

Yesterday's News, an archive of past daily news postings II

October 25, 2018: Where are the fall colors?? If anyone knows, please let us know!

A huge thank you goes out to all of the generous Hickory on the Green neighbors who dropped off checks, cash and supplies last Saturday (H.O.G. Annual Donation Day) for the critters at the Washington Area Humane Society Shelter. The total amount collected was a whopping \$620 plus various items. When we took the donations to the WAHS' office the other day, we explained that H.O.G. held an annual benefit for the animals and the shelter. They were pleased at that. Then we handed over the donations and eyebrows raised in surprised and happy acceptance. Know that your generosity was well received and appreciated! Thanks to all who made this year's event a success. If you still would like to contribute, the envelop is still on the door at 7049 Clubview (checks made out to "Washington Area Humane Society"). We'd be happy to make another delivery to the shelter.

Finally, you just received (snail mail) a flyer for the Holiday Light Up Night and Holiday Get Together on Friday December 7th. We need to know who is planning to attend the Get Together at the Alpine Club that night (Dinner cost per person: \$15, includes tax and tip). So, if you have it on your calendar, please call Nancy Stern at 412-914-0715 and LEAVE A MESSAGE. Now, they've had a glitch in their answering machine, so if you've already called prior to yesterday, you need to call again and leave another message. Thanks so much for your patience regarding this little mix-up!

Thursday, October 18, 2018: As you may be aware (the big sign at the beginning of Clubview is a clue!), our Donation Day for Pets is coming up this Saturday, October 20th at 9AM in the entrance parking lot on Clubview. So, be on the lookout for homeowner volunteers with colorful, plastic pumpkins collecting for the Washington Area Humane Society "No Kill" Shelter. Pet supplies, pocket change, and/or checks to "Washington Area Humane Society" are all welcome. And for those of you who like to donate at a time of your own choosing, money and/or supply donations can be dropped any time during the week at 7049 Clubview Drive. The animals will thank you!

Diane Gallagher, our Landscaping Committee Co-Chair, offered an update to homeowners today: "As you look outside today, you will see bare spots in everyone's lawns being repaired along with areas along the curbs. This is being done in response to our complaints that the JML mower crew was chewing up our lawns with the big mowers. The JML management's repair response is much appreciated as is the fact that they have replaced the crew assigned to our property. I think that we can all agree that this last mowing was much better than previous ones and makes our properties look amazing! With regard to our fall planting program, our walkthroughs have been done and the quote for fall planting should be here soon. Once we receive the quote, the Board votes on it; ordering can take place; and after that the planting can commence."

We have to hand it to Diane in a big way. She took her own critical review of JML's performance in this first contract year, combined with homeowner concerns, and turned them into corrective action with JML. The Board would like to remind each homeowner that this

repair action is a one-time occurrence. Going forward, lawn repair is still each homeowner's responsibility. And please, keep your car tires and pets away from repair spots. It also goes without saying that watering the repaired areas is a **MUST**. Please do the watering on days that there is no rain to give the repairs the best chance of succeeding. Finally, trees are quite expensive to our Association. Homeowners are responsible for watering them daily (frozen days the exception). New trees will not be re-planted if they die due to lack of watering or pet curbing by owner. We pay for the landscaping... all of us... and we all have the added responsibility of some personal caring for our inventory.

Monday, October 15, 2018: Here's an urgent message for all of you who are or want to become "givers" to our annual H.O.G. **Halloween Donation Day** that benefits the Washington Area Humane Society's "No Kill" Shelter. This year we are helping the Society raise funds to build a brand new shelter, as opposed to collecting food and such, not that such donations will be turned away. Anyone who has visited the shelter knows this new construction is needed and will benefit the animals in a big way.

We will collect contributions at the entryway on Donation Day, October 20th between 9AM and noon. If you can't drop a check during that time, an envelop will be posted on Pat and Joe Karnuta's door (7051) beginning the week of October 16th. Click here to read more about this exciting development for the Shelter. Checks should be made out to the "Washington Area Humane Society."

On another note, please be advised that the Steelers Party has been *cancelled*.

Finally, the deadline for reservations for our **Holiday River City Brass Band Concert** is **FAST** approaching. Call Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322 or mstabileone@gmail.com to reserve a seat. The deadline for reservations is October 31st. Checks in the amount of \$18.75 per ticket made out to Micheline Stabile can be deposited in the envelop on the door at 7049 Clubview.

And remember, the tab at the top of this page titled "**Upcoming Events**" will always take you to our event flyers.

Monday, September 25, 2018: We have some new postings for you today! The **October Issue of Hickory Happenings** is now available online (in advance of the snail mail copy that should be out next week). You can access it by **clicking here** or by clicking on the Newsletters tab at the top of this page.

Also new is the "Upcoming Events" tab (also at the top of this page) that will take you to all of the upcoming fall/winter events planned in our neighborhood. By clicking on the text inside each event box, you will bring up the actual News Alert for that event. Now, you don't have to worry about losing all those paper News Alerts that you get in the mail. They will be right there for you at the click of the finger.

So what is coming up on the calendar next? It's our annual Donation Day to benefit the critters

at the Washington Area Humane Society's no kill shelter. **Click here** (or at the top of the page) to see the event flyer. And guess what? They are raising funds to build a new shelter! That's exciting new, for sure. So, on Saturday, October 20th from 9AM to noon, our H.O.G. volunteers will accept donations for the Shelter... hopefully, monetary donations to support their new building's fund drive. Please be generous. Buildings cost a lot of \$.

