

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

March 12, 2017: OK, folks. We've had some complaints from dog walkers that frequent the Gazebo area. Reports are coming in that SOMEONE is not picking up after their dog and leaving a mess behind. We publish the dog rules every spring, but apparently the warm winter has necessitated a reiteration earlier this year. Please pick up after your dog... please do not curb your dog in ANYONE ELSE's yard as you walk up the street... use the Gazebo or the Cul de Sac for curbing outside of your own yard.... those are the only places that are common areas where curbing is permitted... all of the other yards are owned by fellow homeowners who probably don't appreciate your dog as much as you do. And pick up, please.

Looks like March is giving us a final snow storm this week. Stay safe and warm!

SNOW SHOVELING IN THE 'HOOD:

Sam Poole (son of Matt Poole at 7032) . His rates are: \$15 for a single driveway; \$20 for a double driveway (I'm assuming that's for a normal snowfall and that huge snowfalls may cost more... it's only fair, right?). His contact number is: 412-923-7424.

Keith Allison (grandson of Carol Schartner at 7097). His rate is \$15 for a single driveway; \$25 for a double driveway. His contact number is 724-413-3603, which is his mother's phone (Karen Allison). Call to make arrangements ahead of time.

Thursday, February 23, 2017: Did I hear someone mention July weather?? What is happening to our February winter??? OK, OK, we shouldn't shake a stick at the bear, right? Just enjoy it while it lasts, although I did read in the paper the other day that the maple syrup folks are worried about the sap running this early...

The highlight of this update is a revision to our Resource Guide. Added to this revision are several new service delivery/trades people recommended by homeowners happy with their work. Remember, we are always on the lookout for great companies and individuals with whose work you are personally familiar and would recommend. Just drop me an email with the information.

Accurate Garage Door Company

Norman Kirchner

442 Francis Road, Pittsburgh PA 15239

412-795-8111

(DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)

[Recommended by Theresa Wilson (7070): "Reliable, dependable, great price on new doors & openers!"]

David Mesko

Interior and Exterior Maintenance

Siding repairs, renovations, painting, landscaping, carpentry, plumbing, light electrical work Insured

412-400-6925

[Recommended by William Eiler (7058) " I can't recommend David highly enough. His work is excellent, and he is courteous and reasonably priced."]

Jeff Burtyk

Remodeling

412-812-2212

[Recommended by Diane Gallagher (7043): "Jeff does all his own work with help from son. Installed new wood floor for me. Fair prices and flawless work. Highly recommend for all types of remodeling. Jeff only works weekends and his vacation time."]

Friday, January 6, 2017: First, don't forget to make your snow shoveling arrangements ahead of time. Contact info is in the box above this news!

Second, the Newsletter will be delayed until the end of this month. What can we say, it's been busy. All Committee folks and any interested journalist-wannabees should submit copy for this issue as soon as possible to wenbellz@gmail.com.

Next, we've updated several of the Hickory on the Green Homeowners Association documents found in the links on the left side of this webpage: Board of Directors Office holders for 2017; your garbage and recyclables collection schedule for 2017; and the 2017 schedule of our Association's Board of Directors meetings. Knock yourself out getting updated with these exciting pieces of news! :-)

Finally, we'd like to extend a welcome and thanks to the volunteer Board members as they assume their new Association Board of Directors Officer duties for this new year:

Jim Ehrman, President
David Carroll, Vice President
Wendy Bell, Secretary
J. Kaye Cupples, Treasurer
Fred Rapone, Director at large

Friday, December 30, 2016: One day away from the official end of 2016. I know most of us will be thrilled to kiss this year goodbye and look forward with hope to a better one in 2017.

First things first, since we have snow on the ground this morning. Sam Poole (son of Matt Poole at 7032) will be shoveling snow in the 'hood this winter. His rates are: \$15 for a single driveway; \$20 for a double driveway (I'm assuming that's for a normal snowfall and that huge snowfalls may cost more... it's only fair, right?). His contact number is: 412-923-7424. If anyone else in the neighborhood has information they'd like posted, just drop me an email (wenbellz@gmail.com).

Way back on Saturday, December 10th, we had a wonderful grand finale to our 2016 social year. The Annual Light Up Night and Holiday Open House evening was magical with a light snow fall, a neighborhood full of lights, luminaries and a cozy gathering hosted by Diane and Brian Gallagher. Thanks to Donna Luczko, Fred Rapone, the Perellas, the Sterns, Wendy, and any other holiday elves for helping to decorate the common areas, and for lighting the luminaries.

Special thanks to Diane and Brian for hosting and providing a sumptuous spread of food and beverage, Cindy Cooney for helping to greet and organize, the Sterns for organizing the luminary project, and for everyone who attended and contributed gift cards for the Washington Women's Shelter. We delivered \$650.00 worth of gift cards enabling 36 recipients to have a merrier Holiday Season! [Click here to see a copy of the letter from the shelter thanking us for our donations!]

And to our Social Committee, you are a wonderful, generous, hard working and fun loving group of volunteers and neighbors. Our community is lucky to have all of you.

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Happy New Year's to all. Be careful out there!

Monday, December 5, 2016: As we speed on toward our next set of holidays, please be reminded that we've got a great event coming up on December 10th!!!! That's December 10th!!!! Yes, on Saturday, December 10th, we're gathering at Diane and Brian Gallagher's home (7043) at 6:30PM for our annual H.O.G. Light Up Night Open House. This year, Diane is asking that you bring your appetite because she is providing a buffet of holiday culinary delights. Oh, and don't forget that we light up our outdoor holiday displays and luminaries by dark. There are luminary kits (10 bags/candles per kit at \$10 per kit) still available from Nancy Stern (412-914-0715).

Light Up Night also culminates our Gift Card Drive that benefits the families at Washington Women and Children Shelter. Cards can be dropped off any time before and during the Light Up Night festivities at Diane and Brian's (7043). Each year, these cards make a huge difference in the lives of the folks at the shelter and the gratitude that meets us at the door is always rewarding. They know Hickory on the Green is a generous community! Just remember, merchant cards only... no debit cards. And thanks.

Monday, November 21, 2016: Just got word from South Fayette Township that the Thanksgiving holiday this week will DELAY OUR GARBAGE COLLECTION UNTIL FRIDAY, November 25. So PUT OUT YOUR GARBAGE on Thursday, after 6PM this week. (Hate to say this, but you should know that you will be fined if you put your garbage out Wednesday night this week. It's a rule that's aimed at eliminating garbage cans from sitting out all day on Thanksgiving Day and making our neighborhood look trashy for family and friends who are visiting.)

Have an extremely happy, delicious and fulfilling Thanksgiving, ok?

Tuesday, November 15, 2016: DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING TONIGHT AT 6:30PM (PIZZA) AND 7:00PM (MEETING). The meeting will be held in the Senior Center at the rear of the South Fayette Township municipal building on Millers Run Road.

The Steelers Party, which was to be hosted by Peggy and Joe Testa this coming Sunday, has been cancelled. Our condolences go out to the Testa family for the loss of a family member recently. Please know that our hearts are with you.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016: Thanks to those of you who helped to make our donation day for the Washington Area Human Society "No Kill" Shelter a success. On behalf of our community we delivered \$437.00 in checks, cash and money orders and a carload of supplies that were estimated to be about \$300.00. Those shelter critters and the great WAHS folks who care for them were very grateful!

Don't forget about our Hickory on the Green Homeowners Annual Meeting on November 15th!! This important business meeting scheduled for all H.O.G. homeowners will take place next week on Tuesday, November 15th. There will be free pizza, salad and beverages provided by our hard working Social Committee at 6:30PM before the meeting. The business meeting starts promptly at 7:00PM. The location of our Annual Meeting is the Senior Center at the rear of the South Fayette Township Municipal Building, 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064. All H.O.G. Homeowners are urged to attend this meeting.

Also coming up is our Annual Steelers Party will occur on Sunday, November 20th where our guys in black and gold will be pitted against the Cleveland Browns. The location is 7063 Clubview which is the home of Peg and Joe Testa. The time of our Steelers Party is 12:30PM. Attendees (residents, friends, family) are welcome (but not required) to bring your favorite game-time appetizer to share with your neighbors. Beer and soft drinks are provided by our Social Committee. Bring \$ for the game pool!

Finally, we offer a reminder that reservations for the River City Holiday Concert are due by November 12th. To make your reservations for this great neighborhood "Hickory on the Go" event, call or email Micheline Stabile (412-257-8322 or mstabileone@gmail.com).

Monday, November 7, 2016: Hello, fellow Hickory on the Greeners! Gorgeous weather we're having, eh? Just a few items for the posting today:

VOTE tomorrow. Our voting location is the Fairview Volunteer Fire Hall. We are District 8, which you need to know since there are several polling places located in the Fire Hall. Address is: 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Devra Bastiaens has revised her classified ad to include a best offer option. See ad below in case you missed this rich marble counter top.

