

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

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Monday, September 9, 2024: Hey, neighbors!!! Hasn't this September weather been glorious??!! Must be time for our fall event schedule of events to kick in. Well, you are in luck!

We are announcing (for the second time) the ANNUAL H.O.G. BONFIRE and FOOD DRIVE event. This popular gathering is scheduled for Friday, September 13 at 6PM at the Gazebo. There will be eats (hot dogs and smores), drinks (light refreshments), a fire, and lots of great conversation. We will also be collecting non-perishable food and supplies for SHIM as we have done in past years. Click here for the flyer for this event which lists the most needed items.

Hope to see you there because this event brings out the best in all of us.

On another topic of importance, have you noticed the new "Community News" message board that has been erected at the entrance? This recently completed project is a remarkable community effort spearheaded by our H.O.G. Social Committee (most notably Donna Luczko) and our H.O.G Board of Directors. It was implemented by the extraordinarily talented homeowners Dave Voigt and Donny McGrady. The task of updating the sign has been graciously undertaken by homeowner Krista Baselj Stanley. And a hearty thanks must also go out to homeowners Jack and Ruthve Patel for their approval to install the sign on their property. Watch this sign for notices of our upcoming events and any other important things you need to know!

Saturday, August 3, 2024: Well, here we all are in August, 2024. Amazing, right? At this time during the dog days of summer, games are front and center in our community's schedule of social activities. Get your calendar out because you won't want to miss our annual H.O.G. Game Day on Sunday, August 11th at 2PM, which is coming up sooner than you think... next weekend!

Our Social Committee and some really generous neighbors of ours at the gazebo on Clubview invite you to join us for some fun outdoor games like bocce, cornhole and kan jam. We will be meeting in the backyard

areas of 7054, 7056 and 7058 Clubview Dr (behind the gazebo). Please feel free to bring any outdoor games you would like to play with your neighbors! Pizza, snacks and refreshments will be provided. Friends and family are all welcome to attend!

Wednesday, June 12, 2024: It's time to gather again for eats and conversation with neighbors!! Yes, our Social Committee has scheduled a Neighbor Night Supper at the Alpine Club, click here for the flyer. Residents, friends, and family are all invited to gather at the Alpine Club for supper on Friday, June 28th at 6PM! The Alpine Club will be serving pizza, wings and hoagies. The cost will be \$15 per person (CASH ONLY and this does not include tip, which we hope you'll generously include on your own). There will also be a cash bar. Children are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by Monday, June 24th to hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com. Be there or be square! LOL

We recently held our annual Ice Cream Social... and this year a fun Driveway Chalk Drawing Contest. Attendees and contestants had a great time and consumed a lot of really delicious and remarkably diverse selection of frozen treats (most excellent, Social Committee!!). Click here for a photo montage of the driveway chalk drawings that were on display for this event (also added to our Photo Gallery below). Thanks to all who participated.

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[And don't forget that you can access past postings on our "Stuff" page or by clicking here.]

Sunday, May 26, 2024: Event Announcement!!! Ice Cream Social and Driveway Chalk Drawing Contest, Sunday, June 9th, 4PM

Our H.O.G. Social Committee has outdone itself this time. Definitely reserve Sunday, June 9th on your calendar and get out (or buy) your colored chalk, because.... We are holding a driveway chalk drawing contest! We are asking neighbors to decorate their driveways with chalk to help celebrate the beginning of summer. Judges will walk the neighborhood around 3pm on Sunday, June 9th and the winners will be announced around 4:30pm at the gazebo during the ice cream social. Prizes will be awarded to the best driveways!

Please join us for a variety of frozen treats at the gazebo around 4pm!

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there! Water will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice to enjoy or share with your neighbors. Also, please do not forget to bring your lawn chairs to sit down and enjoy some downtime with your neighbors. Click here for the flyer for this event.

Friday, March 22, 2024: Give a click to our March issue of our community's newsletter, Hickory Happenings, March 2024 Issue.

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Wednesday, January 3, 2024: Well, neighbors, welcome to 2024. Isn't that amazing! Just wanted to let you know that all of that donating in the fall of 2023 was greatly appreciated by the Washington Area Humane Society's No Kill Shelter and the Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA. Each of these worthy organizations sent our community a heartfelt thankyou. Click here to see them.

As we face forward into the coming year, let's not forget that we have more in common than than we have different. Give a wave and smile to that neighbor you pass.

And the holiday season may be over for a lot of us, but there is still one more holiday out there.