Monday, September 17, 2018: It's been a while since our last update (understatement!), so let's catch up [BUT, READ ALL THE WAY TO THE END FOR AN IMPORTANT AND DELICIOUS EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT]. The front doors are black now. Some front doors are not black because the painters couldn't reach them up front steps that need repairs. Our new house numbers are installed... well, most of them. Some homes didn't get their new house numbers because either they have bee nests near their front doors or their front steps need repairs. If you are wondering what to do with your old house number plaque, feel free to pitch it. One of our Board members (Jim Glenn) approached four different recycling sources and nobody wanted the old plaques! Hard to believe, but true.

OK, that catches you up. Now for the really important stuff! Our ANNUAL "GOODBYE SUMMER" HOT DOG SOCIAL is coming up fast, as in two days kind of fast! The event will be held THIS WEDNESDAY, September 19th at 6:30PM in the Gazebo area. The food and beverages are free to residents and friends. Bring a chair to sit on because this is a major neighbor affair! Don't be shy if you're new. All are welcome.

Monday, August 6, 2018: Welcome to August, everyone! We've got some great news about the painting project for this year (our second year of the project). It is starting as of August 13th for garage doors and on August 14th for the cleaning and painting of the front doors... weather permitting. This work will be done by Fresh Coat, the same company that painted last year.

Owners of the units to be painted will need to leave their garage doors open and/or their front doors open per the schedule on the letter mailed out to everyone affected, **click here** to see a copy of that letter.

If you are unable to leave your front or garage door open during the scheduled two week period of the project or have a factory finish on your door and do not want it painted, we ask that you contact Sarah Perry at snperry@cmpmgt.com or by phone at 412-279-9280, ext. 260 by Tuesday, August 7, 2018... in other words, *ASAP!!!*

Wednesday, July 25, 2018: We've got a really fun gathering coming up *TODAY...* if the weather holds. All residents, and their family and friends are welcome to drop by our Wednesday, July 25th Neighborhood Block Party which will begin at 6:30PM at 7060 Clubview (Luczko driveway). **Click here** for the News Alert that was enclosed with our latest **Newsletter**.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, bottled water and soft drinks will be provided. Guests may bring a normal sized portion of an appetizer, a salad, a dessert, or a bottle of spirits.

Special guests will be Jerri Alterholf and her sister Bobbie!

Please bring your own chair. Bring a neighbor and prepare to enjoy yourself!

NOTE: The rain date for this event will be Friday, July 27th. However, EVERYONE wants to hold this event today, so a very windy monsoon will be the only way it is postponed. To help guarantee that the event comes off as scheduled today, Rich Luczko and helpers will be erecting several canopies in his driveway as shelter if it rains. In the unlikely event that that the Block Party is postponed, organizers will post a sign in the Luczko's driveway. Again, the rain date is Friday, July 27. To know what's what, just drive by 7060 at 6:30PM for the latest.

Sunday, July 1, 2018: Is it really July, 2018? Amazing! It certainly feels like July out there. And it looks like we're going to have 90+ degree days for the next week... and very little, if any, rain. Now, you know what's coming next, right? WATER, WATER, WATER your newbie plants daily in these conditions. We spend thousands of our dollars each year replacing plants that have died the previous season. Let's all band together to help preserve the new plants that we have just put in... as well as those which are established but will suffer damage in low rainfall periods.

And while we're talking landscaping matters, we've updated the "Landscaping FAQ and Guidelines" document that our Landscaping Committee created several years ago. **Click here** or click on the link to the left of this news column to read or download this document.

Happy sweltering, everyone! Just remember this week when we're freezing our toes off next winter! LOL

Wednesday, May 2, 2018: Our community looks only as good as we maintain it! And image is everything when we're talking property values. We all know this, right? So, come and donate just one hour of your time this coming Saturday, May 5th to help pick up litter on Alpine Road at our Spring Community Clean Up event! We're gathering at the visitors parking lot at the entrance to Clubview at 9:00AM. Refreshments from our newest business in the area (Dunkin' Donuts) will be served! Be there or be square. **Click here** to see the News Alert that you should have already received in your snail mail.

Also, we have a Board of Directors business meeting coming up on Tuesday, May 15th. One of the topics to be discussed is the purchase and installation of new larger house numbers for each unit. Get involved by attending the meeting, held in the Senior Center at the rear of the South Fayette Township Municipal Building at on Millers Run Road. The Homeowners Forum starts at 6:15PM, during which any homeowner can raise any issue before the Board. The business meeting starts at 6:30PM and follows an agenda.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018: At this writing, our lawns are being mowed. It must FINALLY be spring! Let's celebrate!!

This is just a quick note to let you know that two things. First, you should have received the final Front Door Specification that was approved by the Board of Directors. CMP sent this

out, dated April 3, 2018. If you wish to replace your front door, this is the specification that you must follow. Remember, approval in writing (letter or email from CMP signaling Board approval of your Alteration Request) must be received by you prior to ordering your door. Please note, the specifications link on the left side of this webpage has NOT yet been updated. Soon... If you can't remember receiving this in your snail mail, **click here** for a copy. Please note that this is a five page document, so scroll down it for the entire specification.

The second bit of news is that Jason Ortitay, our Representative in the PA House of Representatives from PA Legislative District 46, is sponsoring a shredding event at our South Fayette Township Farmers Market on Saturday, June 16th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM, if you happen to have confidential documents that need destroyed. This notification is compliments of Peggy Patterson of the staff of South Fayette Township. Thanks, Peggy!

