

HEATHERWOOD NEWS

2021

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Spring



Summer



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In an emergency please call 856-988-8000 and listen to the prompts to leave a message in the emergency mailbox or, if it is a snow emergency, in the snow emergency mailbox.

Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rose Mary Colombo



Spring in Heatherwood is a busy time. Your Board of Trustees has been meeting to discuss continued improvements to our common areas. Some of the projects which will be completed this Spring are installation of a new, upgraded fountain in the pond; installation of pavers in front of the gazebo; removal of bushes and a tree at the gazebo to be replaced with a Colorado Blue Spruce and ornamental bushes; clean-up of the area bordering on the wetlands side of Caserta Drive; purchase of an additional trash rack for the Fisher Court basin; correction of a drainage problem at the Sickler Court Basin; and removal and replacement of various trees and bushes throughout the community.

As you can see, this is a very energetic agenda which required many hours of planning and meeting with contractors. All of these projects are in keeping with Heatherwood's reputation as one of best maintained 55 plus communities in South Jersey.

We were not as lucky this year with our snow removal budget as we had been in 2019 and 2020. We spent \$19,566 of our \$25,000 budget for snow removal in February 2021. However, because we have been able to save excess funds from the two previous years, we are in good financial shape with regard to any snow removal expenses we may experience in November or December 2021.

We wish all of you good health and hope to see you at our Open Meeting in May. A separate notice with information about this meeting has been mailed to you.

FINANCIAL REPORTS*Jim Sherry, Treasurer*

Please refer to the attached Financial Reports.

**A TIMELY REMINDER FOR OUR DOG OWNERS**

It has been quite some time since our Governing Documents Rules and Regulations/Protective Covenants regarding Pets (Exhibit E (A) have been included in Heatherwood's Newsletter. We have also welcomed new

homeowners who may not be aware of them at all. The following has been quoted directly from Exhibit E:

“All pets shall be walked on a leash at all times. Any animal outside any unit must be leashed and at no time shall it create a nuisance of any kind. Animal owners should exercise common courtesy and avoid walking their pets within close proximity of people or other pets or animals.

1. All dogs shall be attended by the owner or owner's representative and kept on a leash.
2. All dogs shall wear a visible Washington Township registration tag when outside of a pet owner's residence. Any dog found unattended without a tag will be turned over to the Washington Township Dog Catcher.
3. Pet owners shall not walk or allow their pets on other homeowners' properties.
4. Pet owners shall not allow their pets to defecate or urinate on other homeowners' properties.

5. Pet owners shall not allow their pets to defecate in the grass area between the curb and the sidewalks.
6. Pet owners are responsible to clean-up their pet's defecation on owner's property and all Heatherwood's common grounds.



Dog owners are responsible for adhering to the ordinances of Washington Township regarding care and walking of pets.”

Mirroring the above regulations is Washington Township Ordinance 07-2019, which states in part, “G. Property Damage. No person owning, keeping or harboring a dog shall permit or suffer it to do any injury or to do any damage to any lawn, shrubbery, flowers, grounds, property or other animals.”

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

As we have had several reminders recently, Heatherwood is a rather breezy community and overflowing recycling cans have resulted in numerous cans, plastic bottles and other lightweight items being blown into our storm drains and retention/detention basins. Please be attentive regarding loose items placed in the recycling cans.

Note that one free container per household is provided to new residents (proof of residency must be provided). The container must be picked up within the first year of residency. **New recycling containers can be purchased at the Municipal Services building at a cost of \$10 for a 20-gallon bin or \$17 for a 32-gallon bin. Residents who are over 55 years of age can purchase a bin at half price.** The Township also has **recycling stickers free of charge** that can be placed on your own container.

You are reminded that during a week in which one of these holidays falls, **New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day,**

Thanksgiving and Christmas, GARBAGE and RECYCLING PICKUP WILL BE DELAYED ONE DAY. If the holiday falls on the weekend, there will be **no delay**.

SPRING/SUMMER REMINDERS



Any issues regarding landscaping are to be called in to Target Property Manager Danielle Holmes at 856-988-8000, Ext. 311 OR emailed to dholmes@targetpm.com.

If you reach an Answering Service, you should follow the prompts to leave a message. Target is still predominantly staffed by employees working from their homes but has a skeleton in-person office staff and checks are made for messages on a frequent basis.