Friday, October 21, 2016: WEBSITE EVENT ALERT!!!! Tomorrow's (Saturday, October 22nd) Community Clean Up Event (9AM) and the Halloween Pet Donation Collection Event (9AM) have been POSTPONED until Sunday, October 23rd, which is a ONE DAY DELAY!!!! The weather is predicted to be rainy and windy on Saturday. The weather on Sunday, however, promises to be sunny and breezy. No brainer, right? So, all of you who were volunteers get to sleep in tomorrow; but you gotta show up on Sunday! Deal? See you there.

We have a new H.O.G. Classified Ad for you today! Devra Bastiaens (7057) has a gorgeous bathroom counter for sale. See ad below and click on it for a larger version. This ad will continue to be featured on the "STUFF" page of this website (click on the tab at the top of this page).

Tuesday, October 18, 2016: Two items of utmost importance today! We've got a BIG Saturday coming up this week on October 22nd. Saturday is our Annual H.O.G. Community Clean Up event that is paired with our Annual H.O.G. Halloween Donation Day.

Our Annual H.O.G. Halloween Donation Day this coming Saturday is such a special and heartwarming event. A canopy kiosk will be set up next to the Clean Up refreshment table at the entrance parking lot on Clubview. Volunteers from our community's Social Committee will staff the kiosk where you can drop off your monetary and material donations as well as newspapers and aluminum cans to benefit the critters at the Washington Area Humane Society's "No Kill" Shelter. The kiosk will be accepting these items from the hours of 9:00AM to 1:00PM. After the kiosk closes, all of the donations will be delivered to the Shelter in our community's name. The kitties and doggies at the shelter will be ever so grateful! Click here to see the Shelter's Wish List that contains important information about the types of food, litter, etc. that they would like to see donated. So, get out to the store and pick out the stuff you want to donate!!!! Don't wait until the last minute either! NOTE: If you can't drop off your donations on Saturday, you can drop your materials in front of the garage door at 7049 or your monetary donations in the envelop on the door of 7049.

The second very important event that is occurring that day is our Annual H.O.G. Community Clean Up event. Our very own H.O.G. Community Service Committee (Co-chairs: Kaye Cupples and Nancy Stern) and devoted volunteers cordially invite you to meet them at the Clubview entrance parking lot at 9:00AM this coming Saturday. Everyone gets a plastic garbage bag, gloves, pick up stick and orange safety pinney (compliments of South Fayette Township) and pairs up with buddies to remove all the litter on Alpine Road from the corner of Washington Pike down to the bridge at the bottom of the hill. Other volunteers ride "shotgun" along the road helping to slow the traffic for the safety of litter pickers. Coffee and goodies are ready for the taking for the volunteers, thanks to the H.O.G. Social Committee. So, come

on out this Saturday morning (did I say 9AM?) and get Alpine clean for an hour's worth of light work. Thanks in advance!

OK, so we said there were only two items to post? Well, there is actually a third item that needs to be mentioned. Everyone has received the H.O.G. Annual Homeowners Meeting packet in the mail by now. As a homeowner in our Association, you should plan to attend this meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00PM (you also received a News Alert about this meeting since the Social Committee will be providing pizza and salad for those who attend, starting at 6:30PM). Please put this important meeting on your calendar. Really, it's the only thing you as a homeowner in the Association really have to do all year! Now, if you can't attend for some REALLY IMPORTANT reason, there is a proxy form in the packet you received. Since we must reach a quorum of homeowners in order to conduct the business of the Association for the following year, each homeowner who doesn't attend the meeting in person is urged to complete the proxy form with the name and signature of a neighbor who is planning to attend. If you are new and don't know anybody yet, you can complete your form, leaving the proxy holder name line blank and send it to CMP, which will assign a board member to be your proxy. Thanks for attending to this important issue!

Thursday, September 22, 2016: This is IMPORTANT, folks, so please sit up and pay attention. The Association recently paid Turfmaster roughly \$3,000 to repair lawn areas up and down our street and behind some houses where the new french drain was laid. Sooooo, you know what's coming next, right? We NEED each and every homeowner to WATER the newly reseeded areas. We had Turfmaster wait to make these lawn repairs until the weather cooled off a bit (at night at least). Now, it's up to us. Fortunately within a day or so of the repairs, we received a gift from Mother Nature in the form of rain. But that doesn't seem like it's going to happen again anytime soon. So we REALLY have to step up and protect the investment made with all of our hard earned \$ and WATER! Can't say PLEASE enough. Thanks! (And sorry for all of the capital letters in this posting, but we really need everyone to water their repairs.)

By the way, we really had a great time at the Hot Dog Social on Monday. Lots of eating, drinking, talking and campfiring. It was wonderful!!

Sunday, September 18, 2016: This is a quick reminder that our annual H.O.G. "Goodbye, Summer" Hot Dog Social is HAPPENING tomorrow!! That's Monday, September 19th at the usual location (Gazebo area) at the usual time (6:30PM). Come experience the "over a real campfire" hot dog, yummy hotdog-topping stuff and beverages that are provided by our Association and Social Committee. Don't forget to bring your own chair!

Oh, and another reminder... If you are interested in attending the River City Brass Band's Holiday Show on December 13th, call Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322 or email her at mstabileone@gmail.com... ASAP!!!

Finally, one of our events "Paint n Sip" occurred recently and photos were taken! Click on the photo below for a collage documenting the fun of this event. Thanks to the members of the H.O.G. Creative Hands interest group and artist in residence Shari Valicenti for sponsoring this fine event.

Thursday, September 15, 2016: The H.O.G. Social Committee held their fall meeting to organize ALL of the incredible events for the rest of this year. The News Alerts for these events have been sent out snail mail so be on the lookout for additions to your bulletin boards (do people do bulletin boards anymore?). We will be posting all of these Alerts here on the website at the appropriate times in the coming months.

For now, however, the only event that you need to worry about is one that is coming up on MONDAY!!!! Yep, our annual Goodbye, Summer (sniff) Hot Dot Social will occur this coming Monday, September 19th at the usual location (Gazebo area) at the usual time (6:30PM). This VERY POPULAR event is a great opportunity to revisit your fondest memories of campfires, hot dog roasting, and S'mores creation. And you can't beat all the yummy hotdog-topping stuff and beverages that are provided by our Association and Social Committee.. it's all free. So, bring a chair and your appetites! Friends, family, kids, neighbors... all are welcome. Click here for the flyer. That's MONDAY!!!

Oh, and there's one more thing... Plans have been made to secure a block of tickets to the River City Brass Band Holiday Concert on December 13th in the Upper St. Clair HS Auditorium. Reserving the block of tickets requires very early arrangements. So, if you are interested in attending this wonderful show by our very own River City Brass Band, call Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322 or email her at mstabileone@gmail.com... ASAP!!! We did this last year and everyone who attended really had a great time enjoying the concert and doing it together as a group. Click here for the flyer.

Tuesday, September 6, 2016: Hope everyone has been enjoying this great summer weather! It's a little warm, true, but then we'll be looking back on this time nostalgically in a few chilly months.

Just a quick note to let you know that South Fayette Township has notified folks that garbage pickup will occur on Friday, September 9th this week due to the Labor Day Holiday this past Monday. Soooo, don't forget to put out your garbage on Thursday evening this week. Do NOT put it out tomorrow evening!

We have a string of days here with NO rain. Don't forget to water your plants.

And speaking of plants, our Landscaping Committee Chairperson Diane Gallagher, CMP and Turfmaster have put the final touches on our Fall Planting Plan. The Board is in the process of approving the expenditures. Once that's done, Turfmaster will order the plants. Life in the 'hood progresses!

Wednesday, August 3, 2016: Here's a little tidbit of news that should cause all small pet owners to sit up and take notice!!!!

From our good neighbor, Rosemary Williams (7064):

"Guess what came running through our side yard this past Sunday? My brother and his family were visiting and when they were leaving around 4:30, a coyote came running between our house and my neighbor's and into the wooded area behind my house. Others may have see it too. I couldn't believe it!

Thought I would let you know. Everyone that has little pets should be aware."

Thanks, Rosemary. Be sure to leash and supervise your pet at all times when it is outside. It's not just the rule, but it also makes sense.

Wednesday, July 27, 2016: Can it really be the end of July already? It's can't be!! I know that many think that summer's over by now, but I prefer to think of it as the midpoint... between May and October! That's right, keep it optimistic.

So, in keeping with summertime activities, a bunch of us have been gathering at Sammy's Pin High Pub (you know, the restaurant at the Hickory Heights Golf Club) every Thursday around 6PM for \$1

tacos. They're cheap, they're good and the company is fabulous. No RSVP is needed. The gathering is strictly informal and ad hoc... and yummy!