Friday, March 30, 2018: Well, I guess by now you've realized that the rains this week totally washed out both the landscaping as well as the door painting walkthroughs. Such is spring planning, no? They will be rescheduled so don't be surprised if you see people tromping around your front yards and up to your doors.

On another note, our ARC and Development Committees have put their final touches on the specification for replacement front doors to our units. The Board is reviewing the recommended specification at this writing, so it should be available in the near future for folks who are considering a replacement front door. [Once the specification is mailed out to everyone, anyone wanting to replace their front door must use this specification in addition to submitting an Alteration Request to CMP for Board approval, i.e., do NOT run out to Loew's and buy a door... nothing is ever that simple!]

Finally, Jerri Altenhof, a WONDERFUL past neighbor of ours here at Hickory on the Green, who fled the cold winters for the warmth of Florida, is planning a trip north. A number of us want to hold a Neighbor Night Supper (NNS) in her honor on April 18th at the New Dragon Express on Washington Pike at 6:30PM. Check out the flyer for the event by **clicking here**. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, NNS's are gatherings of neighbors for chat and food at one of the many local eateries in the area. Everybody orders their own food and pays their own tab and tip and traditionally we all have a great time. Come and meet up with your neighbors, bring a neighbor!

Tuesday, March 27, 2018: Well, the rain is better than snow, right? And it's good for the plants. At the risk of incurring the wrath of the gods, the snow shoveling information has been removed for the season. You can still find it on the "Stuff Page" (tab at top of this page) in our "Yesterday's News."

Spring makes you think of plants and all things landscaping. So.... Diane Gallagher and the representative from our new *landscaping contractor* JML will be doing their spring walk through the property on Wednesday, March 28th to discuss plantings for this spring. They will be looking at each unit, so if you have any questions or requests, you might be able to catch them tomorrow. Otherwise, give Diane a call as soon as possible before the plans become solidified... 412-221-4994.

And since we are talking about walk throughs, our Community Manager Aimee and Dani Jo, our painting contractor, will be walking through the community this Thursday, March 29th. They will look at everyone's front doors and planning the schedule for painting for the next several years.

Finally, our April issue of the Hickory Happenings has been mailed! If you just can't wait, you can see it online by clicking [here](#).

March 21, 2018: Just a quick note to inform you that the April newsletter will be out shortly and it will contain the latest news on the replacement door specification, new house numbers and a discussion about the insurance that the Association carries.

Also, several links that were not working on the left side of this page have been updated and should be operating properly now. If you have any difficulty using this website, please do not hesitate to email wenbellz@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 10, 2018: If you aren't paying attention, February may just be over by the time you look up!

Just a quick note to update you on a few Association type issues. First, the Pet Policy has been revised (**click here** to see it) and you should have received a copy of it in the mail recently (NOTE: In Section 1, "clogs" should read "dogs" LOL). The **Policies and Specifications Document** has been updated as well. Second, the ARC (Architectural Review Committee) and the Development Committee are working on finalizing the official H.O.G. specification for replacement front doors. As you know the Board recently approved an alternative design in addition to replacing your door with the same design. Also, the Development Committee is currently researching house number plaques. The door and plaque projects are related in that the Committee will recommend complementary colors for the plaques and door hardware. Everyone hopes that these issues will be decided at the Board's business meeting on March 20th.

Finally, we're posting the electronic version of the January newsletter on this website (**click here** or on the tab at the top of the webpage) in case you didn't get a chance to read the hardcopy that was sent out.

Stay warm, neighbor!

Saturday, January 6, 2018: Well, now that we've gotten through the first week of January, 2018; the first half of the coldest days of the winter (it's supposed to warm up to normal on Sunday); AND the first "bomb cyclone" of the year (really?!), it's time to start thinking of spring! Just kidding. Here are a few names of folks willing to shovel snow in our neighborhood:

Dale at West Penn Landscape Maintenance & Construction LLC
at (412) 287-0728

Call for an cost estimate for your driveway/walkway.

He comes highly recommended by Cindy Cooney (7061)

Karen Allison (daughter of homeowner Carol Schartner at 7097)
at 724-413-3603 or by e-mail KALLISON38@aol.com
Call for an cost estimate for your driveway/walkway.

It is supposed to snow again on Monday, so best call now if you're interested in help.

We are starting to develop the January Hickory Happenings Newsletter (yeah, we're a little late this quarter...). If anyone has any "Neighbor News" or an article that you think your neighbors would enjoy, please submit it to wenbellz@gmail.com. And, all you Committee chairpersons, please submit your Committee reports ASAP, as usual.

Finally, all of those holiday decorations need to be taken down soon. Enforcement of the holiday decorations rule will be delayed until after this bitter cold departs. But don't wait too long. The displays were great this year, folks!

Wednesday, January 3, 2018: Well, well, well! We are now trying to remember to write 2018 on everything, right?! Hope that's going well for you.

We are still trying to pull together information regarding snow shoveling and will post that as soon as the list is finalized. Hopefully it won't snow before that all comes together.

Not sure if you were aware, but the collection of garbage and recyclables is postponed this week until Friday, so don't put your garbage out tonight!!!! Friday, January 5th is the collection date, so the stuff goes out to the curb Thursday evening (tomorrow night).

And here is a reprise of the information about Christmas tree recycling:

Residents of South Fayette Township and Allegheny County may drop off non-artificial Christmas trees for recycling from Tues. Dec. 26 to Tues. Jan. 16, between dawn and dusk, at any of nine county parks, including the Settlers Cabin Park wave pool parking lot. Decorations, lights, tinsel and stands must be removed first. The trees will be mulched and used in the parks.

