

HEATHERWOOD NEWS



SPRING-SUMMER 2014

Prepared by R. Gutleber

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathy Logan

It is heartening to see the words Spring and Summer after the challenging Winter we have just experienced. With one snow storm after another, it was not a happy circumstance for Heatherwood. Thus far, as you will see in the attached financial information, we are still within our budget and can only remain hopeful that November and December 2014 will be kinder to us than the first three months have been.

On another topic, you will note we have decided to have a Spring/Summer and a Fall/Winter issue of our newsletter, rather than one for each season. This will result in a budget savings, which we feel is substantial enough to warrant this action. We sincerely thank former Board Secretary Ruth Gutleber for agreeing to continue to format our newsletter for us.



FROM THE TREASURER

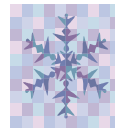
Dona McKenney

Please refer to the attached Financial Report.



LANDSCAPING SEASON

Once again we prepare for the landscapers, whose efforts will keep Heatherwood as beautiful as always. TLC has requested that homeowners be reminded to protect the areas around mailbox posts, backflow preventers, and any other cables near foundations that could be damaged if there is not a mulch bed or some other protection. This is something which is relatively easy to do and will certainly result in a lesser chance of damage.



You are reminded that as with snow removal, the process is as follows:

- 1) The homeowner will call the Management Office regarding the issue in question.
- 2) The Management Office will contact TLC.
- 3) The Management will email TLC with the same message, with a copy to the Board.
- 4) The Management Office will monitor the progress until the issue is resolved and will keep the Board of Trustees apprised.
- 5) As with snow removal, Board of Trustees members should not be contacted personally.
- 6) As with snow removal, homeowners should not interfere with workers in any way.

Please be advised that in an effort to help with over watering or under watering of your lawn, TLC has offered to assist Heatherwood homeowners throughout the summer season. They will help to explain the proper amount of time to water with your sprinkler system and the setting of your irrigation timer. This offer does NOT include Irrigation Turn On. It will certainly be helpful, however, to have guidance for areas such as the swales between homes, which historically have been problems due primarily to over watering.



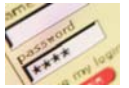
To take advantage of this offer at NO CHARGE call TLC at 856-629-9494 and ask for John.

HEATHERWOOD – WINTER 2013



WEBSITE FINANCIALS PASSWORD

Just a reminder that as of March 1, 2014, our website’s password for Financials and Open Meetings was changed upon the advice of our Webmaster, Bill Taggart. If you have not already done so, please contact heatherwoodsec@hotmail.com to obtain the new password.



You are encouraged to visit our excellent and extremely helpful website. There are timely updates of interest, links to Township and other websites, information about Heatherwood and its governing documents, and details regarding our various committees. We are currently in the process of attempting to include the full text of our Declaration of Covenants and By-Laws, with considerable assistance from Bill. We are most fortunate to have such a communication vehicle and *Merci* thank Bill immensely once again for his substantial contributions to the Heatherwood community. The URL is http://heatherwood_nj.home.comcast.net. Be sure to add the underscore _ after the word heatherwood.



RECOMMENDED PAINT COLORS FOR DOORS AND SHUTTERS

For the information of those homeowners who do not have computers and thus are unable to access this information through our website, please be advised the recommended colors for repainting doors and shutters are as follows:



PAINT MANUFACTURER: FINNAREN & HALEY

- Black (02)
- Burgundy Red (27)
- Forest Green (28)

Federal Brown (09)
Tuxedo Gray (18)
Wedgewood Blue (04)

It is probable other paint manufacturers may be able to duplicate these colors upon request; however, you are strongly encouraged to purchase colors as close as possible to these shades. Some shades are extremely bright and incompatible with the original colors of the builder. Fading of paint on doors and shutters is one of the items the ARB must inspect. Hopefully we will be able to keep Heatherwood looking its very best by keeping up with these important maintenance issues and using the recommended colors. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

REMINDERS FOR THE COMING SPRING/SUMMER SEASONS

As we are well aware, Heatherwood has many open, windy areas and there are continuing problems with trash and other litter frequently blown into the ends of our courts and various other spots in the common areas. In addition, homeowners often find trash from a block away on their property and this creates much understandable frustration on their part. There are also many instances where items are being blown into the storm drains and ultimately into some of the basins, where blockages occur, creating other basin problems.