And then there's this from our Township:

*****Breakfast, lunch cafe opens in Gateway Shops at Newbury Market*****

First Watch daytime cafe has opened at 160 Millers Run Road, near the I-79 interchange in South Fayette Township. The cafe, which serves breakfast, brunch and lunch, is the first business to open in the Gateway Shops at Newbury Market. South Fayette is the fourth location in the Pittsburgh region. Look for First Watch - South Fayette on Facebook."

Remember to patronize our local businesses in South Fayette Township!

July 20, 2016: Today is dedicated to Neighbor News...

From Patty Schaal (7033)...

"Many know that in May I had complicated Spinal surgery requiring a lengthy rehab. As an optimistic and determined person, I am progressing very well. Part of my success I owe to the many cards of encouragement; the reading gifts from my H.O.G. book club friends that have helped in making the day more of an adventure and less boring (smile); offers to pick up needed items from the store (no driving until September); Jerri Altenhof's delicious homemade soups and fresh veggies from the farmers market; as well as smiles and waves from neighbors I see during my morning walk.

Those who have lived at Hickory on The Green are aware that our community is very special, but it never hurts to share a story and reminder once in a while... right?

Thanks all from a grateful neighbor."

From Jim Ehrman (7025)...

"I want to personally invite you to join me in supporting NAMIWalks- the largest and most successful mental health fundraising and awareness event in the United States! Through NAMIWalks' public, active display of support for people affected by mental illness, we are changing how Americans view persons with a mental illness and ensuring that help and hope are available for those in need.

This is an excellent opportunity to support NAMI (the National Alliance on Mental Illness). Every dollar raised helps NAMI provide more services for people living with mental health challenges.

Please join me by making a charitable donation AND BE SURE TO VISIT MY WALK PAGE AND TEAM-----"Jims Jocks at "<http://namiwalks.org/participant/JimsJocks>".

Thank you!"

[NOTE: Jim is a Team Captain in the Southwestern PA NAMIWalks event which will occur on October 2, 2016 at the Waterfront of Homestead, starting at 10AM.]

Monday, July 4, 2016: It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of one of the best members of our community Bobbie Rapone of 7076 this morning.

Due to the occurrence of the holiday this week, our garbage pickup will be delayed one day until Friday. Please do not set out your garbage bins until Thursday evening.

Saturday, July 2, 2016: The Township Fireworks will be held in a different location this year, joining forces with Upper St. Clair. Fairview Park is the new location, and citizens of both townships are urged to park at the Upper St. Clair Community Center on Boyce Road. Here's the email that SFT sent out about this event on July 4th:

"The Joint South Fayette – Upper St. Clair Fireworks display is schedule to begin at 9:30 pm on Monday, July 4th. Fireworks will be launched on top of the hill in the Fairview Park Dog Park area, which will be closed to dog walkers all day July 4th. If you can see the green South Fayette water towers from your viewing location, you will be able to see the firework display. Spectators are encouraged to view firework display from the Upper St. Clair Recreation Center on Mayview Road. There will be limited parking in Fairview Park. Parking spaces are first come first serve and once the park is full, park will be closed to vehicle traffic. Please avoid if at all possible parking on the side of roadways as this can severely limit response time from Ambulances, Police Cruisers, and Fire Trucks in the event of an emergency. Police presence will be active in these areas and in Fairview Park. As a federal holiday, South Fayette Township Office will be closed on Monday July 4th. However, If you should need immediate attention on the holiday, please dial 911."

Also, the July Issue of the Newsletter Hickory Happenings is hot off the presses. Click [HERE](#) or on the Newsletter tab at the top of our page to see it before it arrives in your mailbox!

June 22, 2016: Today's posting adds the new Rules document to our "Covenants documents" links on the left side of this page. Also updated is the Specifications document whose link is on the left side of the page as well. The revision to the Rules of our Association added the requirement of homeowners to email emergency contact information to CMP when they plan to be absent from their property for an extended period of time. It also adds the rule that requires homeowners to notify CMP if they plan to bring a dumpster into their driveway during restoration or renovation of their property. You received this revision in hard copy by snail mail this past month.

June 15, 2016: We have a new classified ad to post today. Click on the photo in the ad for a larger pic. [NOTE: After today, you can find this ad on our "STUFF" page, see top of page for tab to click.]

Tuesday, June 7, 2016: First and foremost! We have one of the most loved events that our community experiences coming up this weekend... our annual H.O.G. "Hello Summer Sundaes Sunday." Kids, young and old, will want to attend the Sundaes Sunday on THIS Sunday, June 12 at 6:30PM in the Gazebo area of Clubview Drive. All, and that means friends, family, homeowners, residents, kids, dogs (crated, please!), are invited to experience the youthful delight of ice cream with all its trimmings. You make what you want to eat! How good is that?! Please note that drive-by sundaes will be available if it rains; there will be no cancellation. Click here for a printable flyer. See you there.

Second, our landscapers found a lanyard with a key and several store loyalty cards attached. If you can describe it, it's yours! Email wenbellz@gmail.com to retrieve your lost stuff.

Third, but VERY important... if you received a new planting from our Landscaping Committee and Turfmaster, PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE WATER IT DAILY IF IT DOESN'T RAIN ENOUGH TO SOAK THE GROUND. New plants need lots of water in order to survive the first year and most especially the first few months. All the plantings need watering during really dry periods, but the newbie trees and bushes really need it. Thanks for being a great homeowner!

Finally, we have an update for the Resource Guide. This is compliments of Peggy Fetrow (7083). The service is carpet cleaning and the service provider is Carpets, Etc., owned and operated by Eric Schwiederowski. His website is: <http://www.carpetsetc-pgh.com/> and his number is 412-221-8851. Peggy says, "Had my carpets deep cleaned by Eric last month and they look new. Eric was on time, efficient and very courteous." Click [here](#) or click on the link to the left of this page to see/download the entire updated Guide.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016: Here are some critical/important updates to topics recently posted on this website.

Driveway Paving Contractor: Smith Asphalt was in the neighborhood today. If you want to get an estimate and have your driveway repaved, now is the time to contact Justin as his temporary hiatus is over.

SFT's New Recyclables Bins: Tomorrow is the first collection of recyclables using the new bins. Things to remember to do:

1. Station your bin at least 3 feet from anything else and close to the road.
2. If you don't have your recyclables in the bin, they won't get picked up. Everything must be inside the bin.
3. The lid opening must be facing toward the street so the truck can automatically lift and dump it.

Patty Schaal is home and doing well!

That's it for the important updates! Enjoy the weather everyone. And remember, if your plants dry out, water 'em!

Wednesday, May 18, 2016: Here are some updates to topics in which we've all had some interest.

Driveway Paving Contractor: A lot of you have been trying to get in touch with the paving contractor that was in our community last year... Smith Asphalt (Justin). Part of the reason that you've been unable to make contact is because a member of Justin's family is quite ill; and Justin's time and energy, as we all know can happen, has been taken up with that. He has resumed his business contacts and has given several estimates for work in the neighborhood this week. We have confirmed that he will be in the neighborhood, doing several paving jobs next week. If you want an estimate from Justin, he is scheduled to do a driveway paving job at 7057 on Wednesday, May 25, but he may be here earlier in the week, if weather permits.

SFT's Delivery of New Recyclables Bins: South Fayette has experienced some delays in the delivery of its new Recyclables Bins. The program of "automated pickup" using those bins, originally projected to start May 12th, has been delayed until the May 26th pickup date. The bins are being delivered to each homeowner's location this week. There are specific requirements to the use of these new bins so, click [here](#) for additional information regarding this program. Please note that, while these new bins are larger than the old ones, they must still be stored inside your unit, not outside, behind or beside your unit.

Safe Internet Purchases Exchange Site: For those of you who use Craigslist or other online websites for buying, selling, bartering or trading, an area in front of the South Fayette police station, 515 Millers Run Road, has been designated as a safe "Internet Purchase Exchange Location." The area, identified by a sign, is under 24/7 video surveillance.

Patty Schaal is doing fine: For those of you who were concerned about the surgery and recuperation of

our good neighbor Patty Schaal, the surgery went well and she's doing well at a rehab facility near the Canonsburg Hospital, according to her son Mike. We'll try to get more up to date and specific information. If you are interested in getting email updates, email wenbellz@gmail.com. No further updates will be made to the website.

That's it til next time. Enjoy life and smile at your neighbor!

Tuesday, May 3, 2016: Two items of interest and one reminder for today's posting...

First, we have a new event at Hickory on the Green, featuring instruction and fun from our resident artist, Shari Valicenti. Click here to see the flyer for this "happening." This event is called our first ever H.O.G. "Paint & Sip Party" and will be occurring on Saturday, June 4th at 2:00PM to 4:00 or 4:30 PM in Donna Lutzko's garage at 7060 Clubview Drive. Shari will help interested attendees paint a subject that will be disclosed at a future date. Participants will be responsible for sipping their own wine, however. This is an RSVP event. It promises to be a LOT of fun!! So, hurry up and give Shari a call at 412-916-7112 or email her at: vals29@verizon.net.

