

## Second Quarter 2019 HOA Newsletter – July 2

Residents:

### From the President, Jim Anderson

Happy Summer to all! The discussion at our last board meeting was centered around budget and work needing to be completed in Heatherwood. We have had a very busy last three months trying to keep up with all the growth and damage left behind from a brutal winter and wet spring. The island on Newton and the entrance on 149<sup>th</sup> had dead limbs and trees removed and overgrown shrubs trimmed. We are investigating what plantings will be best suited for the island on Newton. The 147<sup>th</sup> street entrance had dead shrubs replaced.

The board decided to discontinue replacing curbside house numbers. With well over 100 homes needing replacement, and recognizing another winter of snowplow activity will once again ruin them, we felt our money will be better spent on other tasks. We are investigating what it would take to have them removed all together for appearance sake.

Our next big expenditure will be on street trees. At the recommendation of an arborist, we need to have our trees trimmed and shaped to keep them uniform and healthy. We do have some dying trees that need replacement as well. Our street trees will also be mulched.

### From the Vice President, Peggy Owen

See below for the response I received from the Overland Park Police Department in regards to residents' complaints about speeders on 149<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### **OPCares Service Request**

Ms. Owen,

Thank you for contacting us in reference to the speeding issue on 149<sup>th</sup> Street. I have forwarded this information to the patrol officers in your area for extra enforcement as duty allows. I have also placed this location on the schedule to deploy one of our speed trailers. These are the electronic signs that show a vehicle's speed in an attempt to slow traffic down. Hopefully this will help slow things down some. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**FALL SOCIAL** - Jane Vega, Social Chair, (with help from Kala Crites & Connie Stewart) has a fun fall event planned for us at Pinstripes on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars to gather with neighbors for beverages & appetizers plus other surprises!! More details will be coming your way.

**OVERLAND PARK BULKY ITEM PICKUP** - The date for Heatherwood's pick up is **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**. You can check out details at [www.opkansas.org](http://www.opkansas.org). Click on Bulky Item Pickup on the Home page.

As a note, OP's website contains very helpful information across many subjects under the Resident Resources tab.

### **From the Treasurer, Gary Sims**

I am very happy to have been accepted as the new Treasurer of the Heatherwood HOA. For a lot of my life I have watched many others volunteer for things, but I never have before now. I want to help guide the finances of the HOA to the best of my ability. I have done this type of work before with the Federal Government for 30 years. Now I will be managing your money, and mine. So, believe me when I say I will take every precaution to make sure our money is protected and spent appropriately. I mean it. Anyone can contact me any time for any HOA financial reason; you do not have to wait for the annual meeting in November. I think I have been given a great responsibility and will approach the position with that in mind.

### **From Architecture Chair, Ellen Anderson**

Many residents of Heatherwood have been busy sprucing up their decks, pergolas, and fences as well as adding additional landscaping to their yards. Everyone who has submitted the form requesting changes has been very cooperative in aligning their requests with our covenants. There are still quite a few fences needing attention, but we are aware many people are waiting on contractors who are behind because of the rains we have experienced. Change forms are available on our website, or one came with your directory. You can also contact me directly.

### **From the Paint Chairman, Mark Ferguson**

If you plan to stain decks and fences please note that the fences and decks are not to be painted, only stained. If you have specific questions you can contact the architectural committee regarding changes to the fences and/or decks. They ask that you please stay away from any red stain, but any other natural and wood stain color is fine.

Last call for any recommended painting contractors that you might be aware of that should receive a request for proposal. The invitations to bid will go out later in July with bids coming back and being tabulated in September so the pricing can be included in the annual budgeting process.

I have received a few questions about warranty for prior painting. Under the prior Agreement with the Painting Contractor, **there is a 6-year warranty on the painting work performed**. So, if there are failures in the painting, the painting contractor will review the homeowner's needs and assist. If the scope of work needed is covered under

the warranty, then the additional touch up will be performed for the resident at no charge. If the work requested was not part of the original scope of work, then the Painting Contractor will quote a price and give the homeowner the option to hire them for the work.

The easiest way to match colors is to provide a sample or old paint can. If you do not have this, I have copies of the forms filled out for 2015 to 2018. The Painting Contractor has some records of the prior colors, going back 4 and 5 years as well. However, the paint color fades and changes with age so the contractor might just have to do the best he can to match to the current color. We will do the best we can to provide you with the information that is available.

If you are aware of Heatherwood residents who have painting needs, they can call and email me directly. However, the better practice would be to contact the Heatherwood Painting Contractor directly and also contact me by email and/or cell phone at the same time.

The Painting Contractor is:

**Paul Potter**  
**Generations Preferred Painting & Contracting**  
**1221 W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Kansas City, MO 64114**  
**C: 816-517-2594**  
**[papot@swbell](mailto:papot@swbell)**

### **From the Lawn and Grounds Chairman, Phil Hermanson**

Hello Heatherwoodians

Well, we went from winter at the end of the first quarter of 2019 to full bore summer as we begin the third quarter of this year. The snowfall this past winter is well behind us and we now look forward to the searing heat of summer. Gotta love living in the center of the country, `eh?

So far this growing season we've had to deal with severe storm winds dropping large tree limbs in our yards and soggy conditions delaying several rounds of mowing. Some of you have complained, some more vociferously than others about trimming, ruts after mowing and clearing grass off home sidewalks. I do believe we work through these issues once we learn details from both sides.

Once again, I ask, no matter how frustrating some circumstances are, remember, your lawn service and snow removal is tremendously economical compared to other HOA's in the area. And, to remind you, if you need special arrangements from TLC, it will be an added cost.

Finally, I thank the great majority of you for using class when you have issues to deal with. I try to get back to you as soon as I can, knowing that I have a full-time job. This is

a great neighborhood with fantastic neighbors that look out for each other. So, again, I appreciate the patience you show as we work through the process.

### **Final Thoughts from the President**

In closing, I want to say how fortunate we are to have added Gary Sims as Treasurer. Gary brings a wealth of experience to the Board. I would, also, like to invite any resident who has an issue to bring your concern directly to the Board. We meet the third Wednesday of every month. We only ask that you notify us ahead of time so we are aware we need to schedule time into our agenda for you to present your concern. This board is working diligently to keep Heatherwood a happy, safe, and attractive community. Enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup>!

Jim Anderson