BOT members or Marksmen Landscaping should not be contacted directly. Complaints directed to the Heatherwood Communications email address (heatherwoodcommunications@comcast.net) will not be addressed.

CONTRACTOR SIGNS



Remember that contractor signs may not be placed on properties **either while work is being performed or after it has been completed.** While this reminder

probably seems familiar, it bears repeating inasmuch as it is a continuing issue, mostly due to newer homeowners who are unaware of it.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS



Homeowners may wish to turn off their sprinkler systems on the Friday prior to our scheduled lawn cuttings on Mondays. As many are aware, drainage in some areas, particular the swales between properties, is problematic and this practice greatly helps to alleviate these perennial issues.

HONORING OUR FLAG



This is another gentle reminder to homeowners who place the smaller 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. **They should NEVER be allowed to touch the ground.** This may seem needless to say; however, there have been instances where it has unintentionally happened. As with all flags and also buntings, when they become faded or torn they should be replaced.

STORM DRAINS AND STREET SURFACES



Many of us who take frequent walks through Heatherwood use the streets rather than the sidewalks as the street surface is kinder to ankles and feet. It has become evident that Heatherwood's streets are deteriorating in many areas, particularly around the storm drains that dot the community. There are numerous depressions and areas where the surface is compromised that may pose hazards for our walkers.

Please be assured that the BOT has been in contact with the Mayor and Township officials on numerous occasions. They have responded by coming and walking the entire community with some BOT members and acknowledge there are areas of considerable concern. Unfortunately, the answer has resulted each time in "lack of funds available," as there were over 50 areas noted to be in need of attention.

The BOT believes a new and better approach may well be for INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS to call the Township and make a specific request for areas near their mailboxes or at the ends of their driveways. Ideally, this would be less overwhelming and Work Orders would be issued for those areas. It is believed this is worth a try and strongly suggest the area in front of each home be reported by the individual homeowner.

Additionally, many cracks in our roadways have become larger over the past couple of years and are of great concern. Again, while the Township is aware of them, it is easy to fall back upon the lack of funds and it is believed individual reporting of these issues may well have a better response since they may seem less overwhelming.

Calls in this regard should be made to the Township Public Works Department, 856-589-0523.

NEW HEATHERWOOD "RESIDENTS"

Kathy Logan, Vice President



Many of you have noticed our pond has two new "residents"! One of our homeowners recently advised the BOT she had knowledge of some areas where swans had been purchased for ponds such as Heatherwood's in order to deter Canada Geese from overpopulating ponds and surrounding areas. It was felt the suggestion was worthy of a try and there was little to lose.

Research was done and the swans were ordered at a cost of just over \$100 for the pair, including tax. Two of our Board members, Gary Bellotti and Jim Sherry, put their considerable knowledge and skills to the task and successfully launched the pair without having to enter the pond.

While it is not possible to say that the presence of the swans has been totally effective, it is believed there are fewer Canada Geese stopping as they fly over and spot the swans. A few Mallards have arrived and seem to have no fear of the swans. When some Canada Geese are in the pond, they appear to be staying at the other end and are fewer in number.

An unanticipated positive part of the project is that many of Heatherwood's homeowners think the swans are beautiful and add even more to the beauty of our community. Some people have been seen taking pictures of them or changing which entrance they use so they can spot the swans as they return

home. Grandchildren have likely been excited to see them when visiting the pond.

Unfortunately, there have been several instances where one or both of the swans tipped over and have not immediately righted themselves, leaving the appearance they have "died." The latest instance caused some consternation when several days passed and the swan(s) had not returned to the upright state. Before any action could be planned to correct the situation, they righted themselves and eliminated the need to figure out what needed to be done.

In any event, they have created quite a stir! Some thought they may actually be real, while others thought they may be motorized inasmuch as they move in different ways as the wind affects them. It is hoped they will continue to have a positive effect on the number of geese, as well as enhancing the beauty of Heatherwood.

Anyone wishing additional information may reference this topic on the official website of the Audubon Society at <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/canada-goose>

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 wish additional information, please contact Dona McKenney, 40 Caserta Drive, 410-382-7441, or [donamckenney@comcast.net](mailto:donomckenney@comcast.net).