And the other posting is another update to our Resource Guide, compliments of neighbor Roxanne Squillante (7045):

Dan Mitchell Locksmithing
724-309-0234

He is located in McMurray, PA; works out of his van; and will drive to the client. He is bonded and Insured. Very honest, reliable and reasonable.

Thanks, Roxanne.

Finally, our reminder for the day... Join the H.O.G. Community-wide Garage Sale on this coming Saturday, May 7th starting at 7:00AM to 2:00PM at individual participating homeowners locations along Clubview Drive. Just open your garage door (although it's probably best if you decide what you want to sell and arrange it nicely!)

April 28, 2016: There are several updates posted today for your enlightenment! First off, we've got a Spring Alpine Road Clean Up event occurring this Saturday, April 30th, at 9:00AM at the entrance parking lot. The Township provides our Community Service Committee with a lot of gloves, bags, pickup sticks and orange safety vests for the event. Bring a friend, family member (good time to teach the kids about keeping our surroundings litter free!) and/or a neighbor and come have a great time picking up the trash others leave behind. The Social Committee is providing coffee and donuts for the volunteers at this event. [NOTE: would the mystery neighbor who was seen picking up litter on Alpine Road a week or so ago please drop us a note... we'd really like to acknowledge your contribution to the clean up cause! Just write to wenbellz@gmail.com.]

Second up on the update list is a reminder to let Pat Karnuta know at 412-221-9633 that you are planning on participating in the Community Garage Sale scheduled for May 7, 2016 from 7:00AM to 2:00PM on Clubview Drive. You can still open your garage door on May 7th without the RSVP, just know someone will be around to collect the \$5 for advertising on the day of the sale. This is the time to unload all of that stuff that's been accumulating in your house and garage. People are just dying to take it off your hands, you know, so plan on participating!

The last update is a revised Resource Guide with a few new contractors recently recommended by

homeowners on Clubview Drive! Here are the new listings (below) in the Guide. The Resource Guide is a collection of area businesses and contractors that H.O.G. Homeowners have recommended to their fellow neighbors. This Guide can be found in one of the links on the left side of this page. If you have a source you'd like included in the Guide, drop a line to wenbellz@gmail.com.

Jeff Konick - great painter inside or out - very reasonable estimate - 412 835 5370 [Recommended by Jerri Alternhof (7056)]

Michael Toney - general contractor - remodeler. Always on time and very easy to work with -412 523 4708 [Recommended by Jerri Alternhof (7056)]

Scott Ross- General contractor specializing in drainage issues, wall reconstruction, etc. 412-956-5054 [Recommended by Wendy Bell (7049) and CMP]

Dennis Burton - Home Improvement including deck raising
412-759-5734 - [Recommended by Pat Karnuta (7051)]

Jim Kurtanic - Home Improvement including deck raising - 412-400-7997 [Recommended by Diane Gallagher (7043)]

That's it! Have a wonderful day. Be happy for the rain. It means a day without watering plants!

Sunday, April 17, 2016: Welcome to spring... again! Let's hope it lasts this time, right?

The big news today is that TOMORROW there is a Neighbor Night Supper! On Monday, April 18th, at 6:30PM, H.O.G. neighbors, friends and family will gather at a newly opened Bridgeville restaurant call the Crafty Jackalope Craft Bar and Grille. This restaurant, formerly "Senor Frog," is located at 608 Washington Avenue in the heart of Bridgeville. Park in the public lot across the street. As is usually the case, we've arranged for separate checks; and orders will be taken from the menu. So, grab a neighbor (figuratively speaking, of course) and come out to the Neighbor Night Supper tomorrow evening!! No RSVP necessary. Good food and good neighbors are an unbeatable combo.

Monday, March 28, 2016: Kevin Searfoss (7024) emailed to tell us that Justin from Smith Paving is scheduled to repave his driveway the week of April 4th. Justin's contact info Smith Paving (412-515-5569).

Thanks, Kevin for sharing this information. If you are interested in securing a quote from Justin, you can try to call him, but he's pretty busy once the paving season starts. Your best bet is to "catch" him in the neighborhood and ask him to stop by your address to give you a quote and/or schedule the job. Justin paved a lot of driveways last year and, according to most accounts, did a great job.

And, the Hickory Happenings - April Issue will be mailed this week. If you want an online copy, click here or go to the "Newsletters" tab at the top of the page.

Saturday, March 26, 2016: Our Annual H.O.G. Spring Clean Up Day is coming up quickly on Saturday, April 9th at 9:00AM with volunteers gathering at the visitors parking lot at the entrance of Clubview Drive. As in previous years, South Fayette Township will provide gloves, pick-up sticks, garbage bags and orange vests for all Hickory on the Green volunteers who join us on that day.

This is always a special event because the sense of caring for our community's environment and aesthetics is tremendously satisfying! So... at 9AM on Saturday, April 9th, bring a neighbor with you and join the

fun for the hour or so that it takes our teams to "clean it up."

Coffee and refreshments will be provided by the Social Committee. For more information, contact Nancy at 412-855-9592 or Kaye at 412-398-6962.

Thursday, March 24, 2016: This is a quick reminder that our H.O. G. Community Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 7th. Specifics regarding sign up, start time, etc. will be forthcoming ("watch this space"). Our Coordinator this year is Jerri Altenhof (7056). Give her a call (at 412-257-2957) if you'd like to volunteer your time for this event, or if you have questions about participating in the sale.

Several basic bits of information:

1. Each homeowner holds his/her own garage sale on his/her driveway and garage (there is no central sale point).
2. The Social Committee advertises the sale for all of our homeowners who want to participate. There is a small fee for participants that covers the cost of this advertisement.
3. Typically a lot of folks do come to our community for the sale because we time our sale at the same time other communities in the area are holding their sales.
4. Traffic is a little challenging that day; everybody, participants and non-participants, need to be patient!
5. It's a lot of fun and you make \$\$\$\$, so plan on it!

More details to follow!

Monday, March 14, 2016: It's that time of year... the time when activities start in the 'hood! First up is ourspring H.O.G. Neighbor Night Supper "Fish Night at Sammy's." Grab a neighbor and come along to Sammy's Pin High Pub to get a great fish sandwich (or anything else on the menu) on THIS FRIDAY, March 18th at 6:30PM. It's informal (separate checks), it's fun, it's not to be missed!! Click here for the flyer that you should have already received in the mail. We are trying to give Sammy's a general idea of how many folks plan to attend; please call Micheline or email her if you know in advance if you're attending (at 412-257-8322 or mstableone@gmail.com).

Next up is a DEADLINE! Now this event is a bit far in the future, August 11 in fact. However, we have to get tickets, so advance reservations are a must. Pirate fans (or anyone interested in having a great outdoor time at the ball field) are organizing an Outing to a Pirate's Baseball Game for August 11th. If we have at least 15 people in our group, the price per ticket is only \$20. If you are interested in this great idea, secure your reservation by emailing or calling Carol Perellaby April 1st at 724-249-4737 or carolmhand@yahoo.com. Click here for the flyer.

Finally, there is a new restaurant called Crafty Jackalope Restaurant that we want to try out for our second of the season Neighbor Night on Monday, Monday, April 18th at 6:30PM. The Jackalope is a new place in downtown Bridgeville and you know how we like to support our local establishments. The Jackalope is located directly across from the La Bella Bean shop on Washington Pike (608 Washington, Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017). Click here for the flyer. See you there!!!!

March 9, 2016: OMG!! It's gorgeous outside. And looking around the neighborhood, the joint looks like it's weathered the winter pretty darn well. We have a couple of important and/or interesting posting topics today.

Our Landscape Committee Co-chairs, Diane Gallagher and Jerry Schmier, are planning to conduct their spring walk through of the development to review the post-winter status of each property's plant life and make their preliminary plans for the 2016 planting season. NOW is the time to call CMP (Sarah at 412-279-9280 x 260) to request landscaping changes.

This is from the South Fayette Township Website Alerts: Want fresh vegetables all summer? One of our wellness partners, Keelboat Farms, is offering a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program with a drop-off point at South Fayette Township Library, 515 Millers Run Road. Sign up before March 20, and get early bird pricing. Deliveries last about 24 weeks, from June to October. Visit the Keelboat Farms website for more information, or call 724-513-6279.

That's it! Now get out there and enjoy this early spring! Oops! Did I just jinx it?? Sorry!

Monday, February 15, 2016: Haven't we dodged the snow bullets lately! Sssshhh! Don't tempt the fates, right?

Just a quick update to say that our handy Garbage Collection Schedule indicates that today's "President's Day Holiday" does NOT affect our Thursday pickup. Go ahead and put your trash and recyclables out this Wednesday evening.