We kindly ask that homeowners pay special attention to securing their trash and disposing of loose pieces of mail or any other litter being blown around the community. In previous years there have also been problems with barbeque and furniture covers being caught by the wind and blown about, which obviously can be prevented if they are properly secured. If each one of us cooperates in this endeavor we will be able to alleviate these issues, which are particularly troublesome for those whose homes are located in the areas where wind is a bigger problem than in others.

It may be helpful to refer to our Governing Documents regarding Trash: Exhibit E, Rules & Regulations, Section B. While our normal pickup day is Tuesday, please remember that holidays generally delay trash pickup by one day.

CONTRACTOR AND SECURITY ALARM SIGNS

Just a reminder that if you have contractors doing work in your home or yard they are not permitted to post a sign on the lawn while the work is being done. This is a longstanding rule in Heatherwood, and the Board and ARB are required to enforce it.

Regarding security alarm signs, one may be placed in front and one in back of a home. The sign in front of the home is to be placed in the flowerbed or attached to the mailbox post. The sign in the rear of the home is to be placed in the flowerbed.

ENGINEERING STUDY

We are pleased to report the Capital Reserve/Engineering Study was conducted in early Spring by Consulting Engineer Services. At the time this newsletter is being published the final report has not yet been received. The Board of Trustees is reviewing the preliminary findings and will provide you with the full results in the near future.

THANK YOU TO TARGET AND TLC

In December 2013 the Board of Trustees received the following message from Target Management:

“To show our appreciation for your continued business, we would like to donate a 5’ Norway Spruce to be planted on your Association’s common area. If your site cannot use the tree because of lack of space and/or aesthetics, Management will donate the tree on your Association’s behalf. It will be the Association’s responsibility to have their current landscaping company pick up and plant the tree on your site....” TLC subsequently offered to pick up and plant the donated tree at no cost to Heatherwood. The planting will be accomplished this Spring. We thank both companies for their generosity in this regard.



SOME UNWELCOME VISITORS



As most of you have undoubtedly seen, deer have been numerous in Heatherwood during the winter and have feasted on shrubbery and trees in both common areas and individual home lots. While we understand they are hungry and had to search for food

during the unusually long and cold winter, many of us are going to have considerable expenses in replacing our plantings. Unfortunately, some homeowners have been observed putting food out for deer and other wildlife and this has made an already very serious problem worse. We strongly urge any homeowner doing so to cease this practice as we would certainly prefer not to have to address it with warnings and/or possibly fines. If anyone is observed feeding the wildlife, we will be forced to take action to protect the health, well-being and property of the other homeowners. All of us understand love for animals and it is simply unfortunate that there is a significant down side to this practice.

Along with the above, it has been reported that ticks are especially prevalent this season and it is hoped you will be cautious in your yards or when walking anywhere in the area with children or pets. New Jersey is notorious for its tick population, but the recent influx of deer in our area makes it even worse. Thank you in advance for your full cooperation.

Our muskrat visitors have either returned or new ones have replaced the ones removed last year. It appears this is going to be a continuing issue for the Board to address, not to mention additional expenses which were not an issue in previous years.

ARB SEASON

As you will note elsewhere in this newsletter, the ARB will be conducting its annual inspections in early Summer. It is important to remember that neither the ARB nor present or past Boards of Trustees created the Heatherwood governing documents. They were created by the builder, J. S. Hovnanian, and have been used in other communities he has built. The rules and regulations have been carefully reviewed in the past, and over the years revisions and clarifications have been approved by the homeowners. The ARB members are all volunteers giving freely of their time and effort to complete their function as set forth in the governing documents. They will, as always, be wearing bright colored vests and when you see them doing their inspections, please keep in mind they, too, are homeowners and should be treated with respect and appreciation for their contribution to our goal of keeping Heatherwood such a beautiful place to live.



