

FEATHERWOOD NEWS

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Spring



Summer



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Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rose Mary Colombo



The Board of Trustees is happy to announce the appointment of FirstService Residential as our new Property Management Company and Cheryl Buriak (Cheri) as our new Property Manager.

We did experience a slightly shaky start when the first Property Manager assigned to our community resigned without notice after two weeks; however, her replacement is doing an excellent job and has already established a rapport with our Board and homeowners. We trust that you will contact Cheri by e-mail or by calling 800-870-0010 if you have any questions and will be patient and respectful in your communication with her.

Among the maintenance projects completed for 2022 are the pressure washing of all fences, common area sidewalks and the gazebo, as well as the levelling of sidewalks throughout the community.

Additional projects planned are the removal and replacement of dead trees in various common areas and the replacement of four sidewalk blocks that cannot be levelled. As other projects become apparent, they will be addressed within our budgetary parameters.

While it may seem premature to discuss the election in October, this is the last Newsletter before the October Open Meeting. Two positions will be vacant for the upcoming election. Rose Mary Colombo and Kathy Logan have completed their two-year terms.

We encourage all homeowners to seriously consider running for the Board. Current members would be happy to speak with you to discuss what the positions entail. Please e-mail or call Cheri and she will arrange for you to speak with current members.

In order for Heatherwood to move forward, while maintaining its excellent reputation, new Board members are needed to provide their unique perspectives and suggestions. Hopefully we will have a generous slate of candidates from which to choose at our next election.

I look forward to seeing many of you as we resume our walking exercise around the community!

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Jim Sherry, Treasurer



Please refer to the attached Financial Report.

MESSAGE FROM CHERYL BURIAK, COMMUNITY MANAGER



Greetings Heatherwood Homeowners' Association Residents.

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Cheri Buriak, your new Community Manager. As a seasoned Manager for FirstService with over a decade of experience, my mission is to deliver exceptional service and solutions that enhance the value of every property and the lifestyle of every resident in the communities that I manage.

Email is the best form of communication for me at cheryl.buriak@fsresidential.com. I can also be reached by calling Customer Care at 800-870-0010, which is available 24/7 with a searchable data base to assist the caller. If the issue cannot be resolved by Customer Care, your call will be logged in, placing an open call for me and I will get back to you within 24 hours.

In order to keep you all updated, periodically mass communications will and have been sent. If you have not been receiving my mass communications, please reach out to me at the email above. I look forward to working with you all and establishing a long relationship.

OPEN MEETING



As you have been informed by mail, the next Heatherwood Open Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm)** at the Washington Township Senior Citizen Center, 315 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ. We hope to see many of you in attendance, particularly to meet Community Manager Cheryl Buriak.

A WORD TO THE WISE



Exhibit F-1 of our Governing Documents provides a wealth of information concerning items for which **ARB approval is NOT REQUIRED**. It is five pages long and includes details regarding what exactly is allowed regarding doors, garage doors, shutters, lights, satellite dishes, attic exhaust fans, house numbers, ornaments, flowerbeds, porch items and holiday decorations, to name a few. **While these and several other items listed do not require ARB approval, the homeowner is responsible to ensure that such items are in compliance.**

Should you take this advice and check the extensive list, it would also be helpful to take a look at Exhibit F itself at the same time.

TRASH AND RECYCLING



As has become more and more evident recently, Heatherwood is a very breezy community and overflowing recycling cans have resulted in numerous plastic bottles, cans and cardboard items being blown into our storm drains and retention/detention basins. Please be attentive regarding loose items in the recycling cans. Similarly, recent windy days have created havoc with trash cans being blown about and homeowners need to be mindful as to conditions prevalent at the time they place trash and recycling cans in the street.

You are once again reminded that during a week in which one of the following 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**.

CONTRACTOR AND HOME SECURITY ALARM SIGNS



The season for outside projects has arrived and once again it is necessary to remind homeowners that **contractor**

signs may not be placed on properties either while work is being performed or left there after completion of the project.

One security alarm sign may be placed in front and one in back of a home. The sign in front 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.

SEASONAL REMINDERS



Any issues regarding landscaping are to be directed to FirstService via phone call or email address found on page one of this Newsletter.

BOT members or Marksmen Landscaping should not be contacted directly, nor should the landscape workers themselves be approached with specific requests or issues.

LAWN CUTTING



Please keep in mind our new lawn cutting day this season is **THURSDAY** rather than Monday as in previous years. You are reminded that as with snow removal, the process is as follows:

The homeowner will call FirstService regarding the issue.

- FirstService will contact Marksmen Landscaping
- FirstService will monitor the progress until the issue is resolved
- **As with snow removal, BOT members should not be contacted personally.**
- Homeowners should not interfere with the workers in any way, including tipping them, which is not allowed by Marksmen.

LAWN IRRIGATION ISSUES



Here are a few helpful hints that may prevent lawn damage during the Summer cutting season:

Spray zones on the sides of your homes where swales are located should be monitored carefully to avoid saturation. Each home has different issues, depending on its exposure to sunlight and other factors. If your swale is too saturated and you do not want the area to be cut, mark the swale with flags to signify that desire. Next door neighbors should find it helpful to address the irrigation issue together.

Lawns should be watered early in the morning. Watering at night promotes fungus and should be avoided.

