

HEATHERWOOD NEWS



2013

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Beth Rossini

Another summer passes us by to make way for fall. Time just seems to slip by so quickly. Heatherwood, while still considered a young community, is now 11 years old. I, myself, have lived here for eight of those years and during this time, I have been actively involved in Heatherwood, beginning with two years as a member on the Architectural Review Board (ARB) followed by six years as a member on the Board of Trustees, in addition to participating on several other committees.

During this time, I have witnessed Heatherwood progressing to a level that I believe to be one of the best associations to live in and consider myself to be fortunate to have been part of this progression. As with any progress, the experiences have had their challenges, but overall no one can deny the outcome, which has been favorable. Just look around you. Heatherwood has been maintained at a level that is impressive to not only its own homeowners, but to all who enter it. Its communications, namely; website, newsletter, and written communications, are second to none. Its homes are meticulously maintained, which is a credit to Heatherwood's homeowners who have demonstrated a high level of standard. Its volunteer efforts, representing approximately 17 percent of its resident population, are most impressive.

But now, it is time to move on. I am a firm believer that an experienced Board is imperative, but I also believe that new blood is a key element for continued successful

progression. At the end of this year, I will not be running for re-election. I thank the Board members with whom I have served and wish the remaining and future Board members the best of luck going forward. I thank all our homeowners and volunteers who have been supportive of the Board and ask that you continue to support the Board of Trustees in their efforts to raise the level of excellence.

Wishing everyone a great fall...

FROM THE TREASURER

Beth Rossini

Please refer to the attached Financial Report.



IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Heatherwood's Open Session Meeting will be held at the Washington Township Municipal Building at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, October 17, 2013.**

HOMEOWNER REPORTING

Please be advised of the following homeowner reportings since our last newsletter:

BIRD'S NEST IN DRYER VENT

Homeowner reported finding a bird's nest in their dryer vent.

VEHICLE BROKEN INTO

Homeowner reported that a car on Morgan Drive was broken into (car unlocked).

SPECIAL NOTE: THESE MESSAGES WERE COMMUNICATED VIA HEATHERWOOD'S E-MAIL DISTRIBUTION COMMUNICATION.

JULY 4TH

Despite the abundance of rain this season, Heatherwood celebrated the 4th of July in style.



E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS

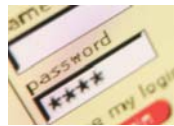
If you would like to add your e-mail address to Heatherwood's e-mail communication distribution list, please send an e-mail to the Heatherwood Secretary at heatherwoodsec@comcast.net instructing to do so (this e-mail address will change after the October elections). E-mail bulletins include updates on such items as lawn cutting schedule changes, maintenance project commencement/status, etc. When a bulletin is sent out, the e-mail addresses are kept confidential.



HEATHERWOOD WEBSITE

How time passes... This year, the Heatherwood website celebrates its fifth anniversary (2008-2013). During this time, there have been over 18,000 accesses. If you are a new homeowner and have yet to view one of Heatherwood's best communication vehicles, the URL is http://heatherwood_nj.home.comcast.net. Be sure to add the underscore _ after the word heatherwood.

Please be advised that to access the Financial & Open Meeting sections, a password is required. To acquire the password, please send an e-mail to the Heatherwood Secretary at heatherwoodsec@comcast.net, (this e-mail address will change after the October elections)



We like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Taggart, Heatherwood's webmaster, for not only creating our website, but maintaining it, and making it the best association website around.

SPOTLIGHT ON ... HOMEOWNER

THE HEATHERWOOD ASSOCIATION EXTENDS
A WELL DESERVED "THANKS" TO ...

GLENN HENSON



While all our volunteers are very valuable to Heatherwood, there is one volunteer who stands out, namely, Glenn Henson.

Thanks to Glenn's efforts, Heatherwood has not only benefited from the services he has provided, but has saved us money as well. A word that comes to mind... "Invaluable." Heatherwood cannot thank you enough for all you do.

