

HEATHERWOOD NEWS

2020

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Fall



Winter



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Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rose Mary Colombo



Over the past six months, your dedicated Board of Trustees has continued to work for the benefit of the Heatherwood homeowners. These individuals should be acknowledged for their selflessness: Kathy Logan, Gary Bellotti, Diane Maitag and Jim Sherry.

Only the April Work Session was cancelled due to the Covid 19. We have met from May to October outdoors on covered patios during the heat, rain and windstorms to make sure that the important business of Heatherwood was addressed. We have met with contractors to ensure that many maintenance projects were completed. These projects will be outlined elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We had originally hoped to hold the October Open Meeting outdoors in one of our common areas. Unfortunately, the Open Meeting was cancelled at the advice of our attorney. He indicated that if one of the homeowners attended, contracted the Covid 19, and sued us, the Association's Liability Insurance would not protect the Heatherwood HOA in such a lawsuit. We could not in good conscience put the homeowners or the Association in this jeopardy.

In lieu of the Open Meeting, a document was sent to each homeowner outlining the status of the 2020 Budget and the approved Budget for 2021. As stated in that document, for the seventh year in a row, the Association Fee has been maintained at \$115 per month.

We hope our homeowners have remained healthy during this stressful time. We are looking forward to an Open Meeting in 2021 when the Senior Center has reopened.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jim Sherry, Treasurer



Please refer to the Financial Reports that appear later in this Newsletter.

UPDATES ORDINARILY DISCUSSED AT OCTOBER OPEN MEETINGS



During these extraordinary times when we are unable to communicate in person at either our April or October 2020 Open Meetings, we wish to provide you with brief sketches of the most significant accomplishments since October 2019:

At the very end of 2019, December 29 to be exact, newly designed Heatherwood signs were installed at both the Caserta Drive and Pleasant Valley Drive (PVD) entrances. The PVD design was configured to more closely resemble the Caserta Drive entrance sign. A solar light was also installed, but at the time of this Newsletter's publication, it was not working properly and the company has been contacted in this regard.

In January 2020 discussions commenced regarding the fate of the willow trees surrounding the pond, and it was agreed to have Bartlett Tree Service evaluate them to determine if they simply needed trimming or it would be necessary to cut them down.

February 2020 brought arrangements for the power washing of all of our beautiful white vinyl fences, inside and out, as well as the gazebo and benches.

As we headed into Spring, two Needlecast treatments on all evergreen trees in the front row of trees on the entire Chew Lane berm were approved. To maintain the health of the trees, Root Collar/Surgery on 11 maple trees in the common area along Caserta Drive and County House Road was also approved.

Caterpillar defoliator treatment was approved for the maple and honey locust group of trees located at the

west side of the pond, including the blue spruce near the gazebo.

In an attempt to save the trees behind the homes on Pleasant Valley Drive and Chew Lane Berms, the Board approved a clean out of the weed growth and fallen tree debris to maximize the natural irrigation in that area, which does not have artificial irrigation.

Sink holes around nearly all storm drains were the subject of a letter directed to Mayor Joann Gattinelli and the Township's Director of Public Works. A meeting subsequently ensued with the Director of Public Works, who inspected all affected areas along with President Rose Mary Colombo and Vice President Gary Bellotti.

During this period the police advised us that it is necessary for us to press charges against individuals to discourage their continued violations regarding fishing at our pond. Our attorney, management company and insurance company were also contacted regarding the matter of liability in case of an accident and to ensure that our coverage is adequate.

Preparations began in May to send out Requests for Proposals setting forth our specifications for Heatherwood's landscaping/snow contract for the next two years. As previously communicated, Marksmen was awarded these contracts.

In June the Board approved new "No Trespassing" "No Soliciting" "No Fishing" signs for the front entrance and along County House road. The additional signs were intended to provide enhanced protection against liability in the event of possible injuries by those who trespass at our pond.

Later in the Summer the "No Trespassing" sign at the PVD entrance was updated to match the new signs at the Caserta Drive entrance.

Due to concerns regarding increasingly frequent power outages, Secretary Diane Maitag volunteered to address our issues with the Public Utilities

Commission. She subsequently reported that she had established a reliable contact person who is available to address our concerns if they continue in the future.

The Board continued to address uneven sidewalks throughout Heatherwood by contracting with BQ Basements to level approximately 25 sidewalks.

