

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter December 2013

EDITORIAL

by Susan Kallman, Board member

The holiday season is in full swing, kicked off by Thanksgiving when we give our thanks for all that we have, followed by Black Friday and the ensuing days when we spend as if we need even more!

The EPA estimates that a 25% increase in waste is generated during the holiday season; that's about 1 million tons in gift wrapping and product packaging.

This year, why not remember that the best gifts are shared experiences? They never end up in the landfill. Tickets to a play, a cross-country ski trek, a cooking class or volunteering as a family. These memories are cherished long after electronic gadgets have been discarded.

ANNUAL MEETING

Thanks to those homeowners who showed interest in our association and attended our annual meeting. Congratulations to Katherine Line, the

winner of one free month's Association dues.

The one-page November newsletter included the new assignments for all Board members. Since there were no new nominees for two open Board opportunities, the previous members agreed to serve again but in different positions and liaison assignments.

REPEAT: WINTER PARKING

Woodbury rules for winter parking were included in the brief November newsletter; parking is banned on public streets from 2 to 6 a.m. from November 1 through April 1. On-street parking is also prohibited any time two or more inches of snow have accumulated, until the street has been completely plowed.

Please review the following winter specifications included in the A-1 Maintenance contract with Heritage Glen:

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.

YOUR THOUGHTS?

Minutes of the November 26 Board meeting request homeowner opinions regarding the following:

- ❖ A free book exchange facility in our development
- ❖ An Association website that could be a resource for information such as the architectural guidelines, our HG newsletter and directory.
- ❖ Should damaged paper tubes (underneath our mailboxes) be replaced or eliminated? Should the current mailboxes be replaced with lock boxes?

Contact any Board member with your ideas, preferences and input.

TRASH/RECYCLING

Remember that trash and recycling collection days will be delayed until the Fridays AFTER both Christmas and New Year's Day.

You can find "everything you always wanted to know" about recycling and trash collection on the Maroney's website, www.maroneysinc.com. Click on "Holiday Schedule", then the "2013 Holiday Calendar" for specific dates.

LATEST SANTANA NOVEL

Our neighbor and HG resident author Jerry Peterson, writing as Christopher Valen, has completed his 5th John Santana novel which will be released on March 1, 2014. The launch party will be held at the *Once Upon a Crime* bookstore in Minneapolis from noon to 2:00 p.m. on March 1.

Read more about *Death's Way* at www.christophervalen.com. This latest Santana novel is a story of the dangerous world of drugs, sex, and deceit, and toward a secret long-buried in the past. Watch for more information which will be forthcoming on the newly-designed website, along with a schedule of 2014 events.

NEW HOMEOWNERS

Welcome to new homeowners at 351 Bluebird Lane, Becky Woll and Jill Frazier who came from Apple Valley. Becky is retired and Jill is working,

A warm welcome - enjoy your new home!

YARD SIGNS - AGAIN

Lawn signs for contractors are NOT permitted on Heritage Glen property. Do not allow the company you've hired to place advertising signs in any area. It is up to the

homeowner to remind your contractor working in or on your property that they are not allowed to erect signs. Please take them down if the contractor forgets or ignores the request.

Only signs for the sale of homes are permitted, and only in front of the sale property.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. May you have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

SPOUSAL HUMOR

- ❖ Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right and the other is a husband
- ❖ A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.
- ❖ Words to live by: Do not argue with a spouse who is packing your parachute
- ❖ A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
- ❖ A man is not complete until he is married. After that, he is finished.

- ❖ A couple came upon a wishing well. The wife leaned over, made a wish and threw in a penny. The husband decided to do the same, but leaned over too far, fell into the well and drowned. The wife was stunned for a moment, then smiled and said, "It really works!"

EDITORIAL RANT

Although there were an adequate number of homeowners at our annual meeting to form a quorum, and therefore conduct business and make decisions, it was disappointing that no "younger" homeowners attended. Don't you care about what's taking place in our community, wish to offer suggestions for improvements or ask questions pertinent to your concerns?

The "regulars" attending, plus several new homeowners (thank you for your interest and participation!) do not adequately represent everyone. When issues arise involving those who choose not to participate, they cannot legitimately complain about the decisions made.

What prevented your attendance at the meeting? Apathy? You were too busy? Your favorite TV shows were on? You simply forgot? Ample notices were sent to your home in advance of the meeting.

This is a once-a-year event and lasts less than two hours. It's a good

way to find out what issues other homeowners are experiencing, ask questions regarding the budget, learn about plans for improvements to enhance Heritage Glen, and more.

Why not join a committee? You're welcome to join at any time - or make yourself available for a Board position at the next opportunity. Find out how we operate - your opinions are valued. **We need new people involved**, as the time will come when the current Board and Committee members will no longer be available and others will have to take over. By becoming involved now you'll learn how to accomplish what needs to be done.

Volunteer service is gratifying, informative and appreciated. Think about it.

SUMMARY OF LIFE

Great Truths that Children have Learned:

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food

- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk
- Never ask your three-year-old brother to hold a tomato
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts
- The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

Great Truths That Adults Have Learned will appear in the next issue.

NAMES AND NUMBERS

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Liaison to Social Committee

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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, 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.

RESOURCE EXCHANGE CORNER

Do you know a good painter, carpenter or other trades person whom you'd recommend to others? Please call Betty Koreltz at 501-0897 or e-mail fbkoreltz@comcast.net with this information.

Remember, if you are planning any architectural changes, you must provide a completed Architectural Change Petition Form to an Architectural Committee member for approval before any work is begun.

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