

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter
September 2013

THE BOARD "TWEETS"

Have you had the opportunity to check the HG Tree Survey? Find it at <http://www.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/splash/index.html?appid=dd132da4e9454f1eaa7c95ffb5343767>. Survey results analyzed by the Board indicate that approximately 41% of our trees are susceptible to currently active invasive insects. 25% of HG trees are linden or basswood and 16% are green ash, favorites of the Japanese beetle and emerald ash borer, respectively.

A certified arborist who met with the Board recommended four disease-resistant deciduous tree species that would do well in our heavy clay soil.

This year about 10 trees will be replaced, including those downed by recent windstorms. More will be removed and replaced in succeeding years. If the tree is in front of your home, you will be allowed to choose which of the four species you'd prefer planted there.

Several HG homeowners incurred lawn damage over the winter; many instances were due to snow removal because of the many heavy snowfalls

that occurred. At their cost, A-1 will remove and replace inferior sod from designated spots and areas previously fixed that did not thrive or take. That replacement is scheduled for September 15 or 16, depending upon the weather.

There was some confusion about watering the new sod - many residents thought our irrigation system would take care of it. **New sod requires heavy watering for two weeks (except between noon and 5 p.m.) and residents' assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.** With your help the sod replacement will be successful.

A-1 has also been monitoring the Japanese Beetle situation to determine if any other steps are required and has been doing spot spraying for weed control, along with edging curb lines and sidewalks.

The irrigation issue that was causing dry lawn areas was a defective timing device which has been replaced. A-1 is checking all watering heads to insure that they are pointing in the right direction and defective heads will be replaced.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars for our Heritage Glen Annual Homeowners' meeting on Tuesday, September 24, at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Tower Drive. Topics to be discussed will be rain gardens and the results of our tree survey. You will receive official notification and full details from Personal Touch via USPS well in advance of the meeting.

We look forward to meeting our newest residents along with all other homeowners in attendance. Bring up any questions, suggestions, complaints or unresolved issues you may wish to discuss or tell us what's great about living in Heritage Glen.

Again this year there will be a drawing for **one month's FREE Association dues** - just sign up at the meeting and you're eligible. Who wouldn't want to save \$96.00?

PICNIC RECAP

The Social Committee was pleased that 43 residents of our community attended the seventh annual Heritage Fest picnic on June 15. The brats were a popular new food item this year, and we had a good time meeting many new neighbors along with long-time homeowners.

Julie Wright was the lucky winner of a \$25.00 gas card from a drawing of those who contributed a pet item to the local pet food shelf.

The last page of this newsletter is a short photo album of picnic-goers. Thanks to Carol Rask for taking and providing the pictures.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY BACK YARD?

A rain garden will be replacing a large area of backyard turf this fall. It will absorb the 'river' that flows during substantial rainfalls.

All homeowners are invited to come to see what the rain garden will look like and to meet the designer at an informal meeting on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Woodduck Drive and Blue Heron Lane.

NEW HOMEOWNERS

Welcome to Bob and Marcia Koepp, new residents on Bluebird Lane. Before moving to Woodbury after 15 years in Ocala, FL, Bob and Marcia lived in both South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights. They are happy to be back in MN, as all three of their adult children reside in the area.

New homeowner Christopher Wiens who lives on Bluebird Alcove moved to Heritage Glen in July.

A warm welcome to all - enjoy your new homes!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Acy and Molly Yamamoto of Bluebird Alcove happily celebrated the birth of their daughter Chiyo on June 16. Chiyo weighed in at 6 pounds 14 ounces and continues to do a good job of waking up Mom and Dad often during the night! Big brother Toshi is nearly 3 years old.

WOODBURY POLICIES

Winter parking restrictions begin November 1; no parking will be allowed on public streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Trash and recycling bins **must be stored out of sight (in your garage) and should not be placed at the curb earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before collection.** Secure materials to prevent bin contents from blowing around on windy days.

Place recycling carts at least one foot from trash bins, preferably on opposite sides of your driveway, not on the street or over the irrigation heads on the grass.

Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets on all properties.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

- ❖ The only time you should be looking down on someone is when you are helping them up
- ❖ Mistakes are proof that you are trying
- ❖ The bad news: TIME FLIES. The good news: YOU'RE THE PILOT!
- ❖ If it's important to you, you'll find a way. If not, you'll find an excuse
- ❖ Music is what happens between the notes
- ❖ Don't worry about the people in your past...there is a reason they didn't make it into your future
- ❖ Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things
- ❖ The future is a present given to us by the past
- ❖ Never argue with a fool. Someone watching may not be able to tell the difference
- ❖ If you chase two rabbits, you will not catch either one
- ❖ You don't attract what you want; you attract what you are
- ❖ Worrying will never change the outcome

LAWN SIGNS

Remember that lawn signs other than "For Sale" of your home are not permitted in Heritage Glen. If you engage a contractor for roofing, remodeling, driveways or other

improvements, please specify that our by-laws state that advertising signs may not be displayed.

GOOD ADVICE

- Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, in case you have to eat them later
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it
- Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once
- Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

1. You believe in Santa Claus
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

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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.