HEATHERWOOD WEBSITE*Bill Taggart, Webmaster*

The Heatherwood website address is
www.heatherwoodnj.com

The email address that you should use if you need to contact me on any **website related** issue is
heatherwoodnj@comcast.net

The website has Heatherwood Community information as well as local area information and other links to various websites that people often need to reference. The Heatherwood website has this content and more in one easy to use location.

If anyone has any suggestions on adding any new content that you feel would be beneficial to our residents or if you have any questions on the website or suggestions on how I can make the website more useful to you, please contact me.

HEATHERWOOD COMMITTEES**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)***Tom McQuillan, Chairperson***A WORD ABOUT EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS**

All homeowners are reminded that ARB approval must be sought prior to commencement of work. Please review association documents [such as but not limited to HEATHERWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; EXHIBIT "F"; ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES] in the

Governing Documents section of the Heatherwood website to identify projects that require ARB approval.

If applicable, you will need to complete the HEATHERWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ARB APPLICATION and forward it to Target Management for processing. It is important that the Application instructions be thoroughly read and the necessary information and attachments are provided so that the Application can be processed without delay.

Regarding Roofs, it is important that the shingle manufacturer, style and color is stated along with an image of the shingle that denotes the color/ texture be provided.

HEATHERWOOD SPRING HOME INSPECTIONS

This year we will be starting the annual spring home/property inspections at the beginning of June. Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of the Checklist that will be used to inspect all homes/properties. It is hoped that you will use this Checklist to see if anything needs to be done around your home/property.

As a note to any newer residents who may not be familiar with the procedure, each Spring, the ARB conducts an inspection of all the homes/properties in Heatherwood as required by the Governing Documents. This inspection has one main goal...to keep our community as beautiful as possible for the residents. This also helps to maintain the value of our properties. The beauty and reputation of Heatherwood are surely big reasons why many of us have moved here.

As we conduct these inspections, we want you to know that the members of the ARB are residents of Heatherwood. The ARB inspectors will have yellow vests to identify them. We will need to walk around your home/property during our inspection and we certainly appreciate your cooperation. If, on

inspection, we find there are maintenance/repairs or violations that need to be corrected you will receive a notice from our Management Company, Target Property Management. We will be as specific as possible about what needs to be corrected.

Violations must be corrected within 30 days according to our Governing Documents. With maintenance/repairs items you will have 60 days to correct those items. Once you have corrected the items brought to your attention by our Management Company, it is your responsibility to inform our Management Company of the corrected items. Your home/property will be re-inspected for the items corrected and if found in good standing, you will receive confirmation from our Management Company.

Any questions with regard to these inspections should be directed to our Management Company.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Charleen Orzechowsk and Cathy Sherry,
Chairpersons*



Mark your calendars for a community-wide **Yard Sale!**

All residents are invited to participate on **Saturday, September 11, 2021** (Rain date is September 12) from 8 am to 2 pm. Display your items for sale in your driveway or garage.

We will advertise and there is no cost to participate. Maps featuring **Heatherwood** Yard Sale locations will be available to our shoppers on the day of the event. Please contact by phone or text, Charleen (856-816-7416) or Cathy (609-617-4946) or email Charleen at charleeno613@comcast.net or Cathy at cjms5@comcast.net if you'd like to register for the map. More details will follow.

We wish a happy and safe Spring and Summer to all and we look forward to the day when we can safely

gather for a Meet & Greet/Happy Hour. Meanwhile, it's nice to see you out and about in our lovely Community. Stay well!

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairperson



The Welcome Committee completed four visits to new homeowners in January, March and April 2021. One additional welcome visit will be scheduled at the new homeowners' convenience.

These visits are always a great way to meet new homeowners and share with them what is wonderful about our Heatherwood community. It is also a way to invite new homeowners to consider volunteering for the Board of Trustees.

