

FOR THE BIRDS

Heritage Glen Homeowners' Association Newsletter September 2014

BOARD TWEET

Are you retired and have some extra time? You may be interested in "getting involved" and probably have experience in an area that would benefit our Association.

If you were a banker, financial advisor or stock broker, you could help the board as a treasurer. If you were an electrician, plumber, painter, carpenter or brick layer we could use your expertise. Landscapers, florists or arborists could spot something that homeowners may have missed. Interested in parties, garage sales, group games, book clubs or other social activities? So are others who just need to be motivated.

Help! Be active this winter. Your expertise could be very useful, save the association money, and you will have fun in the process. Get involved!

Our annual meeting is a good place to start. Come, and sign up for one of our committees or volunteer to be a board member. Three Board positions will be available this year. If you can't make it, let a neighbor who plans to attend know that you're interested in volunteering your time, or call any

board or committee member - phone numbers are listed at the end of this newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING

The HG annual meeting time and date have been set for 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2125 Tower Drive in Woodbury.

FROM THE BOARD

We are all aware that this year's weather has resulted in multiple problems. Winter's heavy snowfalls and very cold weather brought plowing issues and lawn damage. Spring and summer's heavy and frequent rainfalls with limited sunshine resulted in some extremely soggy lawns. Lawn repair was necessary and sprinkler problems occurred. One cause, but not the only one, was a mouse that took up residence in a utility box and chewed on the wires. Sump pumps working overtime were in some cases unable to handle the excess water.

Homeowners with the most severe problems received a letter suggesting routing their sump pump discharge to

their driveways, directing the water to the street. Redirection has worked effectively for those who have made the change.

Personal Touch notified affected homeowners of possible future problems with your retaining walls. We are always willing to answer any questions and offer help when necessary. Our annual meeting will present an ideal opportunity to address issues and offer suggestions you feel will help. The meeting is a perfect venue for new homeowners to get acquainted and socialize with established residents.

Please plan to attend - come and introduce yourselves. We hope to see you there.

BUNCO NIGHT

Our second Social Committee Bunco Night was another success! It's a fun and easy dice game and we hope for even more neighbors to join us for our next session at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, at the home of Louise and Jim Jacobs at 291 Blue Heron Lane.

Call Betty Koreltz at (651) 501-0897 with any questions you may have or to say you'll be there! If you wish, you can bring a small quantity of "finger food" or simply come on over to play and snack!

HERITAGE FEST RECAP

Thanks to Judy and Leo Samuelson for hosting our 8th annual HG picnic. Although the weather forecast was for rain, none fell during the event. It was very windy but the 45 attendees didn't seem to mind as we enjoyed visiting with our neighbors and meeting several new homeowners.

Winners from the contributors to the Pet Project are: Rick Paukert - a \$25 Office Max gift card and Debbie Mullen - a \$25 Panera gift card.

HG GARAGE SALE?

Are you interested in participating in a Heritage Glen Community Garage Sale on June 11 and 12, 2015? It would take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day and would be advertised on Craig's List and possibly other sites.

Think about it and start collecting and setting aside those items you no longer need. More information to be provided in future newsletters.

NEW HG RESIDENTS

Welcome to Cecile and Larry Cozad, new homeowners at 342 Bluebird Lane since late June. They most recently lived in Oakdale after many years in LaCrescent, MN, and are retired from the educational field.

GRANDMAS & GRANDPAS

An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Any time longer than that and you start to age quickly.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who is "The Association"?

YOU ARE. We all pay every month to create a fund for maintenance and upkeep. We are fortunate to have a few very active homeowners who are willing to give their time and knowledge to make decisions based on our by-laws that benefit the community. Please attend at least the annual meeting to hear what is going on in the community and voice your opinions to help guide the board.

Many times the phrase "It's the Association's responsibility to take care of _____" is used. It may be the board's decision to act, but the money comes from our monthly association fees. Make sure you understand the budget implications when you want the Association to pay for something. Become an informed and involved homeowner. It's really coming out of YOUR pocket.

Lynne Michaels

HG WEBSITE

Would you like to know when our HG website is updated? Contact Karl at 651.739.6067 or request a personal email from him at karlboz@gmail.com to receive notice of new information. Karl dislikes junk email as much as anybody so your email address will not be used for any other purpose except to notify you of an update. Visit www.heritageglenhoa.com.

CRAFT FAIR COMING

Announcing: the 5th annual Art and Gift Extravaganza at Lynne Michaels' home at 466 Bluebird Lane. Jars of home made sweet and savory goodness are available again this year. Lots of unique flavor combinations! New jewelry creations and soft goods are always on display.

This year new art creations will also be featured. Stop by on Saturday, November 8th, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

OUR SYMPATHIES

Jim Stanway of Blue Heron Lane passed away on June 10. We extend our sincere sympathy to Elsi and her family. Jim had two careers, first as a 3M research chemist, then as a high school science educator. He also

enjoyed being a USA and high school swim coach and referee.

TUESDAY WALKS

We had enough interest to resume our Tuesday evening walks in early July. It's a pleasant, leisurely walk around our community with friendly conversation. Why not join us at the intersection of Bluebird Alcove and Bluebird Lane on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.?

THINK ABOUT IT

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Don't regret growing older - it's a privilege denied to many.
- Pay off your credit cards every month.
- You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
- Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down.
- Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.

- Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

More thoughts in the December issue.

TRASH REMINDERS

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 27, trash collection will be one day later than normal, Friday, November 28.

Cardboard should be flattened and sized to fit into your recycle bin.

Place your recycling and trash bins at the end of your driveway, not on the street or lawn, and separate them by at least two feet.

Put carts out no sooner than dark in the evening before collection and return them to your garage at the end of the collection day.

AMAZING CUCUMBERS

- ❖ Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day - Vitamins B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, C, Folic Acid, Calcium Iron, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc
- ❖ Feeling tired in the afternoon? Eat a cucumber to provide a quick pick-me-up that can last for hours
- ❖ For a speedy shoe polish, rub a freshly cut cucumber over them.

Its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that looks great and repels water!

- ❖ Out of WD40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Rub a cucumber slice along the problematic hinge and viola, the squeak is gone!
- ❖ Stressed out? Cut up a cucumber and place it into a pot of boiling water. The chemicals and nutrients will react with the boiling water, be released in the steam, and create a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress.
- ❖ Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds. The phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

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**.

Remember, if you are planning any changes to your home, 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 Julie Wright at 451 Bluebird Lane for approval before any work is begun. The [HGA Architectural Petition](#) form can be located under "Architectural Committee" on our HOA website.

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 (651) 501-0897 or e-mail fbkoreltz@comcast.net.

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