And finally, we have a Development Committee meeting scheduled for this coming Thursday. If you have any ideas that you'd like the Committee to consider or would like to join, contact CMP, Sarah at 412-279-9280, ext. 260. The Development Committee generates ideas for the continued upgrading of our community.

Monday, January 25, 2016: Thanks to all of you who resisted the urge to park in the snowy visitors parking lots until they were plowed!

The big news today is that the January issue of our community's newsletter Hickory Happenings is now available online (click here, or go to our "Newsletters" page). A hard copy will be sent out shortly to those of you who have requested snail mail; and email to those of you who've requested only email correspondence from CMP. Enjoy.

January 21, 2016: Does anyone claim ownership of the calico cat that's been visiting the homes surrounding the gazebo? If so, drop us an email at wenbellz@gmail.com. It's getting mighty cold at night and some concerned homeowners are planning on rescuing this cat soon if nobody claims it. Our Pet Policy states that pets (and cats qualify as such) should not be allowed outside without leashes attached to owners (just a reminder).

Since we're on the brink of another snow storm, we thought a reminder about the snow plowing might be in order. Please refrain from parking in the visitors parking lots during the accumulation of the snow and until the lots are plowed. Your monthly assessment fees pay for parking lot plowing, which is wasted when cars are in the way of the snow plow!

Friday, January, 8, 2016: Just a short bit of news today. South Fayette Township has published its 2016 "Regular Curbside Rubbish Collection Schedule." And we have it here for you! Click here to see it

and download it. This link will also be available all year for you on the left side of this webpage. And remember, rubbish and recyclables are not to be put out curbside until after 6PM on the evening prior to collection. If you are unable to set your garbage out at the appropriate time, please ask a neighbor to help rather than risk a fine.

Also, we are beginning the compilation of the January issue of our community newsletter Hickory Happenings. If you have something you'd like to impart to your neighbors, send it along via email to wenbellz@gmail.com. The Association does reserve editorial rights.

Hope everyone's New Year is moving along well. Be careful out there, because winter storms will eventually get here pretty soon.

Saturday, January 2, 2016: Gonna be hard getting used to writing and typing 2016, isn't it!? Welcome to the new year, neighbors. Hope you have your New Year's Resolutions all figured out and implemented.

A Happy Ending

You are probably wondering what ever happened to the water leak in the basement of the neighbor who had gone to Florida, right? Well, we have a happy ending to the story for you today. Turns out the leak was actually NOT in the neighbor's house, but in the original homeowners water meter. The water had just migrated to the wall, thus appearing to have originated next door. Our homeowner called a plumber... problem solved. But the really great news is that the next door neighbor HAD left her phone number with her neighbor... he had just forgotten that he had it. Yikes! OK, there's more good news. It turns out that our next door neighbor is the poster child for preparedness! Not only had she left her phone number, she regularly checks her email, had arranged for folks to check on the interior of her home every three weeks, AND had a security system installed that would summon Police and/or Fire Department depending on the problem the system sensed. The only thing she hadn't done was give her telephone number to Community Management Professionals (CMP), which she has since done. So, everything is A-OK now with regard to water leaks and we've discovered a fine example of what to do when you leave your unit for extended periods.

From our Township

Effective Jan. 1, 2016, eLoop is no longer able to offer its free electronics equipment recycling service in South Fayette. The township is no longer a drop-off point for TVs, computers and other electronics. The township website offers links to other organizations that may collect your recyclable electronics. Please contact them directly to make arrangements.

Extending Our Very Best Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

Cathy Sellors, one of our neighbors, has been waiting for quite a while for a lung transplant. We are pleased to report that she was recently called in to the transplant center and received not one but both lung transplants. She is now undergoing her long and difficult recovery from the operation. Anyone who has ever met Cathy, felt the warmth of her nature and humor... and strength of character as she toted around her oxygen tank will know that this is great news. Our very best wishes and prayers for your recovery, Cathy.

Wednesday, December 30, 2015: We are getting pretty close to the end of 2015. Hope everyone has good plans for celebrating the entrance of 2016. Since we're past the official beginning of winter, we updated our photo of our entrance on the website today... no snow yet, but rest assured that it's on its way.

Here is some news from our larger community:

- *Electronics Recycling is suspended until January 6th.
- *Township Offices will be closed New Year's Day.
- *Trash will be collected on the normal Thursday schedule on December 31st and January 7th so put your trash out Wednesday nights as usual.
- *The Newbury shopping project held a groundbreaking but you've probably already noticed that the area has roads now.
- *Lane shifts on Rt. 50 occurred recently to free up the middle section of the road for the completion of various drainage structures. PennDOT is saying that the total road project will be completed by the end of January.

You can find all of this news and more at the Township's excellent website: <http://southfayettepa.com/>

On a different note, we heard yesterday from a homeowner who suspected that the water flowing into his basement was coming from his neighbor's home. The neighbor unfortunately was out of town for the winter and there was no way to get in touch with her! YIKES!! It is a good time to remember that things can go wrong in your house when you're gone and it's a really good idea to leave your emergency contact telephone number with Sarah (412-279-9280, ext. 260) at Community Management Professionals, LLC (CMP). Please, please, please, be aware that while you may own your own unit, you do live with all of your building neighbors and have a responsibility to them to prevent unnecessary damage to their property as well. Finally, turn off your water if you plan to be gone for an extended period of time.

Have a great day and smile at your neighbor.

Thursday, December 24, 2015: We are fast approaching the end of the year and Christmas is tomorrow, for those who are Christian. Seems like it was just turning 2015, but now we've got another year to get used to! Time marches on and aren't we lucky it does?!

Thought you'd like an update concerning our donation program associated with our Light Up Night. We were really happy to deliver \$680.00 worth of gift cards to the Washington Women's Shelter (pretty good for a small community like ours). They were really touched and excited by our community contribution.

Please continue to have a safe and joyful holiday season.... keep scrolling for a neat photo!

Sunday, December 13, 2015: Just a quick note here to thank everyone involved in "producing" the spectacular "H.O.G. Light Up Night" last night. The neighborhood looked wonderful with all of the holiday lights blazing. Our neighborhood carolers, the Hickory Harmonizers (yes! they have a name now), brought joy to every house they graced with their good cheer and songs. Thanks to our new neighbor John Cozza (7019) for the great idea to do the caroling and to Donna Luczko (7060) and the Social Committee for organizing it. Finally, Bobbie and Fred Rapone (7086) did it again, staging one of the best Open Houses that we've yet seen. The food that everyone brought and Bobbie cooked herself was great, the drinks were delicious, the house was decorated beautifully and the neighborly atmosphere was just as warm and cozy as you could want.

Now, we've got some candles left over and we've noticed that some of you left your luminaries out all night and probably need some extra candles for Christmas Eve. If you'd like to restock your luminaries, contact Nancy Stern for a pack of 10 candles for \$5. The proceeds go to our Hickory on the Green Social Event Fund. Nancy can be reached at 412-914-0715.

Friday, December 11, 2015: You're running out of time to put the Annual H.O.G. Light Up Night event on your list of must-do's for THIS Saturday evening, December 12th.

Homeowners are invited to light up their decorations and their Luminaries when it gets dark and then tour the neighborhood to see everyone else's decorations.

DON'T MISS the light show at 7048 -- the Shamblen's have created their own version of Oglebay Park right on our very own Clubview Drive!

NEW THIS YEAR!!! Carolers will meet at 5:45PM at the Gazebo to go sing door to door and end up at the Open House... so if you want to sing carols, all you have to do is show up!

Finally, gather at the Rapone's home (7086) at 7:00pm for a warm and scrumptious H.O.G. Light Up Night Open House. Bring a small treat to share if you want to (not necessary though!)

Drop off donations (gift cards) to the Washington Women & Children Shelter at the Rapone home (7086) any time from now through the Open House!

Monday, December 7, 2015: OK, so this is a blatant attempt to tug at the heart strings, but it's for a very worthy cause.

Imagine that you and your children were spending the holidays in a domestic violence shelter where you had arrived with only the clothes on your back and the contents of your purse. The Washington Women's Shelter's residents face this very situation. They are fortunate to have escaped abuse, but spending the holidays in shelter is a painful reminder to our women and children that life has been transformed and become much more difficult and uncertain. When you donate to the Shelter, you empower domestic violence survivors to make this holiday season as normal and joyful as possible.

Each December, Hickory on the Green collects donations for either the Pittsburgh or the Washington Womens Shelter (alternating years) in an effort to share a bit of the good will of the holidays with those who've experienced upheaval in their lives through no fault of their own. If you would like to make a contribution to the Washington Women Shelter in the name of our community and can't make the Open House on Saturday, December 12th (7:00PM), you can drop off a donation to Bobbie and Fred Rapone's home (7086) any day before the Open House. We strongly urge that you make your donation in the form of commodity gift cards of low denominations from places such as Target, Giant Eagle and Walmart, and avoid the cash cards, such as VISA since they usually have a hidden fee that actually reduces the amount that can be spent.