January 15: Makar Sankranti is a Hindu holiday that celebrates the deity Surya (Sun) to mark the first day of the sun's transit into Makara rashi (transition of the sun from the zodiac of Sagittarius to Capricorn or the beginning of the return to Spring). This festival is celebrated throughout India and it is known by different names in different regions. In Tamil Nadu, a region in southern India, the Makara Sankranti coincides with Pongal, a four-day harvest festival, January 15-18 this year.

Friday, December 15, 2023: Good news, neighbors! We are happy to announce that our holiday donation efforts collected 25 gift cards totaling \$680.00. The cards and the 48 Mary Kay hand creams will be delivered to the Washington Women's Shelter folks this coming Friday. Thanks to all who contributed to a merrier holiday season for a lot of kids and their moms. NOTE: The official name for the Women's Shelter is the Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA.

Also good news was that once again our Holiday Gathering at the Alpine Club was a huge success. Food was great, desserts were VERY rich and the chat amongst neighbors was wonderful. Thanks as always to our Social Committee members and Co-Chairs (Michelle and Stephanie) for their efforts in capping off a great year of events.

This is the holiday season! Holidays have different meanings and hold differing importance to those observing them. Here are some of the holidays that our homeowners and residents may be celebrating. [NOTE: Please forgive any failure on the part of this editor to fully capture the significance/meaning of the holidays listed below... space and time mandate brevity.]

November 12: Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights with its variations also celebrated in other Indian religions. It symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".

December 7 – 15: Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE. It celebrates the triumph of light over darkness and freedom to worship.

December 8: Bodhi Day is the Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment, also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali.

December 26 – January 1: Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African-American culture from December 26 to January 1, culminating in a communal feast called Karamu, usually on the sixth day. It was created by activist Maulana Karenga, based on African harvest festival traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa.

December 25: Christmas is an annual Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

Thursday, December 7, 2023: At the Annual Owners Meeting last week, new officers were elected for the different Board of Directors functions for 2024 (effective immediately), as follows: President, Cindy Cooney; Vice President, Wendy Bell; Treasurer, Carol Falo Schmier; Secretary, Betty Voight; Director at Large, Krista Stanley. The meeting was a success by all standards. Reports were given, questions raised, dialogue followed, pizza was consumed. Thanks to all who attended and participated in the governing of our wonderful community.

If you get a chance, drive past the Gazebo at night. Thanks to all who decorated! It was a fun event with yummy snacks, and the resulting sparkly Gazebo is wonderful.

Do you remember a donation opportunity sponsored by new homeowner Ginny Granke-Kimberland? She offered a great chance to do some good this holiday season with her Annual "Adopt a Grandparent" program, now in its twelfth year. Ginny, who is a Senior Sales Director at Mary Kay Cosmetics in the Greater Pittsburgh Region, told us that the program involves providing fragrance-free hand cream to area residents of senior living facilities. Well, she collected from her fellow neighbors here at H.O.G., throwing in her own additional contributions, so that we have over 40 hand creams to give to the Womens Center and Shelter of Southwestern PA when we drop off our Gift Cards this year! Thanks, Ginny. And just an additional note, Ginny's program has provided hundreds of hand creams to at least four different senior living facilities this year. We applaud her generous efforts.

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Our community is inclusive and welcoming to all regardless of differences. Happy holiday season, all!

Below is the list of events remaining for the year. [Click here for a handy flyer](#) that contains all of the info you need. Hope to see you at these great events.

Holiday Gathering - Friday, December 8th at 6pm at the Alpine Club (if you RSVP'd)

Holiday Gift Card Drive – at Holiday Gathering or envelop at 7049

Sunday, November 19, 2023: Prepare yourselves for a busy holiday season here in the neighborhood. Below are a listing of the events coming up in December as well as the opportunity to buy luminaria for the street in front of your property. [Click here for a handy flyer](#) that contains all of the info you need. Hope to see you at these great events.

Decorate the Gazebo - Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Gazebo for the Holidays. We will be meeting on Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm at the Gazebo.

Holiday Gathering - Friday, December 8th at 6pm

Please join us for our annual holiday gathering and to wish your neighbors the joy of the season! This year we will be meeting at the Alpine Club on Friday, December 8th at 6pm. The Alpine Club will be serving Roasted Chicken. The cost will be \$15 per person (CASH ONLY and this does not include tip). There will also be a cash bar. Please RSVP by December 1st to hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com.