Upon the ultimate removal of all willow trees in the pond area, the Board approved engaging landscaper Outer Images to create several enhancements to replace the trees. They should be in place by the end of November. It was also agreed to upgrade the present fountain with a larger one; however, this will not occur until the Spring of 2021.

SEASONAL REMINDERS



The BOT wishes to remind homeowners of some of Heatherwood's guidelines during the Fall and Winter seasons. While they have been included in previous Newsletters, we have quite a number of newer homeowners who may benefit from their inclusion herein, as well as longtime homeowners who might possibly find the reminders helpful:

SNOW REMOVAL



Snow will be removed from all sidewalks, driveways, driveway aprons, walkways to front doors, front door landing, mailboxes, and fire hydrants after the snow has reached a level of more than two inches.

Please **stock up on your ice melt, as ice removal is the homeowner's responsibility.** The Board **MAY**, by a two-thirds vote, direct Marksmen 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 when ice occurs. You should be aware that such a decision would incur substantial additional expense not covered in our

snow removal contract and would seriously impact our snow budget.

Any issues regarding snow removal are to be called in to Target Property Manager Danielle Holmes at 856-988-8000, extension 311. If you reach an Answering Service, you should follow the prompts to leave a message. Target has its management staff check for messages on a frequent basis.

Please do not contact BOT members or Marksmen Landscaping directly, nor should you email the Website. All notices sent to those on our email list are intended as a courtesy and should not be used as a vehicle for complaints. Your anticipated cooperation in these matters is appreciated.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



Our Governing Documents include the following guidelines for winter holiday decorations:

Lights, both blinking and steady, white or multi-colored, are permitted on homes, garages, flowerbed shrubs, and trees. Spotlights to highlight ornaments are permitted on the lawn. Colored lights in garage lights are permitted during this season.

Decorations are permitted on front doors, porches or front door landings, patios, garages, lawns, mailboxes, in flower and tree mulch beds. All types of decorations are permitted, although discretion should be used to ensure the high standards of Heatherwood's aesthetics. All decorations shall be properly secured. Decorations are permitted to go up one week prior to Thanksgiving but must be removed by January 31. The definition of winter holidays includes Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

A REMINDER ABOUT GENERATORS



All homeowners are reminded that ARB approval must be sought prior to commencement of any work by a contractor.

You should also be aware that Permits obtained from Washington Township are in addition to the Application that must be made to the ARB.

VETERANS DAY

Kathy Logan, Vice President

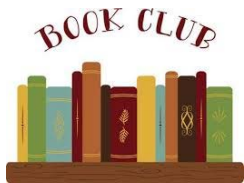


This is an appropriate time to once more thank the volunteers who faithfully place our line of American flags along the Caserta Drive entrance on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day. It gives all of us a moment to remember the sacrifices of our veterans and silently thank them for their service as we drive by.

Once again, we send a gentle reminder to Residents who place small American flags in their mulch beds or in front of their mailboxes. Weather conditions often play havoc with them, so please be cognizant of their condition and placement, as they should never be allowed to touch the ground. Of course, any flag or bunting that has become faded or otherwise damaged should be replaced.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Dona McKenney, Homeowner



The Heatherwood Book Club ordinarily meets the Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings have been postponed until the New Jersey Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Dona McKenney, 40 Caserta Drive 410-382-7441, or donamckenney@comcast.net.

LANTERN FLY INFESTATION

By Charleen Orzechowski, Homeowner



Have you seen this bug on your trees or around your house? This is the Lantern Fly, which has migrated from China, Thailand, Vietnam and other Asian

countries. They jump as well as fly. If you have seen a crazy lady on the corner of Stiles Court and Caserta Drive with a fly swatter, it's only me. I must have swatted over 150 of them off my oak trees.

I contacted my landscaper and he provided me with a name of a company that has been successful in spraying the trees, killing the lantern flies. If you are interested in protecting your trees, you may want to contact your landscaper for recommendations on how to exterminate these insects.

I have taken the liberty to report the infestation in our Heatherwood community to the County Entomologist at 856-374-6042, or the Department of Agriculture's email, SLF-plantindustry@ag.nj.gov packages or even take them and hold them until you return home from work or an outing.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRASH REGULATIONS



It has become evident that it is time to remind all homeowners of the **TOWNSHIP REGULATION** that trash should not be placed outside **UNTIL AFTER 6:00 PM** the day before pickup is scheduled.