South Fayette residents also may drop off trees at the Wood Waste Recycling Center in Boys Home Park (2121 Ridge Road, South Fayette PA 15071) under the following guidelines:

- Absolutely no decorations, lights, tinsel or stands on Christmas trees
- No artificial trees
- No trees/branches larger than 8 inches in diameter
- No tree stumps
- No plastic bags
- No grass clippings

Wednesday, December 27, 2017: Most importantly... our garbage collection has been delayed until Friday due to the just passed holiday of Christmas Day. So... don't set out your garbage tonight, RATHER, set it out tomorrow night (Thursday evening) for pick up on Friday.

Next, there is news of a LOCATION CHANGE FOR CMP, our community manager:

WHEN: The week of December 25th

CLOSED: Friday, December 29th. (No email or telephone access Friday, December 29th and possibly Tuesday, January 2nd.)

BACK IN BUSINESS: Normal operations should resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.

IF EMERGENCY ARISES: Contact our emergency line and our on-call Community Manager will contact you immediately. If our emergency phone number should not be in service, please call the alternative emergency number of 412-292-5929 and leave a message.

NEW CONTACT INFO: Please make note that our new office address is 200 Commerce Drive, Suite 206, Moon Township, PA 15108. The phone and fax numbers will remain the same.

Here's another helpful announcement from South Fayette Township and Allegheny County:

Christmas tree recycling available

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Monday, December 11, 2017: Wowser! Did we ever have a great time at our annual Hickory on the Green Holiday Light Up Night and Holiday Get Together this past Saturday!!! While the wind played havoc with some of our Luminaries, the holiday lights blazed brightly and the Holiday Buffet at the Gallagher's home was just delicious. And reports back from attendees indicated that everyone had a merry time with all of the food, drink and neighbors. And Diane and Brian Gallagher, who hosted the event, wanted to tell everyone who attended the following:

Thank you all so much for attending the annual holiday party. In the true spirit of the season, it was much fun to get together... and any effort put into planning the party was so well worth it. A party is only as successful as the people who attend and we had a great attendance of wonderful neighbors for sure.

Thank you to those who helped, to those who brought goodies and holiday spirit... and most of all, thanks for being here.

Happy Holidays and, due to the party, I am happy to say I'm

ready for the holidays!

Brian and Diane

In addition to a great time had by all, we are VERY happy to report that our generous neighborhood collection for the Women and Childrens Shelter of Washington yielded \$505 in gift cards and cash. This donation, in the name of Hickory on the Green, will be delivered to the Shelter tomorrow so that the families will be able to benefit in this time before the holidays. Thanks to everyone who gave. These folks really appreciate our donations every year.

Finally, the H.O.G. Development Committee and Board of Directors wanted to alert you to the delivery of the new H.O.G. Homeowners Directory which you should have received in the mail this past week. Remember, as you use this directory, please do not share it with any commercial, political or non-profit fund raising entities. Treat it as the confidential information that it is. Also, if you are not listed in the directory at all... or incorrectly... please email wenbellz@gmail.com. We plan to publish update pages periodically.

That's it, folks. Hope your holiday season is progressing cheerily.

Tuesday, November 28, 2017: Hope your Thanksgiving was excellent!

Today is the day that you should plan your attendance at the annual Hickory on the Green Holiday Light Up Night and Holiday Get Together!!! Don't delay, just go ahead and put it on your calendar for the evening of Saturday, December 9, 2017. This is a big event because there is so much going on that night! Here's a rundown of the schedule:

*On Saturday, December 2nd -- Join us at noon to help decorate the Gazebo

*Before December 9th -- Decorate your place for the holidays

* Before December 9th -- If you're feeling generous, buy your Gift Card(s) for our benefit drive for the Washington County Women/Children Shelter Remember: Merchant cards only, please no debit cards. Also, if you buy your cards at Giant Eagle before December 6th, you can get double Gas Perks for your purchase! Bring your donation to the Buffet or drop at 7043 Clubview. However, you don't have to make a donation to attend the Buffet, donations are strictly a personal choice!

*Before December 9th -- Buy your Luminary kits from Nancy Stern (see contact info below)

*Finally!! on December 9th --

Turn on your holiday light displays by 6:30PM

Light up your Luminaries

Stroll around the neighborhood to enjoy everyone else's displays

End up the evening at the Gallagher's house 7043 for the Holiday Buffet

[You can arrive at the Gallagher's as early as 6:30PM]

IT'S AN AWESOME COMMUNITY GATHERING!!

DON'T MISS IT!!

INFO ABOUT LUMINARIES: The sale of the Luminary kits benefits our own H.O.G. Social Committee's 2018 event program. Kits consist of bags, candles and sand to make 10 Luminaries. Each kit of 10 Luminaries costs \$10. They can be reused on Christmas eve if you don't let them burn out on Light Up Night. Contact Nancy Stern at 421-914-0715 ASAP!

Wednesday, November 22, 2017: It was a great Annual Homeowners Meeting last night. Our remarkable Social Committee started things off with a delicious bang. The pizza (thanks, Cindy!), salad (thanks, Bee), cookies (thanks, Donna), coffee (thanks, Diane), beverages (thanks, Vera) and conversation during the pre-meeting gathering was simply great! It was good to see everyone.

