet in the pan, fill with water, let sit overnight and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food and the pan.

10. Collects cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract loose hairs.

11. Eliminates static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe blinds with a Bounce sheet to prevent dust from resettling.

12. Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used sheet of Bounce will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.

13. Deodorizes shoes or sneakers. Place a sheet in your footwear overnight.

14. Golfers: put a Bounce sheet in your back pocket to keep the bees away.

TUESDAY WALKS

Our evening walks will resume on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m., weather permitting. We'll meet in front of 471 Bluebird Lane. 2011 posed many challenges for walkers including rain, strong winds and extreme heat.

We hope this summer will be more pleasant. Please join us!

STRANGE LAWS

- ❖ In Illinois, a car must be driven with the steering wheel.
- ❖ In Tennessee, it's against the law to drive a car while sleeping.
- ❖ Better yet, in New York it's against the law for a blind person to drive a car.
- ❖ In Washington state, you can't carry a *concealed weapon* that is *over six feet long*.
- ❖ It's illegal to pawn your dentures in Las Vegas.
- ❖ In West Virginia, one can't cook sauerkraut or cabbage due to the odors, and the offense is subject to imprisonment.

EDITORIAL

This is a "quiet" time of the year for news and information regarding our Heritage Glen community. If you have any general questions we can answer or topics you'd like addressed in the next newsletter, please contact any board member or e-mail Betty at fbkoreltz@comcast.net.

NAMES AND NUMBERS

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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.

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.