Holiday Gift Card Drive – at Annual Meeting & Holiday Gathering

We will be collecting gift cards for our annual gift card drive for the Women's Shelter. If you wish to participate, please bring a gift card of any denomination from one of the big box stores such as Walmart, Kohls, Target, Giant Eagle etc. We will assemble a gift bag of cards from our HOG community and deliver to the shelter. We will be collecting cards at the Annual Meeting and Holiday Gathering.

Luminaria Kits For Sale - USC Band & Orchestra Parents Association (USCBOPA)

We've received word from the Upper St. Clair Band Parents group that it will be selling its Luminaria kits for the holiday of your choice. The kits can be ordered on the USC Band & Orchestra Parents Association (USCBOPA) website at www.uscbpa.org through Wednesday, November 29th. Each luminaria kit includes 12 candles, 12 bags, and sand. Kits are made by USCHS students and families and will be delivered on Saturday, December 2nd. The sales help support music in our schools and benefit all instrumental students. Bulk pricing for 50 or more kits and business sponsorships are also available.

Finally, please don't forget that our *Annual Owners Meeting* precedes all of these events... Wednesday, November 29, at 6:30PM (pizza and beverages); 7PM (meeting); at the Hunting Ridge Meeting Facility at 401 Meeting House Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017. If you don't plan to attend, please send in your proxy form that you can find in the AOM packet mailed to you this month (send to derrick@cmamgt.com).

Thursday, November 9, 2023: Available now on our NEWSLETTERS tab... the November issue of our newsletter Hickory Happenings. Enjoy!

Here's the quick list of the remaining events this year:

- Annual Meeting, Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30PM (pizza, salad, beverages); 7PM (meeting); at the Hunting Ridge Meeting Facility

[NOTE: All homeowners should have already received an Annual Meeting mailing with details..]

- Decorate the Gazebo, Sun, Dec. 3 at 3PM, Gazebo

- Holiday Gathering, Friday, Dec. 8, at 6PM, Alpine Club

Thursday, October 26: Here's the outcome of our donation collection on behalf of the Washington Area Humane Society's No-Kill Shelter this past week. Below is the text of the letter given to the Shelter in the name of our community:

"Each fall our community, Hickory on the Green in South Fayette, holds a Halloween Donation Drive to benefit the animals of the Washington Area Humane Society Shelter. This year we requested wish list items, checks and cash that could be used to buy needed supplies for the animals. Enclosed please find checks in the amount of \$255.00-(8 checks); 1-\$50.00 Petsmart Gift card; and \$200.00 (cash), for a total of \$505.00 plus various donated items and supplies, estimated at \$300.00.

Thank you for the work you do to benefit needy animals in the area."

On behalf of the H.O.G. Social Committee and the Board of Directors, thank you for your generosity.

Friday, October 13, 2023: Every year around this time Hickory on the Green sponsors a collection of supplies and monetary donations to benefit the Washington Area Humane Society's Shelter. The Shelter's humane philosophy of providing shelter, safety, and food for orphaned and abused animals with

the goal of placing them in loving homes is one that our animal loving residents have always had a desire to support.

This year we will be collecting donations for the Washington Area Humane Society on Saturday, October 21st from 9am- noon by the front entrance parking lot. Cash and checks made out to the Washington Area Humane Society will be received that day. A list of their most needed items is on the second page of the event flyer (click here). We will deliver all contributions in the name of Hickory on the Green Community.

So... stop by on the morning of October 21st and drop off your contributions to this worthy cause. Oh, and if you cannot make it during the Donation Day drop off times, you're in luck. Supplies donations can be dropped off in front of the garage at 7049 Clubview and monetary donations can be dropped into an envelop hanging on the front door at 7049 Clubview no later than the morning of Monday, October 23rd.

Thursday, September 28, 2023: We are pleased to announce our next great event offered by our H.O.G. Community Service Committee and our H.O.G. Social Committee... our Annual H.O.G. Community Clean Up event. This event is coming up quickly on Saturday, October 7th. Everyone should show up at 9:00AM at the Clubview Drive entrance parking lot. You'll team up with other H.O.G. folks and collect all the litter along Alpine Road. It's a great way to meet your neighbors, spend some time in the great outdoors, and spruce up our environment at the same time. Hope to see everyone turn out for this worthwhile effort. Click here for the flyer.

Below are the events scheduled for the rest of the year by our intrepid Social Committee. Flyers with the details will be added to the Events page as they are developed.

