

# FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter  
March 2013

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

Due to a recent incident resulting in major water and ice damage from frozen water pipes while the homeowners were away for just 2½ days, the Board would like to alert you to what can occur in a very short time in cold weather. Consider turning off your water supply during your absence, along with having a trusted friend or neighbor check your home daily.

## ***SPRING REMINDERS***

1. City of Woodbury Winter Parking rules end on April 1.
2. Woodbury continues to install flashing yellow arrow traffic signals on city roads. Drivers are allowed to turn left after yielding to all oncoming traffic and any pedestrians in the crosswalk.

## ***PICNIC DATE CHANGE***

The Social Committee, with Board approval, will host our 2013 annual

Heritage Fest picnic this upcoming summer, rather than in the autumn.

Long-time residents will remember that for the first 3 years the picnic was held in July, in Woodduck Circle. The weather each time was extremely hot and the trees were too small to provide any appreciable shade. Now that our trees have matured, we have acquired two canopies which provide shade, and the event takes place in a "yard" rather than on the street, we will again schedule a summer picnic.

The date is not yet confirmed, but will be on a Saturday in June or July. Fliers with complete details will be delivered to your non-postal boxes well in advance of the picnic.

## ***SIDEWALK SALT***

When the temperature is above 5 degrees, homeowners should consider using **Magnesium Chloride** ice-melter on sidewalks to prevent ice buildup. Magnesium Chloride is considered to be the best total ice-melter; it is less corrosive on metal surfaces, protects concrete from spalling, is less toxic and environmentally as safe as Calcium Chloride, and much less corrosive than

Sodium Chloride (rock salt). It is safer for use around humans, pets, and near vegetation.

The advantage of Calcium Chloride is that it will work to 25 degrees below zero. Both Magnesium and Calcium Chlorides are readily available locally and are similarly priced.

De-icers such as Ammonium Sulfate and Ammonium Nitrate are not recommended as they will chemically attack concrete, causing damage.

## ***RECYCLING REMINDERS***

Maroney's delivered the new single sort recycling carts in mid-January. Remember that:

- Recycling is now collected every other week - the "brown" week.
- PLACE THE RECYCLING CART AT LEAST ONE FOOT FROM YOUR TRASH BIN.
- All plastics #1 - #7 are being recycled. Yogurt and margarine tubs, plastic produce baskets and clamshells from bakery goods are now accepted.

## ***NEW HOMEOWNERS***

Welcome to Carl and Carol Rask, new residents since December on Bluebird Lane. Carl is retired from

West Publishing, while Carol retired from Wells Fargo. They came to our community from the East side of St. Paul and are looking forward to meeting new neighbors once the weather improves and we are outdoors more often.

## ***FARM KIDS IN MINNESOTA***

Never underestimate the innovativeness of Minnesota farm boys. A group of male high school students played a prank, letting three goats loose inside the school.

But before turning them loose, they painted numbers on the sides of the goats: 1, 2 and 4.

School Administrators spent most of the day looking for No. 3.

And you thought there was nothing to do in the winter in Minnesota!

## ***EDITORIAL***

The response to our request for your preference regarding the better delivery method for future HG hand-delivered correspondence resulted in just four homeowners providing their thoughts. Two indicated that either way was fine while two preferred the boxes below the mailboxes (non-postal boxes).

Minutes of the January 24, 2013, HG Board meeting indicated that all future "For the Birds" newsletters

and picnic fliers will be delivered to the non-postal boxes rather than being secured to your door handles. Newsletters will arrive quarterly, so please watch for them during the first weeks of March, June, September and December.

## ***OLD CELL PHONES***

Don't throw away old and/or unused cell phones. Drop them off at City Hall or Central Park for either recycling or refurbishing. Woodbury Parks and Recreation is partnering with Cellular Recycler and the National Council on Aging to provide phones for use in developing countries. Old cords and chargers will not be accepted.

## ***QUESTION***

How can you tell a chili bean from a green bean?

*See the answer just before "Names and Numbers" on page 4.*

## ***ACTIVITIES?***

Are you interested in viewing a video that teaches the new method of CPR? It takes less than an hour and will provide valuable information should the need ever arise that you could help someone with a sudden cardiac arrest. Contact Louise Jacobs

at (651) 731-0764 if you wish to learn more.

No one responded to our request for interested parties to play Bunco or for any other social events for the neighborhood. Does anyone have a suggestion for an activity that could be enjoyed by a group? Contact Betty Koreltz at (651) 501-0897 with your ideas.

## ***GREAT TIPS!***

- ❖ Use a staple remover to separate the rings of your key ring (and save your fingernails) when adding keys.
- ❖ Hide emergency money (bills) in an empty Chapstick or lip balm tube when on vacation.
- ❖ Use a square plastic bread tab to hold the end on a roll of tape - makes it easy to find.
- ❖ If you're at a hotel and run out of chargers, the TV set often has a USB plug-in.
- ❖ When heating leftovers in the microwave, space out a circle in the middle of your food and it will heat more quickly and evenly.
- ❖ Keep a square of cardboard in a Ziploc bag in your purse to protect small, important documents (like checks) from moisture and keep them uncreased.
- ❖ Drill several small holes near the bottom of each side of your indoor

garbage receptacle to make putting plastic liner bags in and out easier with no suction issues.

- ❖ Don't burn yourself trying to light hard-to-reach wicks in candles. Light a stick of spaghetti; light the wick with it.
- ❖ More tips in the next issue!

## ***EVENING WALKS***

Our Tuesday evening walks last season were the least successful ever. Please join us at on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 7, in front of 471 Bluebird Lane to make 2013 a better year!

## ***ANSWER TO QUESTION***

The "chilly" bean wears a jacket.

## ***NAMES AND NUMBERS***

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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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