HEATHERWOOD HOMES "FOR SALE"

Since our last newsletter, seven more homes were sold, bringing the total to eight for this year.



For those homeowners who are presently selling their homes and are interested in listing the information on the Heatherwood website, please send an e-mail to Bill Taggart at heatherwood_nj@comcast.net with the address of the home, contact person, contact number, and specifics about the home.

Interesting Note: This year, three potential homeowners have contacted us regarding available homes for sale in Heatherwood, each one mentioning the Heatherwood website and the latest asking to be contacted when a home for sale is listed. The section "Homes for Sale" on our website may prove to be an asset when selling. Worth a try...

LANDSCAPING QUESTION & ANSWER

Brian Myers – TLC

QUESTION: I have a Bradford Pear street tree on my property that has a green fungus growing on the tree bark. Is there a simple way to remove this unsightly fungus?

ANSWER: While there are many products on the market to remove the blue/green growth known as lichens, a quick easy way is to gently scrap off the lichens with a wire bristle brush. Although when doing so, I recommend that you use a mask to avoid inhaling any airborne particles from the process. Having said this, the growth of lichens is usually caused by environmental conditions, i.e., poor soil quality, water drainage, over pruning, etc. You may want to take the next step and identify the cause of the growth.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM WINTERIZATION

Reminder: Please do not forget to conduct winterization of your sprinkler system. Each year we receive a few reports from homeowners who forgot and, as a result, have experienced frozen pipes, resulting in said pipes bursting.

FALLEN LEAVES



While Mother Nature provides us with such beauty as vibrant colored leaves on our trees, it also leaves us with a bit of a mess to clean up after the leaves have fallen. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the proper way to dispose of these leaves, which is the responsibility of each homeowner. Please refer to Declaration of Covenants – Article VI – Section 2(b).

FALL CHECKLIST

In preparation of the fall season, you may find the following checklist helpful:

- ✓ **Awnings** – For those homeowners who have an awning, ensure that the awning is properly secured.
- ✓ **Bushes** – Prune and trim.
- ✓ **Courtyard Drainage Grates** – For those homeowners who have courtyards behind their homes, ensure that all drainage grates are clear from overgrown grass.
- ✓ **Flowerbeds** – Ensure that any plants located near your driveway and front entrance are protected to minimize any potential damage due to the snow removal process.

- ✓ **Gutters** – Ensure that all your gutters are clear of leaves/debris.
- ✓ **Ice Melt** – Ensure that you have a supply of ice melt on hand.
- ✓ **Lawn** – Determine whether your lawn is in need of aeration/seeding and/or thatching. Please refer to the Heatherwood webpage under “Garden Tips” for info.
- ✓ **Outdoor Lights** – Ensure that all outdoor lights are functional and bulbs are operative.
- ✓ **Patio Furniture** – Ensure that any furniture or grills and covers left on your patio or porch over the winter are properly secured.
- ✓ **Sinkholes** – For those homeowners who have a street storm drain located by their grass, check surrounding grass for sinkholes and fill-in as appropriate.
- ✓ **Sprinkler System** – Conduct winterization of sprinkler system. When completed, ensure that all sprinkler heads have retrieved and are flush with the ground.
- ✓ **Trees** – Prune, trim, and fertilize. For those trees that are in poor condition, you may want to consider deep root fertilization. Check lower tree branches to ensure that they do not interfere with pedestrians walking by your home; may need to be trimmed back.
- ✓ **Water Hose** – Store for the winter.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Beth Rossini, Project Coordinator

The following projects have been completed since our last newsletter:

- ❖ Belgian Block Grout Replacement – Chew Lane
- ❖ Expansion Joint Replacements – Chew Lane
- ❖ Handicap Mat Replacement/Repair
 - ✓ Rubber Mats replaced with Inlay - Three mats
 - ✓ Curb Pointing – Three mats
- ❖ Muskrat Removal in Pond Basin
- ❖ Sinkhole Repairs:
 - ✓ Behind 31 Caserta Drive
 - ✓ Behind 2 and 3 Copeland Court
- ❖ Tree Removals (dead) – Chew Lane Berm

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL ABOVE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY OUTSIDE SOURCES.