The meeting itself was, as usual, informative, thanks to all of our hard working Committee Chairs and the Board, led by Jim Ehrman, whose hard work as President this past year was greatly appreciated. David Carroll filled in for Kaye Cupples as Treasurer for this meeting and did an admirable job on short notice. Thanks David and we missed you, Kaye. Once again, Micheline Stabile produced a beautiful slide show that spruced up the verbal reporting, executed with her usual professionalism by Aimee Hennemuth from CMP. The voting went smoothly, thanks to the organizational skills of Sarah Perry from CMP, and Jim Ehrman and David Carroll were re-elected to serve 3 year terms on the Board of Directors.

All in all, it was a successful meeting with business combined with a spirited discussion among homeowners. Now, on to 2018. Officers selected in the Board's annual Executive Session following the meeting are:

President Wendy Bell
Vice President David Carroll
Treasurer Jim Glenn
Secretary Jim Ehrman
Director Fred Rapone

Now here's some VERY IMPORTANT NEWS FROM SOUTH FAYETTE

TOWNSHIP today: Garbage and Recycling Pickup Delayed Until Friday, November 24!!! That means you should put out your trash and recycling on Thursday evening, November 24! Happy Turkey Day, neighbor!!

Tuesday, November 14, 2017: Just a quick update to ask you to please use the following number to order your LUMINARY kits from Nancy Stern. The incorrect number was published in the newsletter! Here's the correct number: 412-855-9592.

Garbage: It will be collected normally this week despite Veterans Day this past weekend. Put it out Wednesday evening for Thursday pickup. Next week, however, will be delayed until Friday

(Thursday "put out") due to Thanksgiving on Thursday. Got it?

BIG HUGE REMINDER!!!! On Tuesday, November 21, 2017 (this year!), all of us have the opportunity to gather together at our Annual Homeowners Meeting for Hickory on the Green Homeowners Association (6:30PM if you want free pizza and salad; 7:00PM if you just want to attend the meeting). The Board of Directors enthusiastically urge you to attend! At this meeting you will hear reports from the Board and Committee Chairpersons about the business and social aspects of our Association... accomplished in 2017 and planned for 2018 and future. This meeting will be held in the Senior Center at the rear of the South Fayette Township Municipal Building located at 515 Millers Run Road here in the Township.

Now, if you cannot attend on the 21st, the Board requests that you complete the PROXY form that was mailed out to you in your Annual Meeting Packet. The form asks you to designate someone to vote for you in your absence. Any of the Board members can be named on the form (see below). A neighbor who is a homeowner who you know will be attending the meeting can be named. This form signed and dated by you and your proxy must be turned into Community Management Professionals or a Board member prior to the meeting.

The proxy forms are important in that it helps us to achieve a quorum for the meeting and to vote for the election of Board members.

BOARD MEMBERS WHO YOU CAN NAME AS PROXY AND TO WHOM YOU MUST GIVE YOUR PROXY FORM:

Jim Ehrman at 7025
David Carroll at 7074
Wendy Bell at 7049
Fred Rapone at 7086
Jim Glenn at 7037

NOTE1: For those of you who are proficient in the computing arts, you may prepare your form with you and your proxy's signatures, scan the document and email it to Sarah at CMP: SNPerry@cmpmgt.com.

NOTE 2: If you sign a proxy form and submit it prior to the meeting and then decide to come to the meeting, you can void your proxy form when you get to the meeting and regain your voting rights.

NOTE 3: Don't worry about getting the Secretary's signature. CMP and the Board take care of that.

OK, so that's what you need to know about this reminder for PROXY forms. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Saturday, November 11, 2017: On this Veterans Day we honor all of the men and women who have served our country to preserve our freedom, our rights, and our way of life. Thank

you.

Monday, November 6, 2017: Hope you are boiling your water (<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2017/11/06/Water-boil-advisory-Allegheny-Washington-counties-Pennsylvania-American-Water-2017/stories/201711060175>).

Please don't forget that tomorrow is one of the most important days of the year for our locality and country. It's Election Day. Yes, it's an "off year" meaning not a presidential or congressional election year. However, the people close to home frequently have more impact on your day to day life than the folks in Harrisburg or Washington. In case you don't know already (and we know you do, of course), our neighborhood's polling place is the Fairview Volunteer Fire Station of South Fayette at 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017. We are in District 8.

There are a couple of other announcements:

From our Social Committee which held its annual Pet Donation Day to benefit the Washington Area Humane Society No Kill Shelter: "Thanks to all generous HOG residents who contributed donations to the Washington Area No Kill Shelter. As a community we were able to drop off what we estimate to be \$300-\$400 dollars worth of supplies and monetary donations to the shelter. It will all be put to excellent use this winter."

From a neighbor who recently called Gillece Plumbing to do annual maintenance on her air conditioner and furnace: Gillece's repair person told her that she needed new everything right away! She wisely called another company who refuted Gillece's claims and did the maintenance that was needed on the existing equipment. This event was offered by our neighbor as a cautionary tale with a note to be wary. And this is not to say that every repair person from Gillece is this disreputable, but you always should get a second or third opinion when asked to spend thousands of dollars!

Sunday, October 29, 2017: Is it even possible that we are at the end of October, almost Halloween!?

By the way, the Township's calendar shows Tuesday, October 31st as the Township's Treat or Treat night from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Hickory on the Green residents who wish to participate in the treating of local kids should turn on their outdoor lights and open their front door (if you have a storm door, of course). We do get a few costumed kids every year.