December 6, 2015: We've got a MAJOR holiday event coming up this coming Saturday, December 12th. It's our Hickory on the Green Holiday Light Up Night and Open House and Gift Card Drive!!!! Here's a rundown of everything that's happening that night:

*Homeowners are invited to light up their decorations and their Luminaries when it gets dark and then tour the neighborhood to see everyone else's decorations [NOTE: Many folks reuse their luminaries on Christmas Eve.]

DON'T MISS the light show at 7048 -- the Shamblen's have created their own version of Oglebay Park right on Clubview Drive!

If you haven't gotten your Luminary Kit yet (10 candle setups for \$10), you can get it from Nancy Stern at 412-914-0715!

*Carolers will meet at 5:45PM at the Gazebo to go sing door to door and end up at the Open House... so if

you want to sing carols, all you have to do is show up!

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Bring a small treat to share if you want to (not necessary though!)
Drop off donations (gift cards) to the Washington Women & Children Shelter

During this holiday season, those in our community who follow the Jewish faith are now observing Hanukkah, which started on the evening of December 6 and ends on December 14. Hanukkah commemorates the Jewish people's successful rebellion against the Greeks in the Maccabean War in 162 BCE and is an eight-day Jewish observance that remembers the Jewish people's struggle for religious freedom. Hanukkah, also known as Chanukah, is referred to as the Feast of Lights or Festival of Lights. If you are interested in the history behind this holiday, [click here](#).

December 3, 2015: Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed their leftovers in the days following! Have some interesting news for you today.

First, we have a new snow removal service available for you to use if you are interested in contracting for the entire season. Dale Frohnhof of West Penn Snow Removal will come to your home to give you an estimate for snow removal and salt application that is based on the square foot dimensions of your driveway and sidewalk. His crew is then dispatched every time there is 1" or more of snow (that way, he doesn't have to contend with packed down ice in the days after the snowfall). He's insured and comes well recommended by one of our homeowners who reports that his snow removal service has been reliable and thorough. He does not, however, accept ad hoc calls. If you'd like to arrange a season long service, [click here](#) for his flyer. His phone number is 412-287-0728.

Next, we have a request from Ryan Eggleston, South Fayette Township Manager, for some feedback regarding a proposal offered in the Township's 2016 Draft Budget. The proposal addresses the huge need facing the Township for road paving coupled with the fact that there is not enough \$ to accomplish the task. Ryan knew that we here on Clubview have been lobbying for our road to be repaved, so he figured we might have an opinion or two about the proposal put forth in the Township Budget. Read on and see what you think. If you would like to comment on this proposal (be polite, please), email me at wenbellz@gmail.com and I'll forward your thoughts to Ryan. Here's the proposal...

2016 Draft Budget & "Pay for Pickup ... Pave the Roads"

The South Fayette Township administrative staff has submitted a \$9.7 million draft 2016 budget to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

Aware of the community's broad call for more road paving and repairs, but struggling with a lack of dedicated annual funds for maintaining township roads, the staff considered ways to increase road funding while avoiding any property tax increase or additional borrowing.

The result proposed by staff is Pay for Pickup ... Pave the Roads. Under the proposal, the township redirects money that's currently being used for waste collection and instead uses it for an annual road paving program. In 2016, approximately \$750,000 would be dedicated to the roads. The township's first-ever comprehensive road study recently showed the need for a total of \$32 million in road repairs township-wide.

Residents would pay directly for their own curbside trash/recycling/leaf/electronics pickup at a 2016 rate of \$17.91/month (billed as \$53.73 per quarter). Starting in 2016, Waste Management would bill residents

for the service, just like other utilities such as water, sewer and electric. Senior citizens age 66 and older who are owners and occupants of their home would receive free service, paid for by the township.

The Board of Commissioners may request revisions prior to final budget adoption, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the township building, 515 Millers Run Road. [End Proposal]

And finally, a quick reminder that our Light Up Night will be coming up soon... Saturday, December 12th. You should have received the flyer on this fabulous event in the mail in today's mail. You'll hear more about this event as we get closer to the 12th, but put it on your calendar now, please!

Monday, November 23, 2015: Well, November is certainly speeding along, isn't it?! And winter is now upon us to varying degrees (pun intended). So, this is time -- for those of you who have procrastinated -- to make sure that the inside supply of water to your outside spigots is turned off both in the back of your unit and the front. And have you had your furnace checked out yet? Might be a good idea to schedule that dryer vent clean-out, too. Awwwww, it can wait until after Thanksgiving, right?

If you have a veteran in your family or have had one, you might be interested to know that the annual holiday wreath laying event at the Alleghenies cemetery is scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at noon. Donna Luczko talked to the office at the cemetery and was informed to get there by 10:00am because it gets so crowded. If you want to donate, go to wreathsacrossamerica.org and use code PAN CAB for our cemetery. Speaking personally, I have a veteran who is buried at this cemetery and have attended one of these wreath laying events. It is an unbelievably moving event. If you are interested in going to this event, here is the website that has directions: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ncalleghenies.asp>.



Saturday, November 14, 2015: Sorrow and support for the people of Paris on this morning after.

There are several recyclable cans in foster care this morning after the big wind on garbage collection day. If you have lost one of these short, green cans, there are two that have been retrieved by your neighbors (Thanks go out to Donna and Pat). Touch base with Wendy at 412-596-6507 if you are missing yours. And this is probably a great time to remind folks to write your address (magic marker, paint, whatever) on your recyclables and regular garbage cans. They'll get back to you faster if you mark them with your street address.

The BIG news on the block, however, is the fact that this SUNDAY... TOMORROW... is the Steelers Party at Peg and Joe Testa's house. Starting at 12:30PM tomorrow, the festivities include: the game (of course) where we crush Cleveland, game day pot luck appetizers and dishes (the food is always WONDERFUL), neighborhood camaraderie, and our 50/50 (bring some money to get your squares before the game starts). Don't miss it. The Testa's always host a great party! Oh, and their address is 7063 Clubview.

Finally, a word to all of those of you who received new trees and bushes this fall. Please water them a LOT! You might see Turfmaster out there watering, but they can't water them enough to keep them alive through the winter. Rule of thumb is if it isn't frozen and it hasn't rained for a day, water 'em!! Please, each tree costs around \$300, with planting doubling that. We don't want to waste our investment in your front yard.

Wednesday, November 11, 2015: This is Veterans Day, a day of celebration for those in our Armed Forces who have or are currently serving. Thank you from all of us who enjoy the freedom and prosperity that you protect for us.

Also on tap for today is our Annual Homeowners Meeting at 7:00PM (pizza is served at 6:30PM compliments of the H.O.G. Social Committee!). This meeting will be held in the Senior Center, which is located at the rear of the South Fayette Township Municipal Building at 515 Millers Run Road. Don't miss this chance to hear -- all in one place -- everything that your Association is doing with your monthly assessments. At this meeting you will also vote to re-elect two of your hard working volunteer Board members, Fred Rapone and Kaye Cupples for another three year term. Got an idea, bring it! So, come out tonight, meet some neighbors, eat, and participate in your most local form of government... your Homeowners Association.

And have a great day!

PS. There is no change in garbage collection this week.

Thursday, October 29, 2015: Halloween is fast approaching. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood (or those who have just forgotten what we've done in past years), South Fayette Township's "Trick or Treat" night is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st from 6PM to 8PM. Weather looks good for the early evening (prediction: low of 49 overnight with considerable cloudiness, passing shower or two late; wind 6mph with gusts of 15mph), although a lot could change between now and then. Remember, H.O.G. homeowner/resident, if you are welcoming the costumed wee ones on Saturday, leave your front "man door" and garage lights on. If you'd rather not have Halloween visitors, leave your front and garage lights off. [NOTE: Did you know you can always get the weather report by clicking the "Weather" button on our website: www.hickoryonthegreen.com? The button is below the "Important News."]

DEADLINE ALERT!!! This is your last chance to reserve tickets for the Little Lake Theater's holiday production of A Tuna Christmas. You must call Bee at 412-220-8227 by October 30th (that's TOMORROW).

On another front, the upcoming Annual Homeowners Meeting for which you've already received notice will have to be rescheduled due to a last minute change in the South Fayette Township's Senior Center meeting room occupancy. Apparently the Commissioners need to hold a meeting on the very night of our AOM in the Senior Center. We will be mailing out a change of venue/date notice within a few days, so be on the lookout for it.

Our most recent events, last Saturday's Community Day Cleanup on Alpine and the Donation for Pets Collection, benefitting the Washington Area Humane Society's "no kill" shelter, were great successes. Alpine garbage collection yielded a lot of garbage bags filled with roadside detritus. And we also collected a lot of supplies, food and money for the shelter! So, thanks to all who helped to make our Donation Day and Clean Up such a success. We were able to turn over \$318.00 in cash and checks and a truckload of supplies for the shelter animals. And Alpine Road looks sparkly clean again. (at least for the time being). Don't forget to click on the photo collages below to see a larger version!