LANDSCAPING PERFORMANCE INDICATOR – COMPLAINTS

In our last newsletter, we began communicating one of the performance indicators for landscaping, namely, complaints. Many homeowners have expressed that they have found this information very informative and would like to continue to receive periodic updates. As such, the below chart depicts the statistics as of the month of August:

YEAR	LANDSCAPING COMPANY	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM APRIL THROUGH AUGUST.	NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FOR TOTAL YEAR
2011	Moon	32	48
2012	TLC	24 ----- -- 25% Improvement when compared to same timeframe in 2011	28 ----- 41.7% Improvement over prior year
2013	TLC	11 ----- - 54.2% Improvement when compared to same timeframe in 2012 ----- 65.6% Improvement when compared to same timeframe in 2011	

SNOW REMOVAL

Please note the following information as it pertains to our Snow Removal Contract and our Governing Documents:

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT

- Snow removal shall be provided when snow accumulation reaches a minimum of two inches of snow.
- Amount of snow will be agreed upon by Contractor and Association. In case of a discrepancy, the National Weather Service will be used to determine amounts.
- Snow removal shall begin within two hours after snow has completely stopped.
- Snow shall be removed from all sidewalks, driveways, driveway aprons, walkways to front door, front door landing, mailboxes, and fire hydrants. Please note that during heavier storms, if fire hydrants are blocked by Township plowing, clearance will not be included.
- Snow removal for single-family homes shall be completed as follows unless there are extenuating circumstances:
 - ❖ 2” – 10” – within six hours.
 - ❖ 10” or more – within 12 hours.

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

- The Association will provide snow clearing from driveways, aprons, and walkways once accumulation reaches two inches or more.
- The homeowner will be responsible for snow clearing whenever accumulation is less than two inches.
- The homeowner will be responsible for removal of ice from driveways, walkways, aprons whenever ice occurs.
- The Board of Trustees MAY, by a two-thirds vote, direct Heatherwood’s Landscaping Company to be prepared to spread ice melt on the common area sidewalks and street sidewalks just before or in the early stages of an ice storm (but this does not absolve the homeowner of responsibility as set forth in the bullet above. It should be noted that such a decision would incur substantial additional expense not covered in our current snow removal contract.)

SNOW REMOVAL ISSUES

Any issues regarding the snow removal process are to be called into Heatherwood’s Management Company, namely, Target Property Management: Marcie Hummer

@ 856-988-8000, Ext. 320, for proper tracking and follow-up. **Please do not call Board of Trustees members or our Landscaping Company, namely TLC, directly.**

HOMEOWNER TIPS

- Always keep “ice melt” on hand. It now comes in easy dispensable containers.
- Ensure that any outside items on patio are secured.
- Protect plants located near driveways and front entrance to lessen any snow clearing damage to them.
- During heavy storms, do not venture outside (excluding cases of emergency).
- Set-up a “neighbor buddy” system—someone you can call if you are in need of help.

TRIVIA

Bill Taggart – Webmaster

TECHNICAL TRIVIA

Blog

A Blog (a portmanteau of “web” and “log”) is a website that contains stories and updates in reverse chronological order—the most recent entries appear at the top of the front page, and you browse backwards to move through the past articles. Blogs exploded in popularity in the late 1990s with the advent of sites like Open Diary, Live Journal, and Blogger, which made it easy for individuals without web design experience or their own web host to have a personal blog.

Although early blogs were largely personal blogs staffed by a single person, by the late 2000s there was a significant uptick in commercial blogs run less like personal diaries and more like edited and curated digital magazines.



What Modern Computer Term Derives Its Name From Metal Casting?

Answer: Font

The term “font,” which refers to the different styles of typeface available on your computer, is derived from the Middle French word “fonte.” The word meant “something that has been melted; a casting.” In a pre-

computer age, the term font was used in reference to the physical sets of typeface employed by a printer which were created, via metal casting, at a type foundry.