Avoid watering lawns on Thursday and be sure your irrigation system is set for watering on "Odd Days Only," pursuant to Washington Township Ordinance.

LANTERN FLY INFESTATION



As of the publication date of this Newsletter, we do not know the extent of the rate of Lantern Fly infestations this season.

Homeowners should be on the lookout for them and proceed accordingly.

HEATHERWOOD WEBSITE*Bill Taggart, Webmaster*

The Heatherwood website address is
<https://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.

Please also be aware that much of what is reported or referenced in this, and other Heatherwood Newsletters can be found on the Heatherwood website. If at any time you need assistance in finding anything on the website, you can contact me at the email address shown above.

HEATHERWOOD COMMITTEES**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)**

As Heatherwood homeowners are aware, an annual inspection is conducted each Spring or early Summer by the ARB, which is composed of volunteer homeowners.

Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of the Checklist that will be used to inspect the properties.

The purpose of the inspection is to keep our community as beautiful as possible and maintain the value of our properties. ARB members will wear yellow vests to identify them as they walk around your home during the inspection. This year they will be accompanied by our Community Manager, Cheryl Buriak. Please use the Checklist to determine if there are items you may want to remedy prior to the inspection.

If there are violations noted during the inspection, you will receive a letter from FirstService. Every attempt will be made to be as specific as possible and details regarding the compliance process will be included. Questions concerning the inspections should be directed to FirstService.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Charleen Orzechowski and Cathy Sherry,
Chairpersons*



Mark your calendars for a community-wide Yard Sale! All residents are invited to participate on **Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 8 am to 2 pm.**

(Rain date is Sunday, September 11.) Display your items for sale in your driveway or garage.

We will advertise and there is no cost to participate. As was done last year, 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 charleen0613@comcast.net or Cathy at cjms5@comcast.net to register for the map and signs. More details will follow the closer we get to the Yard Sale date.

We wish a happy and safe Spring and Summer to all! Meanwhile, it's nice to see you out and about in our lovely community. Stay well!

NAME THE SWANS CONTEST



For those homeowners who do not receive emails or who did not receive the Announcement prepared by the Social Committee sent via email by FirstService on January 27, 2022, please see the attached Announcement congratulating the winners of the Name the Swans Contest held last Fall.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairperson



The Welcome Committee has completed two Welcome visits in 2022 and contacted one additional couple to schedule a future visit at their convenience.

As always, it is a pleasure to meet the new homeowners, tell them about our community, answer their questions and help them to acclimate to Heatherwood.

If you are interested in meeting your neighbors, please consider joining the Welcome Committee. It requires a minimal amount of your time and is a very gratifying experience. Contact Cheri Buriak to volunteer for this Committee.

(Editor's Note: The Welcome Committee is celebrating its ninth year of existence. Its Chairperson, Rose Mary Colombo, conceived the

idea and is the guiding force behind arranging visits and providing our new homeowners with helpful information and good feelings about having chosen Heatherwood as their new community.)

CONDOLENCES



Our deep condolences go out to the families of those who have passed away since the publication of our Fall/Winter 2021 Newsletter:

William Cerrato
George Colombo
Salvatore DeLeo
Joseph Indriso
Thomas Murphy
Dorothy Reeder

NAME THE SWANS CONTEST WINNERS

Hello Everyone! Hope this e-mail finds you in the best of health! Cathy Sherry and myself were very pleased with the responses from our Heatherwood Community. There were 33 entries.

The contest was divided into two parts

1) Naming the existing Swan Decoys and

2) Naming the two additional Swan Decoys coming this Spring. Thank you for all those residents who participated in the Naming of the Swans Contest. Coincidentally, there were 10 entries who shared the same names. Unfortunately, we did not have a POPULAR VOTE category, however, if we did, the Winning names would have been Woody and Heather.

There was a panel of 3 Judges, all of whom had no affiliation with Heatherwood. Two Judges were my Office Administrators and the other a Salesperson in my office. I was NOT present during the judging which took 2 days. I picked up the results on the 16th of December and did not open the result envelope until late Friday evening, 12/17/2021.

WINNER OF PART 1.....EXISTING SWANS – Mel Spiegel, 14 Pleasant Valley Drive. Mel's winning entry for Category 1 was **ROMEO & JULIET**.

WINNER OF PART 2SPRING ADDITIONAL SWANS – Paulette Noyes, 33 Chew Drive. Paulette's winning entry for Category 2 was **DONALD & DAISEY**.

Winners were notified and each received a \$25.00 Visa Gift Card.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S to Mel and Paulette.

On another note, Cathy and I are presently Co – Chairs for the Social Committee. We invite any of the residents, especially our newcomers to the community, to contact either Cathy Sherry, (cjms5@comcast.net) or myself, Charleen Orzechowski, (charleen0613@comcast.net) for further information.

Our MISSION is to create more synergy and awareness in the Heatherwood Community and to cultivate kindness to all our neighbors. Kindly keep in mind that is our goal. We do NOT handle complaints; however, we welcome any ideas or suggestions for future activities.

Unfortunately Covid has held many of us hostage during this pandemic and we are very limited to what we can do. Based on the success of our September 2021 Yard Sale, there will be future plans to conduct another one this year.

In the meantime, stay tuned for our next adventure.

Warm regards,

Charleen Orzechowski, 23 Caserta Drive

Cathy Sherry, 27 Pleasant Valley Drive

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: _____