Here's the quick list of the remaining events this year:

Clean Up on Alpine, Sat., Oct. 7, at 9AM, Entrance Lot (flyer)
Donation Day for Animal Shelter, Sat., Oct. 21, 9AM-noon, Entrance Lot
Holiday Gathering, Sun, Dec. 3 at 3PM, Gazebo

Tuesday, September 5, 2023: It's that time of year again! On Friday, September 15th at 6pm at the Gazebo, our community will be holding its annual Bonfire/Hot Dog Social/Food Drive! Please join us for a festive bonfire by the Gazebo where we will bid a fond farewell to summer! We will have hot dogs, s'mores and light refreshments! We will also be collecting non-perishable food and supplies for SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement). Please help us support our local food bank while enjoying some time with your neighbors! Bring your chair and an appetite.

Click here for the flyer for specific items most needed by the SHIM folks. Thanks to our intrepid Social Committee members for their work in keeping us connected as a community. See you there!

And in case you missed the last posting, below are the events scheduled for the rest of the year by our intrepid Social Committee. Flyers with the details will be added to the Events page as they are developed.

Here's the quick list of the remaining events this year:
Bonfire Night/Food Drive, Fri., Sept. 15, at 6PM - Gazebo (flyer)
Clean Up on Alpine, Sat., Oct. 7 at 9AM, Entrance Lot
Donation Day for Animal Shelter, Sat., Oct. 21, 9AM-noon, Entrance Lot
Holiday Gathering, Sun, Dec. 3 at 3PM, Gazebo

Saturday, August 12, 2023: Here's a great event to add to your calendar if you are a game loving neighbor! On Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 3PM, we will hold our Hickory on the Green GAME DAY! Yep, you heard it right. Game Day will be held in the back yards of homeowners of 7054, 7056, 7056. As the flyer shows, games have been planned and games you bring will be added. And, Yo!, pizza will be served for hungry gamsters.

Tuesday, July 25, 2023: Great news, neighbors! We would like to introduce to you our newest Board of Directors member, Krista Stanley. She was voted on by the Board of Directors to fill David Carroll's term upon David's retirement from the Board last week. A big thank you to David for his many years of service to this community and a warm welcome to Krista!

Also, we just updated the Events Page with the events scheduled for the rest of the year by our intrepid Social Committee. Flyers with the details will be added to the Events page as they are developed.

Here's the quick list of the events:

Game Day, Sun., Aug. 27 at 3PM

Bonfire Night/Food Drive, Fri., Sept. 15, at 6PM - Gazebo

Donation Day for Animal Shelter, Sat., Oct. 21, 9AM-noon, Entrance Lot

Clean Up on Alpine, Date TBD at 9AM, Entrance Lot

Holiday Gathering, Sun, Dec. 3 at 3PM, Gazebo

And don't forget that the July issue of Hickory Happenings, our community's newsletter, was recently published. Click [here](#) to read the newsletter. Or you can always find current and past issues by clicking on the Newsletters tab.

Our Neighbor Night Supper held on June 30th at the Alpine Club was a smashing success with many of our neighbors showing up for great food and even better chat.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023: Good news, literally! The July issue of Hickory Happenings, our community's newsletter, has just been published and is ready to be consumed! Click [here](#) to read the newsletter. Or you can always find current and past issues by clicking on the Newsletters tab.

Our Neighbor Night Supper is still scheduled for June 30th at 6:00PM at the Alpine Club. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

For your reference, we are repeating the posting for this summer concert schedule for the amphitheater at South Park. Click [here](#) to see the schedule. How about getting together with your neighbors and/or family members to attend a few of these performances.

Monday, June 12, 2023: Nothing signals a return to normal life more than a Neighbor Night Supper, which has been scheduled for June 30th at 6:00PM at the Alpine Club. Residents, friends, and family are all invited to gather at the Alpine Club for supper! The Alpine Club will be serving pizza, wings and hoagies. The cost will be \$15 per person (CASH ONLY and this does not include tip). There will also be a cash bar. Children are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by June 23rd to hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com [Remember, don't click on what looks like this email link; you need to copy and paste the address into your own email program... sorry.]. For those of you new or newish to the

neighborhood, Neighbor Night Suppers have long been a great H.O.G. way to meet your neighbors and eat great food! Alpine Club is a private club except on Fridays when they open their doors to non-members for dinner. Don't forget to RSVP!!!! Click here for the flyer.

For your reference, we are repeating the posting for this summer concert schedule for the amphitheater at South Park. Click here to see the schedule. How about getting together with your neighbors and/or family members to attend a few of these performances.

Thursday, May 11, 2023: My how time flies when the sun is shining, right?

Our Social Committee has been hard at work planning activities for the year so stay tuned to this website for details when they become available.