GENERAL TRIVIA

Did You Know?

Liquid Paper Correction Fluid was invented by the mother of Mike Nesmith, member of 1960s’ pop sensation The Monkees.

Which Alcoholic Drink Was Originally Used To Treat Malaria?

Answer: Gin and Tonic

The first known treatment (and preventative) for malaria was quinine—a bitter substance derived from the bark of the cinchona tree. When British troops stationed in India balked at drinking a bitter dose of water laced with quinine, the British East India Company created a cocktail to help the medicine go down. This cocktail, a mixture of water, sugar, lime juice, and gin, became the beloved modern cocktail, the Gin and Tonic. If you’re trying to fight off malaria with a trip to the bar, however, we’d suggest a stop by the pharmacist’s first. Modern tonic water contains radically less quinine than its historical counterpart.

The Mall Of America Is Principally Heated By?

Answer: Body Heat

The Mall of America, located in Bloomington, MN, is one of the largest malls in the world. So large and so frequently packed with visitors (40 million annually) in fact, that it has no central heating system.

Mall architects took into account the heat gained from the numerous skylights, the waste heat from the lighting, and—most important—the enormous amount of heat generated by the tens of thousands of shoppers in the facility at any given time. Shoppers generate so much extra heat that during peak shopping in the winter season (when temperatures dip into the single digits in Bloomington) the Mall actually runs the air conditioning system to keep the facility comfortably cool.

MAILING COMMITTEE DELIVERY - PLASTIC BAGS

Reminder: In support of the recycling effort and to save Heatherwood money, you can help Heatherwood in this effort by either bringing your bags to a Community

Open Meeting or just drop them off at 3 Sickler Court (this address will change after October 17).

BOOK CLUB

Dona McKenney, Homeowner



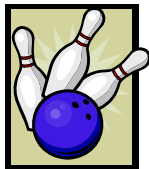
The Heatherwood Book Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. However, in September we will be meeting on the third Monday, the 16th, at 7 p.m. The host for September is Linda Doyle, 42 Pleasant Valley Drive. We will be discussing Dark Places by Gillian Flynn. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Dona McKenney, 40 Caserta Drive, at 410-382-7441 or donamckenney@comcast.net.

BOWLING

Ginny Ingaran, Homeowner

To All Ladies in Heatherwood:

A couple of us ladies are bowling every other Wednesday and would like to invite you to join us.



If you are interested, please call Ginny Ingaran. My phone number is 856-374-2461.

HEATHERWOOD COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Beth Rossini – ARB BOT Liaison

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) has completed Heatherwood's home inspections for 2013. In total, there were 66 violations issued, of which all were for property maintenance issues, i.e., mildew on siding, sidewalk stains, painting of wood trims and mailbox post, shutters, etc. Thus far, 54 violations have been rectified.

GARDEN COMMITTEE - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Norman Imaoka, BOT Liaison

Why do volunteers give up their time to do something special for someone else? Probably a question best asked of the individual who is doing it. But regardless of the response, there is no doubt that their efforts are making a difference. Our very own Garden Committee is a perfect example of this. Their hard work is evident throughout the year, whether it is beautiful floral or seasonal displays. Well, enough said. A picture is worth a thousand words.



You too can be part of this elite committee. If you are interested in joining, please notify the Heatherwood Secretary.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Ruth L. Gutleber, Chairman

Heatherwood's Annual Labor Day Picnic was held on Monday, September 2, 2013. While the day began with heavy rains, it didn't seem to bother anyone. And least of all, a beautiful white crane who graced our presence. All in all, 76 homeowners toughed it out to make the day a success. In the early afternoon the skies cleared up and the sun broke through, ending in a perfect day.