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

It's TIME to make your reservations to be a part of our Hickory on the Green Group Reservation for the River City Brass Band Holiday Concert at Upper Saint Clair HS Auditorium on December 5th at 7:30PM. Our special group rate is \$19 per ticket. We were late getting the envelop out for checks since we were away. We've extended the reservation deadline to November 4th. Make check payable to Micheline Stabile and drop off at the envelop on her door (7049 Clubview). Don't forget... DEADLINE for reservations and payment... November 4th, by THIS COMING Saturday. Friends and family are welcome.

Monday, October 23, 2017: The painting project for this year (two thirds of our garage doors) is progressing with consideration for the inclement weather (nobody wants their door painted in the rain!). We've the following announcement from our painting contractor:

"The weather forecast looks good for Thursday and Friday (please inform the residents). In addition, we will need another day or two beyond that to complete the project but we should be able to finish before the weather changes for good."

So if your door is due to be painted in this cycle but hasn't yet been painted, hang in there. It's coming as soon as the clouds stopped dripping on us.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017: Here's a hot tip for you! The H.O.G. Painting Program (garage doors for 2/3 of our community this year) will commence next week, weather permitting. Look for notification from CMP about the details of the program (the program includes power washing your garage door before painting!). If you don't hear anything, you're not part of the program until next year.

Don't forget that October 21st is the Community Clean Up event as well as the Pet Donation Day for the no-kill shelter in Washington County. Volunteer to do both! It will make you feel great! **Click here** for the Pet Donation flyer.

And finally, the monthly business meeting of the Board of Directors, which was scheduled for next week, has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 26th and the LOCATION has been CHANGED to CMP headquarters at 102 Broadway Street, Suite 500 (top floor) in Carnegie, PA 15106. Even though everything has changed about this meeting, your invitation to attend has not. You are welcome to join the Board in conducting the exciting business of our Association (6:15PM Homeowners Forum; 6:30PM Business Meeting)!

And don't forget that anything that was posted previously on this website can be found by clicking the button below for archived postings!

Saturday, September 30, 2017: Please remember the Pet Donation Day that's coming up on October 21st!!!! Donations can be dropped the day of the event at the table setup at the entrance parking lot from 9AM to Noon. Donations can also be dropped during the week of October 16th at Pat Karnuta's home (7051). Treat the pets!! **Click here for the flyer** that tells all. **Click here to see the Washington Area Humane Society Shelter's "Wishlist."** And don't forget that we are also doing our semi-annual Alpine Road Cleanup that day.

The information about the latest powerwashing and window washing service has been added to the Resource Guide (see link on the left side of this webpage) in the category of Home Maintenance with all of the other handyman services. It's at the end of the list.

And don't forget that anything that was posted previously on this website can be found by clicking the button below for archived postings!

September 27, 2017: Wow! Has this been a string of hot ones this week. Don't forget to water things that will die in this heat/mini drought!

Please welcome Jim Glenn (7037) as our newest member of the H.O.G. Board of Directors, appointed by the Board to complete Kaye Cupples term. Jim brings a ton of knowledge and experience in various aspects of procurement in the steel industry and will offer significant strength to the Board in the area of budgeting and management. Thanks for volunteering in this important arena of our Association.

As we prepare to receive our annual inspection letters, some of us know that we've got some mildew on our siding that needs to be addressed soon. There are a number of folks in the Resource Guide (handymen) who can address these sorts of jobs, but we've got a new provider in this area. David Carroll (7074) needed mildew removed from the siding on the rear of his house as well as his windows washed. He tells us that Limerick Window & Gutter Cleaning did a great job on his house and windows for a fair price.

Limerick Window & Gutter Cleaning

Email: Limerickwindow@gmail.com

Phone: 412-508-7899

Web: <http://limerickwindowandgutter.weebly.com/>

We'll be adding Limerick to our Resource Guide in the near future.

Finally, we harp a lot about our Alterations Request procedure... "ya gotta fill out a form and wait for written approval before starting a project...yada yada" Well, that is the rule for run of the mill exterior projects, but if you have an emergency (water seeping into your house; a water pipe under your house springs a leak and floods your basement; a sink hole develops on your property, etc.), please, PLEASE, know that you can call CMP (see below) and request an "emergency expedited review" by the Board, which bypasses the usual paperwork and time delay. You can be making this call at the same time you're calling your plumber or contractor and insurance agent, but you must notify the Board immediately.

CMP EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Dial 412-279-9280

As soon as you hear message "You have reached Community Management Professionals..."

PRESS 7 and leave your message

Including your Association name and your call back phone number

A staff member will be paged.

OK, cooler weather is coming. Be grateful we don't live in a flood plain or tornado/hurricane zone!

September 14, 2017: Fall has arrived if the cooler temps and early turning trees are any indication. And with the arrival of autumn colors comes our Hickory on the Green fall/winter event lineup, compliments of our hard working Social Committee. First up is our Goodbye Summer Hot Dog Social scheduled for Monday, September 18th at 6:30PM in the Gazebo area. Can you believe that this will be the *10th annual Hot Dog Social??!* Anyway, the event features hotdogs cooked over an open wood fire with all the fixin's, beverages and really good neighborly conversation! Bring your neighbor, your family, a healthy appetite... and oh, yeah!

Don't forget to bring your own chair to sit on. [Check this website for alternative plans in the case of rain.]