And our volunteer event photo collage maker Micheline Stabile has come up with yet another great capture of a H.O.G. event... this time it's the 2015 H.O.G. "Goodbye Summer" Hot Dog Social, held on September 23rd. It just gets better every year!

<Election Alert: Skip over this paragraph if you don't want to know which candidates are being endorsed by our local "regulate the drillers" group!!>

We don't want to be political on this website. Having said that, however, more than a few homeowners have in the past expressed gratitude for information related to the Marcellus Gas Well Drilling issue in our township, specifically the efforts to prohibit drilling near residential and school areas. The Friends of South Fayette (which has no affiliation with us whatsoever!) have endorsed the following candidates as having promised to protect our residential and school areas from drilling: Malosh, Horowitz, Pitetti and Rodi.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015: OMG!!! What was Verizon thinking?!?! Turfmaster, in preparation for tree planting, had placed a "ONE CALL" which in turn requests that utility companies visit the proposed dig site to mark their utility lines... normally with flags. Today, Verizon came out and marked their utility lines with orange paint... all over newly treated/replaced driveways and sidewalks. We would obviously (to us anyway) plant trees in the middle of driveways and sidewalks, so we are at a loss as to why Verizon would mark up such structures in response to the "ONE CALL." Suffice it to say that we are investigating and will attempt to get in touch with Verizon. OMG!!!

Our Annual Inspection will be occurring tomorrow, performed by CMP staff, so don't be surprised if you see our diligent CMP folks in your front and back yards. This inspection is a regular part of the contract that the Board has with CMP.

And don't forget the deadline for the Holiday Theater (call Bee at 412-220-8227 by October 30th); or our two events this weekend (Fall Cleanup on Alpine at 9AM; and the Pet Donation Day during which supplies can be donated from 9AM until 1PM at the entrance parking lot). All the details for these two events can be found in "Yesterday's News" on the "STUFF" page of this website (click on the button at the top of this page) or in your October Hickory Happenings.

Monday, October 19, 2015: EVENT ALERT!!!!!! Our Halloween Donation Day to "treat" the animals of our local Washington Humane Society "No Kill" Shelter is fast approaching, this coming Saturday, October 25th to be exact. The Clubview entrance parking lot will be designated as our donation center. Items for the Humane Shelter wish list (click here) may be dropped there between 9:00AM and 1:00PM on Saturday, October 25th. *Monetary donations may be dropped at the Clubview donation center on Saturday or at 7049 Clubview Drive in the*

envelop on the door any time during the week of October 19th. All donations will be delivered to the Shelter in the name of our community.

ANOTHER EVENT ALERT!!!! On the same day as our Halloween Donation Day, and meeting in the same location (Clubview entrance parking lot), is our community's Fall Cleanup Day. So come and join your neighborly volunteers on this coming Saturday, October 25th at 9:00AM, gathering at the entrance parking lot, to clean up the litter on Alpine Road. Litter pickup takes about an hour to an hour and a half. Refreshments will be served!

DEADLINE ALERT!!!! Don't forget that our holiday theater trip will occur on Friday, December 5th at Little Lake Theater featuring the holiday comedy *A Tuna Christmas*. If you are interested in buying a ticket, please call Bee Williams (7077) at 412-220-8227 by October 30th. The cost per ticket is \$20.00 payable in advance to Bee. Checks should be made out to Little Lake Theater and given to Bee by October 30th.

Check back tomorrow for our first ever Classified Ad!!

Tuesday, September 22, 2015: Now don't forget that the 8th Annual "Goodbye Summer" Hot Dog Social will occur TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd at 6:30PM at the Gazebo!!!! Just bring yourself, a neighbor if you can find one, family, kids, etc., and your appetite and a CHAIR, don't forget the chair (and a chair for everyone else you bring, too)! Lookin' forward to seeing you there!

Then after you pig out on the dogs tomorrow evening, you'll need a way to work off some of those extra calories. And we have just the thing for you. On Sunday, September 27th. Hickory on the Green residents, friends, and family will meet at 11:00AM at the Hendersonville Montour Trail Head (right off Washington Pike, or Morganza Road as it's known down in Henderson) at the Tandem Connection Bike Shop and Grill. Walk or bike as far as you wish or just sit and socialize. Meet again at 12:30PM at the Tandem Connection Grill for a great picnic lunch (the Tandem's BBQ lunches are mouthwatering!) or bring your own picnic fixin's. If you don't have your own bicycle, bikers can rent one at the Hendersonville concession for \$8.00 per hour. Soft drinks will be provided by the H.O.G. Social Committee. This event will either burn calories or add them, probably both! See you there, neighbor!

Sunday, September 20, 2015: Nice weather, huh? Well, guess what... it's supposed to last through Wednesday at least and that is just great news for our H.O.G. Social Committee members who have an absolutely FABULOUS "Goodbye Summer" Hot Dog Social Event planned for you. Yep! It's on this coming Wednesday, September 23rd, starting at 6:30PM at the Gazebo. It is an old fashioned weenie roast with a fire for roasting those dogs. Hot dogs, buns, condiments, yummy add-ons, beverages, tiki lanterns, and music will be provided compliments of the H.O.G. Social Committee. The only thing that you have to bring is a chair, an appetite and a desire to sit with your neighbors a while and enjoy the last days of summer/first days of fall. It's one of H.O.G. neighbors' favorite events, so bring a neighbor, your kids and have a good time.

Now, on a completely different topic, the H.O.G. Development Committee, with the expert help

of our CMP Assistant Manager Sarah N. Perry, has published its first H.O.G. Homeowner Directory. It will arrive in your mailbox in the near future. Another milestone reached in our quest for a perfect community!

Finally, don't forget to drive more slowly on our Clubview Drive. We are witnessing and hearing about more and more "close calls" with reckless speeding on our road. Please remember, everyone backs out onto Clubview when they leave their homes. Kids play on our street. People walk their pooches and walk for exercise on Clubview. Don't be the cause of a tragedy! Slow down. And thank you for being a good neighbor.

Wednesday, September 9, 2015: Did you remember that the garbage collection this week will be delayed until Friday????? That means do NOT put out your garbage this evening. Put it out Thursday evening. This delay is due to the Labor Day Holiday this past Monday.

And now, a Word From Our Landscaping Committee Co-Chairperson, Diane Gallagher

Homeowners,

To answer many of the questions of our homeowners, especially those who are new (or new to the landscaping regulations), we thought it would be a helpful idea to list some of the answers to questions we've been asked and misconceptions we've heard, along with the regulations that guide our landscaping program activities. First let me say that any time you have a question, please feel free to call me at 412-221-4994 or email me at dianejg@comcast.net. [Or Jerry Schmier, our other co-chair at CFalo@comcast.net]

TURFMASTER AND THE INDIVIDUAL H.O.G. HOMEOWNER

Turf Master has a contract with the H.O.G. Association. Turf Master deals directly with Community Management Professionals, LLC (our property management company, "CMP") and the H.O.G. Landscaping Committee. We ask that all homeowners... (see STUFF on the website for a copy of Diane's document).

Larger Community "Heads Up": The Canonsburg Police will collect expired prescription drugs at the Canonsburg Shop N Save (617 W Pike St, Canonsburg, PA 15317) Cross Streets: Between E Pike St and McBurney Rd) on this coming Saturday, September 12th from 10AM to 2PM.

Tuesday, September 8, 2015: If you are "crafty" and are looking for some fun folks with whom to exercise your talents, join Creative Hands, one of our H.O.G. Interest Groups. Recently, the Creative Hands gathered at The Pottery Place to make some magic. Check out the photos of their handiwork below. Contact: Donna Luczko (luczko1@comcast.net, 412-564-5063); Cindy Clooney (cindy.cooney@verizon.net, 412-559-2844); or Shari Valicenti (vals29@verizon.net, 412-831-9707) to join the group.

For the "overlooking the golf course unit" homeowners who must replace the large "half circle top" window in the back wall of your unit, I have an excellent company to recommend for the job. Legacy Remodeling, Inc. (3900 West Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216; 412-341-1933. They use Restorations Windows for their replacements. The installer comes out and

measures, then orders. They have a variety of glass types to choose from. The installation was painless and clean (I covered EVERYTHING anticipating a real mess; probably could have gotten away with covering nothing!). The guys were pleasant and responsive to my questions and requests. The window looks fabulous and will probably outlast my home. Got their name from Bee and Leon Williams who were equally impressed and pleased with the work that this company did for them. If you want to learn more about the Sunrise Restorations Window, check out their website:

<http://www.restorationswindows.com/restory.html>.

Sunday, September 6, 2015: Happy September, everyone!! Don't forget to appreciate this nice, hot weather during the day and the cool weather at night... 'cause snow, ice and wind are just around the corner. Water your plants during this dry spell (just a reminder).