To start the eating frenzy, appetizers included mixed nuts, chips & pretzels, stuffed celery, buffalo chicken

dip with scoops, taco dip with chips, and pepperoni & cheese with crackers. This then followed by the main meal catered, once again, by Randazzo's, which included Chicken Tenders, Baked Ziti, Sausage & Peppers, Caesar Salad, and rolls, complemented by a broccoli salad, health salad, and deviled eggs. And let's not forget about the yummy desserts—Jewish apple cake, various pies, cookies, cakes, and fruit tray. To wet our whistles, plenty of cold beverages were available, not to mention our homeowners bringing their own tasty drinks to the party. :-)

The festive tent, anchored by an American flag, and the basin fence, decorated with several flag swags, served as a cozy gathering place for neighbors to socialize, relax, and honor the holiday.

We thank all our Social Committee members and their spouses for all their hard work and for making this holiday a Heatherwood tradition to celebrate together.

Do not forget to mark your calendar for the Holiday Luncheon at the Palace on December 8, 2013.



There will be a Garage Sale in the spring of 2014, so start saving those items you wish to sell.

Information regarding these events will be supplied at a later time.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Beth Rossini, BOT Liaison

The following projects have been completed since our last newsletter:

- ❖ Bush Prune & Shape: Six bushes
- ❖ Inspections Conducted:
 - Common Ground Trees
 - Fences
- ❖ Power Wash:
 - Front Entrance Signage
 - Concrete Columns and Finials
 - Front Entrance Fences
- ❖ Rip Rap Clean-Up:
 - Caserta Drive/Pleasant Valley Drive Basin - Inside
 - County House Road Curbside
 - Fisher Court Basin - Inside

- Pleasant Valley Drive Basin – Outside
- ❖ Street Sweep:
 - Caserta Drive Entrance
 - Pleasant Valley Drive Entrance
 - Pleasant Valley Drive Entrance - #2 – Broken Glass
 - Pleasant Valley Road
- ❖ Tree Prune and Shape: Twenty-five trees
- ❖ Tree Branch Cut & Removal – Wooded Area
- ❖ Tree Removal - Gazebo
- ❖ Weed Whack:
 - Front Entrance Flowerbed – Ornamental Grass
 - Wooded Area

SPECIAL NOTE: ALL ABOVE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE'S VOLUNTEERS AT NO COST.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairman

The Welcome Committee is now nine strong with the addition of two more volunteers, Paul Milio and Madeline Lentine.



The summer months were busy for the Committee. We visited seven new families and welcomed them to Heatherwood.

We were warmly received by the new homeowners and all expressed an interest in attending the various social events throughout the year.

Thanks to our members (Dona McKenney, Kathy Logan, Donna Ulmer, Peg Yost, Joanne Cassidy and Rose Mary Colombo) who baked or provided treats for the new homeowners.



NEIGHBORS' NEWS

Our condolences to the family of Guy Messimer, a Heatherwood resident who recently passed away.

WORD SQUARE

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns, and hyphenated words are not allowed.

<i>E</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>O</i>
<i>N</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>L</i>
<i>P</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>R</i>

Ratings:

<i>20 words – ok</i>
<i>30 words – Good</i>
<i>40 words – Very Good</i>
<i>50 or more - Excellent</i>

20 SECOND CHALLENGE

Here's a great way to keep your brain sharp. Start with the first number on the left in the grid and follow the instructions as you go across. See if you can do the math in 20 seconds...or less.

17	Double it	-29	Times itself	+31	Divide by 8
x4	Half of it	+18	Divide by 4	x11	

AGING

**I very quietly confided to my best friend
that I was having an affair.
She turned to me and asked,
'Are you having it catered'?
And that, my friend,
is the definition of 'OLD'!**

~ ~ ~

**It's scary when you start making the same noises
as your coffee maker.**

~ ~ ~

**Know how to prevent sagging?
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.**

~ ~ ~

**Always REMEMBER this:
You don't stop laughing because you grow old,
You grow old because you stop laughing...**

If you would like to post a note in future newsletters, please send your message to Ruth Gutleber at ruth.gutleber@comcast.net.

VETERANS DAY



History of Veterans Day...

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

An Act (52 Stat. 351;5 U.S. Code, sec 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday – a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.



HEATHERWOOD SALUTES ITS OWN VETERANS

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