Township regulations regarding trash pickup read as follows:

In order for your trash to be picked up:

Trash, Recycling and Yard Debris **Must Be Separated** into properly designated cans! Three Separate trucks come by to pick up trash, failure to

separate the trash, can and will result in your waste not being picked up.

(Heatherwood Note: Three properly designated cans should be used, rather than the current practice of many to simply put black plastic bags of trash at the curb but not in a properly designated can. This often results in intrusion by animals and the subsequent strewing of trash on our streets.)

Weekly Trash Pickup:

Please remember that trash and recycling cannot be put out any earlier than 6 p.m. the evening before your trash day (Ordinance 212-15.D). For questions regarding Trash and Recycling pick-up please call 856-589-3227 or 856-589-0523.

Delayed Trash Pickup:

The following holidays will delay trash pickup by **ONE DAY**: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If the holiday falls on the weekend there will be no delay.

HEATHERWOOD EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST

Bill Taggart



Currently, 129 homes (out of 160) in Heatherwood participate in the Email Distribution List. The purpose of this list is to send out timely and important

Heatherwood related communications to residents.

These emails can contain information on grass cutting schedule changes, snow removal updates and other information that impacts our residents.

While inclusion on the email distribution is strictly voluntary, we encourage all homes to participate. This list is only used for this purpose and is not shared with anyone.

Heatherwood residents wishing to be added to the Heatherwood Email distribution list should notify Heatherwood at

heatherwoodcommunications@comcast.net

When replying please include your name and postal address along with your preferred email address.

Residents already on the distribution list are also reminded to notify Heatherwood at that same email address if they change their email address or wish to be removed from the list.

HEATHERWOOD COMMITTEES



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)

Kathy Logan, Vice President



The ARB conducted its annual Heatherwood inspection in May 2020 and, as always, those efforts resulted in ensuring that our community continues to be widely recognized for its meticulously kept homes and fine landscaping.

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairperson



Fall Ornamental Kale was planted by Marksmen in the flower beds at the front entrance this year. The Gazebo, however, was decorated by the Garden Committee members. One of our

homeowners commented that these Fall decorations were the best to date. We are so happy to hear that you enjoy the work and dedication of our members.

As always, we would welcome new members to our Committee. It would require a maximum of one hour of your time for the Spring, Fall and Winter Holiday decorating.

Volunteers help keep the costs down and maintain the Association Fee at a reasonable level. We hope you will give serious consideration to volunteering in the future, which can easily be accomplished by emailing our website at heatherwoodnj@comcast.net

MAILING COMMITTEE



We greatly appreciate that Jo Femiano chairs the Mailing Committee, as this assures we will continue to save the Significant postage costs of Distributing communications

to Heatherwood homeowners. Some of these volunteers have contributed their time and effort for many years and enjoy doing so.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Charleen Orzechowski and Cathy Sherry, Co-Chairpersons



The Social Committee takes pride in announcing that while we are unable to congregate as a group for our Happy Hours,

we are certainly practicing Social Distancing!

We continue to keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers and hope we are able to get through this Covid crisis. If anyone is in need of any assistance with groceries, or just want to talk, we are able to reach out to you. You can contact Charleen at 856-816-7416. In an Emergency Situation, call 911. Time is CRITICAL in getting HELP!

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairperson



The Welcome Committee completed two visits to new homeowners in June and September 2020.

We observed social distancing by standing on the lawns of the new homeowners for everyone's safety.

Despite the distance, the visits were very pleasant and the homeowners were pleased to meet the Welcome Committee and ask some questions about their new community. Of course the home baked cookies and brownies were also well received.

There are an additional two new homeowners who will be contacted in the upcoming months and offered a Welcome visit.

CONDOLENCES



Our deep condolences go out to the families of Judy Parker, Maryann Euler, Fred Vierick, Elaine Smith and Ruth Edwards, who passed away since the publication of our Spring/Summer 2020 Newsletter.

Heatherwood Business Ads



Marge de Virginy

Karena de Virginy

Too busy to cook? Don't know what to cook? Can't cook?
Contact us for our delicious and nutritious lunch and dinner menus!
Delivery to SJ Area Free Delivery on Mondays!

Call, email or text!

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