CONDOLENCES



Our deep condolences go out to the following Heatherwood neighbors or their family members who passed away since the publication of our Fall/Winter 2020 Newsletter:

John Graham
Jeff Wagner

HEATHERWOOD ARB HOME INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Property Address: _____

Date: _____

ITEM	Y/N	COMMENTS
Front		
Driveway:		
Expansion: <i>Cumulative width 4 feet</i>		
Planting Bed - <i>2 feet maximum each side</i>		
Flower Pots/Urns - <i>Maximum of 2</i>		
<i>Maximum 2 feet high X 18 inches</i>		
Mailbox Planting Area:		
Maximum 2 feet from post		
Ornament - <i>1 only, Maximum 1 foot high</i>		
Edging		
Walkway material:		
Planting Area:		
Edging - <i>2 feet maximum height</i>		
Ornaments - <i>maximum of 5</i>		
Ornaments - <i>maximum 30 inches high X 24 inches</i>		
Fountains - <i>only 1 & maximum 2 feet tall</i>		
Plant hanger - <i>less than 6 feet tall</i>		
Flags - <i>maximum 2 feet high by 2 feet wide</i>		
Landscape Lights - <i>(electric/solar) planting area only</i>		
No bird baths, bird houses, or bird feeders		
No wind chimes or flag poles		
No furniture or window boxes		
Doorway:		
Ornaments on Door - <i>Maximum 2 feet in diameter</i>		
Ornaments by Door - <i>Maximum 15 inches X 15 inches</i>		
1 furniture item		
2 planters - <i>maximum 2 feet high X 2 feet wide</i>		
Milk Can - <i>well maintained</i>		
Porch:		
Maximum 2 chairs or 1 bench		
1 table		
3 ornaments (planters count)		
Street Trees:		
No Township disallowed species		
No obstruction at sidewalk (<i>6 foot clearance minimum</i>)		
Mulched area not to exceed 4 feet		
General Maintenance:		
Paint - <i>noticeable wear/peeling on :</i>		
Mailbox Post		
Porch Post		
Shutters		
Front Door/Door Frame		
Garage Door/Door Frame		
Mailbox - <i>excessive rust stains</i>		
Sidewalk/driveway - <i>stains/dirty</i>		
Mildew/dirty siding		

Sides

Left Side:		
Ornaments - <i>Maximum 6</i>		
Ornaments - <i>Maximum 3 feet high & 2 feet wide</i>		
Trellis - <i>Maximum 6 feet tall & 5 feet wide</i>		
Plant hangers - <i>Maximum 6 feet tall</i>		
Flags - <i>maximum 2 feet high X 2 feet wide</i>		
Edging - <i>Maximum 10 inches high</i>		
Landscape Lights - <i>(electric/solar) planting area only</i>		
Shutters - <i>noticeable wear/peeling paint</i>		
Mildew/dirty siding		
Right Side:		
Ornaments - <i>Maximum 6</i>		
Ornaments - <i>Maximum 3 feet high X 2 feet wide</i>		
Trellis - <i>Maximum 6 feet tall X 5 feet wide</i>		
Plant hangers - <i>Maximum 6 feet tall</i>		
Flags - <i>maximum 2 feet high X 2 feet wide</i>		
Edging - <i>Maximum 10 inches high</i>		
Landscape Lights - <i>(electric/solar) planting area only</i>		
Shutters - <i>noticeable wear/peeling of paint</i>		
Mildew/dirty siding		

Rear

House/Patio		
Extension, <i>max 10 feet wide X width of home</i>		
Awning		
French Doors		
Sunroom/Covered Porch/Screened Porch		
Rear door trim - <i>noticeable wear/peeling paint</i>		
Shutters - <i>noticeable wear/peeling of paint</i>		
Mildew/dirty siding		
Planting Area:		
Maximum 4 feet wide		
Edging - <i>Maximum 4 feet high</i>		
Ornaments - <i>Maximum 3 feet high X 3 feet wide</i>		
Trellis - <i>Maximum 6 feet tall & 5 feet wide</i>		
Plant hangers - <i>Maximum 6 feet tall</i>		
Flags - <i>2 feet high x 2 feet wide</i>		
Fountain - <i>1 permitted, maximum 3 feet high</i>		
Bird feeder - <i>Maximum 6 feet high</i>		
Bird baths & small bird houses - <i>permitted</i>		
Gazing balls & statuary - <i>permitted</i>		
Landscape lights - <i>(electric/solar) planting area only</i>		

Miscellaneous

Lawn/Planting Beds condition - <i>weeds, dead spots, etc.</i>		
Ornamental Trees - <i>2 Maximum, height not to exceed roof peak, minimum of 5 feet from property line</i>		
Roof condition/new		

Inspected by: _____