The "alerts" that I've been receiving from South Fayette Township telling me about the storm-induced power outages and resulting traffic signal outages at the corner of Rt. 50 and Washington Pike/I-79 today made me realize that everyone should be getting these alerts! You can actually sign up to get them from the Township yourself. Go to the Township's website, look for the little, ringing bell icon and click on it. You have a variety of alerts that you can sign up for, so that you don't have to receive all of them. Here's the website address:
<http://southfayettepa.com/>

Today is the grand announcement of the launching of our very own H.O.G. "Classified Ads." Homeowner Mary Jo Gross (412-914-8267; or email: h.o.g.classifiedads@gmail.com) is managing this great service for our community. Click here to see the instructions for placing an ad as well as how much it will cost. Please note that ads will not be included in the October issue of the newsletter, because it is being developed now for early publication this month. Ads placed now, however, will be posted on the website with accompanying email alert to the community.

Friday, August 14, 2015: You've probably noticed that the Township's contractor has started the resurfacing work on our Clubview Drive. Today's work will consist of the emulsion coating and the first layer of gravel. This first application has to sit a few days, so there will be no work on the weekend. On Monday, however, they will sweep up excess chips and then lay down a second layer of a different size gravel. Then probably mid-week if the weather holds, they will coat the whole surface with a new product intended to bind all the gravel even more firmly into the road surface. SFT tells us that this new coating will make the roadway look like it has been paved, i.e., it's black. This top coating cures in about 15-20 minutes, so it shouldn't cause any problems with the cars. SFT assured us that the contractors will try to accommodate residents who are trying to leave or return home during this process. In the end, the road surface should be better than it is now. If you have further questions, feel free to contact South Fayette Township at:

Mike Benton, Engineer 412-221-8700, ext. 29
Ryan Eggleston, Manager 412-221-8700

Saturday, August 1, 2015: Happy August, everyone! Isn't it amazing how fast this summer is going? Nice weather though.

Read about the news and people around South Fayette Township in the Fall 2015 issue of our newsletter, now available online: <http://southfayettepa.com/DocumentCenter/View/1099>

And here's the proof that H.O.G.'ers have more fun! Thanks, Micheline, for another one of your great photo collages (seen below)... this one is of the photos taken at our recent Volunteers Appreciation Potluck Picnic. So much food, so little time! [NOTE: To see this photo, go to the "PHOTOS" page of the website.

Wednesday, July 29, 2015: This is from South Fayette Township's website alert system: "The township is unable to accept electronics recycling, such as TVs and computer equipment, until Tues. Aug. 18 because our collection facility is currently full. Thanks for your patience." The recycling website is:

<http://southfayettepa.com/203/Trash-Recycling-Electronics-Recycling>

And speaking of the SFT recycling website, the following information may be useful to those of us who have lost their recycling cans, want additional cans, or are new to the neighborhood and need cans. "The first recycling bin is free. Additional bins are \$10 each. Recycling bins are available at the township building, 515 Millers Run Road, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday)." [Our NOTE: You don't need special cans, by the way; the recycling people will pick up cans that are clearly labeled "Recyclables."]

The driveway sealing/asphalting is going well! The Smith Asphalt Co. folks were here today and picked up a few jobs for tomorrow (Thursday). Each day they work here, more people approach them to get an estimate and schedule their jobs. These guys are good at what they do, pretty speedy in getting the job done, decently priced and just plain nice guys. Many thanks and humble apologies to those homeowners who are displaced from their parking spots in the visitors parking lot where Smith has been parking their equipment while they do work here. Thanks to homeowner Ron Perella (7031) for his continued involved on our behalf with this contractor.

Now, a word about the condition and future of Clubview Drive... You may have read recently that Clubview Drive is one of the many South Fayette Township roads to receive resurfacing attention this summer. We have been talking at length to South Fayette Township Manager Ryan Eggleston about our road project. As recently as the beginning of this week we emailed Ryan asking that our project be delayed because some in our neighborhood were concerned that the planned "tar and chips" was an inappropriate application in a residential setting. Our request for a delay was paired with a repeated request to schedule our street for asphalt repaving in the near future. We'd rather wait for the asphalt.

Ryan called back yesterday. Unfortunately the contract has been signed with the resurfacing contractor and the schedule for work has been set. In other words, the Township will "resurface" our road with the emulsion (not tar) and chips within the next several weeks. We've been told by Butch Truitt, Director of SFT Public Works, that the road will "be resurfaced with a seal coating that will look like pavement." According to both Ryan and Butch, this treatment is not like the "tar and chips" of old. And when done, after the chips have had a chance to adhere, the contract calls for the contractor to return to sweep up the excess stone and cart it away.

Several other bits of information were offered by Ryan, who understands our concerns (no sidewalks, people walk dogs, nobody wants tar... er, emulsion... splattered on the sides of their cars, etc.):

--First of all, SFT residents pay a lot of taxes, most of which go to the schools, a small portion comes to the Township for Police protection and maintenance of roads, etc.

--Second, previous administrations had delayed road maintenance for years. The result is that now the asphalt money is going to the worst roads. Ours is not considered in bad condition compared to others in the township. Ryan said that he has about \$300,000 to spend on roads this year. He said that the Township really needs to spend a million. It's a problem.

--Third, it's quite likely that our road will not be scheduled for asphalt replacement for quite some years... at least three or four, if that. The Township needs to do some treatment to preserve the asphalt that we have so that we make it further into the future and this emulsion and chip "resurfacing" is what they can do.

--Finally, Ryan told us that if a homeowner experiences "emulsion" on his/her car, he/she should get in contact with the Township, which has considerable experience in "emulsion" removal. We thought that this offer was pretty nice.

Our best guess is that we'll have a mess on our hands for a week or so and then it will be a pleasant improvement in our road surface... not perfect, but something. If you want to do something constructive about this situation, pay a visit to the Township Commissioners meeting and tell them to actually budget money for road asphaltting (it is not now budgeted, rather pieced together from a variety of accounts) and that you're ok with a modest tax increase if it goes to road work!

Tuesday, July 28, 2015: A number of you have asked to be included in the Driveway Asphalt Homeowners Project. This is a heads up for you then. The Smith Asphalt Company will be in the neighborhood again tomorrow (Wednesday, July 29th) if you want to stop by and talk to them about your driveway. They do sealing, patching, asphalt top coats as well as complete driveway reconstruction. We know for sure that they will be at 7049 in the morning tomorrow.

[NOTE: They are so busy that you have to catch them in person to make arrangements!!!]

We all had a great time at the Volunteers Appreciation Potluck Picnic in Jerri's back yard. There was so much food that folks took it home! Thanks for your hospitality, Jerri; and thanks again to all of the volunteers who make this neighborhood so special! [Photo collage to follow.]

Sunday, July 19, 2015: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette offers a nice savings for seniors. It just takes a phone call to the Post-Gazette (1-800-228-6397). They send you a form to return with a copy of your PA Driver's License. Thanks to Linda Wilmot (7001) for passing this info along to all of us!

Remember that blurb in the Newsletter that requested a volunteer to manage "For Sale" notices on the website and the newsletter? Well, Mary Jo Gross (7089) stepped up and offered to collect the ad content and \$3/per ad if and when anybody in the neighborhood has something to sell to anyone else in the neighborhood. We're working on how this will work. Watch this space for an update with details. Thanks, Mary Jo!

And last but not least, please get your RSVP for the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on Sunday, July 26th into Jerri Altenhof. Today is the LAST day for RSVPs!! Jerri can be reached at 412-257-2957.

Saturday, July 18, 2015: Welcome to our new website. It's still pretty sparse, which will change over time of course. Different pages are listed as 'clickable' links at the top of this page, so don't miss them. There is no "members only" version of this website. What you see is what

everyone gets (that membership stuff was a pain!). As usual, all suggestions are welcome. Feel free to email me at wenbellz@gmail.com.

Friday, July 10, 2105: Lots of news today, some of this, some of 'dat! So let's get started!

We need folks to RSVP to Jerri Altenhof at 412-257-2957 as soon as possible regarding planned attendance to the H.O.G. Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Picnic on Sunday, July 26th. It's going to be a great event with home cooking (that's where the potluck comes in) and all of the folks who donate so selflessly as well as those who appreciate all that hard work attending. Don't forget now.

Next, you may remember a form that was sent out to you by Sarah at CMP. The form was titled: "2015 Hickory on the Green Resident Directory Update Form." It contained data about you and your property from CMP files that will be included in our H.O.G. Homeowners Directory that will be published in August. The deadline for return of this form was July 2nd, but we've extended it for a few more days until Wednesday, July 15th so that everyone can get their form back into CMP with his/her desired corrections, deletions and/or additions. Note: if you don't return the form, the information on the form will appear in the directory as is. If you've lost your form, contact Sarah at 412-279-9280, ext. 260 or email her at SNPerry@cmpmgt.com.