

Walden's Ridge Civic League Report to the Town of Walden May 10, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to report on activities at the Walden's Ridge Civic League.

Following our policy of cooperation with other community assets, board members are helping with the **Memorial Day Picnic** at McCoy Farm & Gardens. We have also purchased booth space to give more support. The booth will feature the history of Walden's Ridge with an emphasis on the contributions of the Civic League through its 101-year lifespan.

On May 20, the soccer field will again be the site of **Signal Mountain Christian School's Field Day**. This is an active event involving fun competition among all the students. The Civic League and the school welcome everyone to come during regular school hours and watch as three teams play for awards and honors.

Soccer Shots, a young children's soccer program focusing on character development, continues to use the field every Tuesday and Saturday and will continue renting the field in the fall. The soccer field is open on a first-come first-served basis to any players on Walden's Ridge.

At our *Basement Cleanout Party* in April, new volunteers helped clear the basement, level the floor, and shore up a stringer of the stairs. The following week they installed new support posts and restored a footing. Now we are ready for the next steps in controlling basement dampness. This involves new gutters, investment in a dehumidifier and perhaps installation of a vapor barrier when we have sufficient funds.

After reading an article in the *Mt. Mirror*, two families, **Mr. & Mrs. Doug MacPike** and **Bill & Mary Bell**, generously donated new microwave ovens for the concession stand. We are very grateful for these much-needed appliances which promptly went into service the week they were donated.

Another generous volunteer, **Byron Dorough**, responded to the same article. He is gathering miscellaneous donated pieces of sound equipment and putting together a sound system. We hope to be able to purchase the missing elements soon so that the Auditorium can attract more performers who will not rent the facility unless we have a sound system in place.

The Civic League is proud to announce the *Second Annual Birthday Bash & Music Festival* will be held June 18 beginning at 4:00 PM and continuing till dusk. Last year's Bash was a big success, and we will host some repeat and new bands and vendors. Children will be free to play in the field and enjoy supervised activities and games from Mt. Top Toys. In addition to hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by New Beginnings Baptist Church, revelers can enjoy Bar-B-Que from King's Pig BBQ. New this year, along with soft drinks and bottled water, will be beer for the adults. The event is a fundraiser to help maintain and restore the buildings.

The Board of Directors anticipates adding a new member very soon. She is a volunteer who is expected to serve as Secretary. The Board is hoping to add two very qualified persons as new members in the fall. As you can see by all this progress, the Board of Directors continues to implement plans for bringing the Walden's Ridge Civic League up to a standard which will benefit the residents of Walden and the whole mountaintop.

Karen Stone, President