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

OCTOBER 2014 ELECTIONS

Inasmuch as there will be no Summer newsletter, it is not too early to bring to your attention the fact there will be two openings on the Board of Trustees this year. The terms of Kathy Logan and Rose Mary Colombo will end on October 28, the date of the next Open Meeting.



It is hoped each of you would take some time to think seriously about membership on the Board of Trustees. Terms are for a two-year period. The Board of Trustees welcomes candidates with new and innovative ideas.

BOOK CLUB

Dona McKenney, Homeowner



The Heatherwood Book Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 7 p.m. The host is Dona McKenney at 40 Caserta Drive. The club will be discussing *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. If you have questions, or want additional information, please contact Dona McKenney, 40 Caserta Drive, 410-382-7441, or donamckenney@comcast.net.

HEATHERWOOD COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Norman Imaoka –Chairman

ARB APPLICATION

Spring is in the air and you may be thinking about doing some improvements to the outside of your home. Please remember that an Architectural Review Board (ARB) application needs to be submitted and approved **prior** to beginning any work.



For your convenience, the ARB application form can be accessed through the Heatherwood website under Table of Contents – Forms. For those homeowners who do not have access to the Heatherwood website, contact Marcie Hummer at Target Property Management at 856-988-8000 (Ext. 320) for a copy. In addition, a copy of Addendum F-1, which is an itemized list of those improvements not requiring an application, can be accessed under the Table of Contents – Governing Documents.

COMMUNITY ARB INSPECTION

This year the Architectural Review Board (ARB) members will be conducting a site inspection of our entire community beginning in early June. For identification purposes, we will be wearing a bright colored vest.

Have a great spring and summer...

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Kathy Logan, BOT Contact

Election Committee Chairman Bill Taggart, and members Nancy Bennett and Madeline Lentine stand ready to count votes during the course of the October 28 Open Meeting and announce the results prior to the meeting's end. We thank Madeline for stepping up to fill the vacancy left when previous member Donna Ulmer moved from Heatherwood. Donna will be sorely missed as a most friendly and pleasant person who was active on several committees over a significant number of years. Inasmuch as the committee is not limited to three members, any homeowner in good standing who is not a Board of Trustees member or a candidate for office may volunteer to serve as well. Please contact the Management Office should you wish to do so.



CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Kathy Logan, BOT Contact

We thank Joe Brennan and Jeff Parker for making their annual inspection of the common areas of Heatherwood in order to give the Board of Trustees an update on issues of concern which need to be addressed. This is quite a large community with many assets to be maintained on a regular basis and this inspection is of considerable assistance to the Board. This year most areas of concern are sink holes in the streets, which are the responsibility of the Township, although Heatherwood must address issues in the various basins, as well as fence maintenance along our property line next to the horse farm. We must



also attend to sign maintenance and power washing fences as needed.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Ruth L. Gutleber, Chairman

Heatherwood's Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014, with a rain date of Sunday, May 4, 2014. You can join the garage sale by registering and paying a \$3 fee. This small fee will pay your registration, advertising, and the cost of a balloon to be hung on your mailbox to show that your home is taking part in the sale.



The next Garage Sale will take place in 2016.

The Social Committee has decided that it will **not** hold a Holiday Luncheon this year, but may possibly hold one in 2015.



Hold the date of Labor Day 2014 for our annual picnic. Flyers will be distributed before the event.

The grandchildren trick-or-treating will take place the weekend before Halloween 2014. A flyer will be distributed before the event.



WELCOME COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, BOT Contact

The Welcome Committee had an active 2013 when they visited eight new homeowners from May to August. Then, there was a lengthy Fall and Winter lull.

So, we were glad to hear about the new owners on Pleasant Valley Drive.

On a beautiful April day, the Welcome Committee visited the new homeowners and provided them with our Resource List and a delicious cake. We were graciously received and spent a few minutes sharing information about our community.



Thanks to Joanne Cassidy, Madeline Lentine (who baked) and Rose Mary Colombo for taking the time to extend a welcome to our new neighbors.




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