

Heatherwood Home Association
Quarterly Newsletter March 2019

Jim Anderson President Heatherwood Home Association

From the President

This winter was rough one and we appreciate all residents' patience regarding snow plowing both in 2018 and 2019. We are looking forward to a more temperate climate so we can all get outside and get reacquainted again.

The new board for 2019 has been active in reviewing our covenant for Heatherwood's Home Association and learning our responsibilities. Residents will be sent a letter in late March on changes proposed to improve the compliance of Heatherwood covenants for 2019.

When you have a question, please visit the Heatherwood Homes Association web site at www.heatherwoodhomes.com and click on the document section to see which board member should be contacted to address your question. All covenant requirements can be reviewed there as well. You will also find the HOA Board minutes and agendas on our website for your viewing.

Peggy Owen, Vice President

SOCIAL-Peggy Owen, Vice President, previously announced the good news that Jane Vega accepted the position of Social Chairman. We are glad to have Jane serving in that capacity. She is busy planning a fun event with assistance from Kala Crites Clary. Stay tuned for details.

NEW NEIGHBOR GREETER-Also, announced previously by Peggy, Rosemary Kaploe is now our Greeter. Rosemary has been busy meeting new neighbors & providing them an informative welcome packet. Rosemary, your service is appreciated!

2019 HEATHERWOOD DIRECTORIES-Peggy has updated Directory information. The Directories will be placed on your doorknobs on Saturday, March 30th.

GARAGE SALE-Peggy coordinated dates with other neighborhoods. An email blast was sent out announcing dates of May 2, 3 & 4. Peggy will send another email reminder in April. We will have one neighborhood garage sale this year.

Ellen Anderson, Architecture Chairman

Ellen is pleased to announce that Bruce Huffman, Carol Whelan and Jim Krause have agreed to serve on the Architecture Committee. They remind us that this winter has wreaked havoc on fences, trees, and even some roofs. As you start making repairs, remember that our covenant has strict guidelines for fences and roofs. If you intend to change any exterior structure from the original structure, a written request must be submitted to the architecture committee **before** starting the work. The form to fill out requesting change will be delivered with your new directory as well as on our website.

Twenty-one fences are in need of repair or staining. These fences are the responsibility of the homeowner and need to be maintained properly. Please start making plans to have them repaired.

Phil Hermanson, Lawn & Grounds Chairman

We had quite a winter weather season, with more snow this season than the previous three winters combined. Unfortunately, the snow did some damage to our lawns and grounds. Overland Park has been notified that their snow plows scraped up some lawns and we need to have this fixed.

And, TLC has been notified about some minor damage that they will inspect. We need to give major kudos to TLC as they did a great job in some difficult conditions this winter.

Our lawns and grounds need to dry out a bit before the major Spring operations will begin. So far, the common areas have been mulched, and the common areas have been cleaned.

Due to the rough winter weather (continued swamp-like conditions), the first mow will take place during the first week of April and the first lawn application is scheduled for the last week of March/first week of April.

AND, we need to keep in mind to clean up lawns from the months of dog waste that hasn't been picked up. The mowing guys will NOT mow if it is not cleaned up, as the mowers will spread it around the yard, which is not healthy for grass and humans alike.

Mark Ferguson, Paint Chairman

Thanks to Charlene Osborn who did an amazing job of managing the exterior painting of our homes for the past two years. Charlene's expert job with the 2018 final painting recap will allow the HOA Board to easily analyze the costs and options available. Her excellent organization of files & records is appreciated. Still, much to be done in 2019 as we get ready for painting to resume in 2020.

As you may recall, the painting contract with Paul Potter expired at the end of 2018. We had a 6-year fixed price contract. In initial discussions with other painting contractors the HOA determined that a fixed price contract with similar terms was not sustainable and we could not get a similar contract with favorable terms and warranty. As a result of escalating painting costs and the improvements in longevity and lifetime of paint (due to high quality longer lasting paint), the HOA Board decided to defer the painting in 2019. Additionally, there is a concern that paint buildup can lead to peeling of paint and other problems. This decision also saves the HOA money because of the significant current and increasing cost of painting homes. As a result, the HOA has converted to a 7-year cycle from a 6-year, which results in skipping any painting during 2019. Homes scheduled to be painted in 2019 will be delayed until 2020.

We plan to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for prospective painting contractors & would appreciate referrals & recommendations. The HOA is building a timeline for sending out bids and having a contract in place by the end of 2019, so painting can resume in the spring of 2020. There will be more information on this as soon as bids are received and Board decisions are made.

As a reminder, homeowners are responsible for locating and repairing any wood/dry rot around your home. Please do not wait for painting time to begin in 2020 to do a review, especially around windows.