We all know heroes who shine in times of trouble. Cheryl and Don Shamblen are especially blessed with two of their own heroes. When Harvey hit Texas, their two sons, who are firefighters in Texas (one in Houston and the other in Pearland), both spent days on duty rescuing folks caught in the flooding. And their Trey was also in Houston visiting family. And while he was never in harm's way, the Shamblens back here were worried the whole time he was away, only breathing a sigh of relief when he was safely home at Hickory on the Green! The catastrophes in Texas, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina bring it home. We depend on each other.

Monday, September 4, 2017: Here's a quick note to remind you that garbage collection will not occur until Friday this week so don't put out your garbage until Thursday evening (after 6PM). This delay in pickup occurs because of the Labor Day holiday. Oh, yeah! Happy Labor Day holiday, everyone!

The annual property inspection conducted by CMP did occur as scheduled. The Board has been given a copy of CMP's report and will review it, revise it as necessary and then give the nod to CMP to generate the needed violation letters.

We've also updated the front door painting specs as well as the biggy policy and specifications documents for your reference. Both can be accessed by clicking on the links to the left.

And please don't forget to water your plants, especially the new ones. Just because it might have rained yesterday, your plants still need water today!

Happy summer, folks.

Friday, August 4, 2017: Got a note from CMP regarding our annual property inspection required by the Board to assist the Association in maintaining the community to a standard that insures the best aesthetic appearances and property values for all of us. Here's the announcement:

"To help ensure all residents are complying with the legal documents and to address maintenance concerns in the community, CMP will be performing the yearly property inspection on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 (weather permitting).

Two employees with blue CMP shirts will be on-site to tour the entire community and note items that are in need of maintenance or rule violations. In preparation for this inspection, please examine the exterior of your home and complete any needed clean up or minor maintenance that may need to be performed. Thank you for your cooperation."

Be prepared!! :-)

Monday, July 31, 2017: Just thought we'd take the opportunity to get one last post to the website in

July! Manoman, this summer is flying by!

We've planted new stuff in the 'hood! If you've got a new bush or flowering plant.... water, water, water... especially during this dry week!

Here's an important announcement for all dog owners in South Fayette Township, straight from our Township alert system:

RACCOON RABIES VACCINE BAITs!!! AUG. 4 - AUG. 11

Rabies baits will be distributed throughout Allegheny County, including South Fayette, from Fri. Aug. 4 through Fri. Aug. 11. The program aims to reduce human and pet exposure to rabies by vaccinating wild raccoons. The county health department recommends keeping dogs on a leash, indoors or confined to their property as much as possible during baiting, and the week after, to minimize exposure. For more info, <http://www.achd.net/raccoon/>

Also, we have a new phone number that can be used to reach Ryan at Castle, who has been our contact. So, we're reposting the Castle Asphalt information with this new phone number. They have a few more driveways to do in the 'hood, so they'll be around.

Castle Asphalt & Construction
New Castle, PA
724-333-4078

Friday, July 21, 2017: This is from Nancy Stern in response to everyone's help in retrieving her runaway pup Roger the other day...

I LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

I want to send a huge H.O.G. THANK YOU to our wonderful caring community. I am sure this was entertaining to some, had I been watching this on some bizarre reality show I would have laughed too, however living it was no laughing matter. I was really touched by the caring, thoughtful neighbors who helped in so many ways. I joked that it was almost like a wake with people dropping off food (treats to try to lure the "artful dodger"). Many thanks to those who tried to catch him, called, texted, get him in their cars, I am always amazed at how wonderful we are as a group. I am proud to part of this community.

XOXOX
Nancy Stern

Tuesday, July 11, 2017: Boyce Road closed Weds. July 12 in South Fayette Township

A full closure of Boyce Road, between Mayview Road and Washington Pike in South Fayette Township, will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Weds. July 12.

The temporary closure of both lanes is necessary to complete road maintenance. Suggested detours include using either Chartiers Street or Fawcett Church Road to travel between Mayview Road and Washington Pike. Local motorists who must exit onto Boyce Road will be directed from their driveways to either Mayview Road or Washington Pike. Please use caution and allow extra travel time Wednesday morning. Questions? Call South Fayette Township: 412-221-8700.

June 30, 2017: Just a quick reminder, garbage and recyclables pick up by South Fayette Township

is delayed one day due to the July 4th holiday. Set your trash out on the evening of Thursday, July 6th for pickup on Friday, July 7th. [NOTE: There is a fine of \$25 for setting out your garbage on a day that is not a collection day.]

Remember that survey that you received? Well, 39% of you responded, which is incredible! Normal response rates for surveys usually run in the 7% range. Anyway, we are feverishly tallying the results and will publish them in the next newsletter due out in early July. Stay tuned!

And have a great July 4th weekend, neighbors! OMG! June's almost over!!!

June 17, 2017: Spring is a wonderful time of the year, isn't it. Plenty of sun, plenty of rain and temperatures well above freezing! If you are hot and grumpy about it, just remember the icy winds whipping down our drive!

So, it's been a while since we've posted anything, so a lot of news has piled up. Here goes!

First and foremost, get your calendar out and reserve the evening of Sunday, June 25th at 6:30PM for our annual Hello Summer! Sundae Sunday event. Ice cream and the best toppings are featured at this favorite gathering of the neighborhood. Family, friends and neighbors are invited. And if it rains? Well, we'll just serve your ice cream to your car as you drive by. No cancellation, just ice cream rain or shine. So bring your chair and your ice cream appetite to the Gazebo area on June 25th. It's scrumptious!!

Our Development Committee's Survey that you received in the mail several weeks ago is due soon. Please don't forget to complete it and drop it in the envelopes on the front doors at 7007 or 7049. Your input is important to the future enhancements in our community.

Neighbor Gathering Spot! You may not know this but Sammy's Pin High Pub at the Hickory Heights Golf Club is open to the public. The foods good and the gathering place atmosphere can't be beat. Wednesday nights, Sammy's features wings. Thursday night is known for its dollar tacos.

Gas Meter Rusty?? Here's a very helpful and important piece of information from homeowner Donna Luczko (7060): "Suggestion regarding our gas meters. Ours badly needs repainted so we called Equitable/Peoples Gas & are scheduled to have it done on June 27. If anyone else in the neighborhood is interested have them call 1-800-764-0111, option 2, then option 0." The Gas Company won't paint your meter unless you call them personally, so we are urging you to contact your gas company and make the arrangement!

Here's an announcement from our local government... South Fayette Township has coordinated with the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging for a senior farm market voucher distribution to be held close to home from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 20th at Goodwill Manor, 601 McMillen St., in Bridgeville. The special distribution is intended to ease access for South Fayette senior citizens wishing to participate in this food assistance program. Adults age 60 and older who live in Allegheny County are eligible for the vouchers, which may be used at the Original Farmers Market in South Fayette and other regional farm markets selling Pennsylvania produce. Please see the SFT website for more details.

And that's a reminder that our local Farmers Market is open. It is located in the big, open pavilion just off Route 50 as you head toward Cecil. It's the last stop light before the road turns into a two lane road. Turn left off of 50.

Now that we've had some hot and dry weather following a pretty mild winter we've got our ticks back.

Several homeowners have reported tick findings on their pets. Just remember that ticks carry nasty diseases. So protect your pets with vet approved collars, etc., and check them regularly after they've been in grassy and wooded areas. And don't forget to check yourself and loved ones as well!

Finally, if you have a computer in your home, you may receive a call from someone telling you that Microsoft has found that your computer has been hacked and that a virus has been discovered. This is a scam and you should hang up immediately. These people will try to get you to give them access to your computer and will try to get you to give them a credit card number. Repeat... this is a scam. Give them nothing!

Happy Summer until our next posting!

Saturday, May 6, 2017: Well, all six of us hardy souls who showed up for the Community Clean Up Event this morning got the job done. Thanks to Nancy and Mark Stern for organizing, supplying and picking up litter along with their volunteers Donna Luczko, Pat Karnuta, Micheline Stabile and Wendy Bell. Many thanks go out to South Fayette Township's Police officers who stationed cruisers at critical points along Alpine Road so motorists and volunteers could co-exist safely. It was cold, rainy and rife with lots of litter, but the little band of litter pickers collected quite a few bags of junk that our less considerate community members left behind. Special appreciation goes out to Leon Williams who (according to his wife Bee) went out ahead of the event to do his part at picking up litter because he had a prior commitment that prevented him from attending today's event. We noticed, Leon. Thanks.

We would like to recruit a co-chair person for the Community Service Committee to assist Nancy Stern with these twice yearly clean up events and the salt boxes in the winter. Co-chair Kaye Cupples has had to bow out of these active events due to illness. If you are interested in helping out (doesn't take much time), please contact Sarah Perry at CMP (412-279-9280, ext 260) and leave your name and contact information and Nancy will get right back to you.

And don't forget to put the H.O.G. Sundae Sunday on your calendar for Sunday, June 25th at 6:30PM in the Gazebo area of Clubview Drive!!

May 6, 2017: EVENT UPDATE -- We're on for 9:00AM today! Come on down! And thanks for volunteering!!

May 4, 2017: So now the weather's a little rainy and cold... it's spring, right!? If you don't like the weather, just wait a bit.

This posting is VERY important today because it announces the Community Clean Up event that our little community sponsors and implements twice each year. Lord knows, we really need the clean up this spring. Seems everyone with any litter at all in their car dumped it on our connecting road this winter. So, all of you H.O.G. volunteer homeowners and residents, recent and long standing alike, are cordially invited to join the H.O.G. Community Service Committee members THIS SATURDAY, May 6th at 9:00AM in the visitor parking lot at the entrance to Clubview Drive. Our Social Committee will have some early morning refreshments for all of the hardy souls who show up.

The process of community day clean up is very simple and fun. Volunteers usually team up with others (it's more fun working that way) and head up or down Alpine Road, equipped with plastic garbage bags, pick up sticks, gloves and safety bibs (all supplied by our Township). Other volunteers patrol Alpine in cars to prevent speeding on the road during the cleanup event, augmented by periodic appearances by our esteemed Township Police. It all takes about an hour, which isn't much to devote to helping out our local

environment. So, dust off your boots and jeans and come help clean up our neighborhood. And for you new neighbors, it's a great way to get in the Hickory swing! 9AM... Saturday... entrance parking lot. See y'uns there!

And don't forget to put our annual Hello Summer Sundae Sunday on your calendar.... Sunday (of course), June 25th at 6:30PM, in the Gazebo area.

April 28, 2017: Is this the best weather ever??!! OMG!

Let's all put our hands together for a rousing round of applause for our Landscaping Committee! Spring is a great time of year as far as aesthetics go, and it seems that our small community looks as lush, green and tended better than it ever has. Remember that, if you have any questions about your plant inventory or lawn maintenance, just call Diane Gallagher at 412-221-4994 or email her at dianejg@comcast.net.

There is a new posting on our "[Newsletters](#)" page (tab is at the top of this page) which makes available to you the April 2017 issue of this community's newsletter *Hickory Happenings*.

Enjoy your spring, neighbors!