In the meanwhile, they have asked that we post this great summer concert schedule for the amphitheater at South Park. Click here to see the schedule. How about getting together with your neighbors and/or family members to attend a few of these performances.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023: ALERT... ALERT... ALERT!! EVENT CANCELED!!

Please be advised that our Spring Alpine Road Cleanup Event, scheduled for Saturday, has been canceled.

Information regarding Fred Rapone's visitation hours (Friday) and memorial service (Saturday) can be found on Beinhauer's website (Rt. 19 facility): <https://www.beinhauer.com/memorials/frederick-rapone/5185336/index.php>

Wednesday, January 11, 2023: Happy New Year, Neighbors!! Can you remember to write "2023"?

Just a quick update today to let you know that the [2023 Schedule for garbage and recycling](#) has been posted in the links below. Our street is still scheduled for Thursday pickups except for the special holidays as noted on the schedule.

It's also time to remove your holiday decorations according to our Association's Rules. Thanks as always for your cooperation!

Wednesday, December 7, 2022: Happy Holiday Season!

We officially launched our season here in the 'hood with our annual Holiday Gathering, which was held this past Sunday, December 4. Attendees enjoyed a bonfire, which was essential given the cool winter temps, as well as the impressive array of cookies and hot chocolate. Energetic homeowner volunteers also decorated the Gazebo with festive, colored lights and wreaths.

Also in combination with the Holiday Celebration, we collected gift card donations for the Domestic Violence Services of Western PA - Southern Region, which benefits abused women and children in our area. This year we were thrilled that our community donated a total of 30 gift cards amounting to \$705.00. This will certainly help to brighten the holidays for 30 women and children. We know the agency is going to be amazed and grateful at the size of our contribution.

Such a great way to kick off the holiday season!

In other news, on November 30th, the Association held its Annual Owners Meeting (AOM) as dictated by our Covenants. This meeting was held via Zoom. The past year's business of the Association was reported by the Board and Committee Chairs. The 2023 Budget that held the line on monthly assessments was acknowledged. Homeowners voted to approve a Review of 2022 Finances. Homeowner comments were heard at the conclusion of the meeting. In addition to new Board member Betty Voight (appointed by the Board earlier this fall), homeowners voted to appoint Carol Falo Schmier to the Board position that had been vacant this year. After the meeting, officers were selected by the Board in executive session, as follows: President, Wendy Bell; Vice President, David Carroll; Secretary, Cindy Cooney; Treasurer, Carol Falo Schmier; and Director, Betty Voight. Thanks to all who make it happen by volunteering their valuable time and energy... Board members, Committee Chairpersons, Committee members and all volunteers. Thanks also to Aimee Hennemuth Rogowski, Carl Wilkinson and all of the folks at CMA for their excellent and professional support of our Association.

Finally, the Landscape Committee requests that homeowners refrain from putting holiday decorations on lawn areas and confine them to planting beds so that any landscaping activities may proceed unimpeded and do not damage newly seeded yard areas.

Now don't forget to check out the photos of our Holiday Gathering below in our [Photo Gallery!](#)

Monday, November 21, 2022: Who knew that November would be zooming past so quickly!

Soon it will be Annual Homeowners Meeting time. Remember that the AOM will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00. You must email Carl at CMA to get the link. Don't forget to drop off your complete Proxy form at 7049 Clubview if you do not plan to attend the meeting!!!

Get your calendars out! Our intrepid H.O.G. Social Committee has solidified plans for the holiday celebration in the 'hood. On Sunday, December 4th at 3PM at the Gazebo, we will hold our annual H.O.G. Holiday Gathering. Please join us for our annual holiday gathering and to wish your neighbors the joy of the season! We will have a bonfire and provide cookies and hot chocolate. Please come celebrate with us and bring a chair to join your neighbors around the bonfire. We will also be decorating the Gazebo for the holiday season and lighting up our Gazebo and entrance luminaries (see below for more info on luminaries). Click here for the flyer that you can print off and post on your fridge so you don't forget!

Every year in combination with the Holiday Celebration, H.O.G. collects gift card donations for the Domestic Violence Services of Western PA - Southern Region, which benefits abused women and children in our area. Gift cards that provide the full amount of donation are from big box and grocery stores such as Giant Eagle, Kohls, Walmart, Target, etc. [By the way, you can get extra Perks from Giant Eagle purchases this week.] Please do not donate Visa or debit cards. The Social Committee will be collecting the cards at the December 4th Holiday Gathering OR they can be deposited in an envelop at 7049 from from November 27th until December 4th. [You do not have to donate to this cause in order to attend the Holiday Gathering.]

It is our tradition during this time of year to display luminaries around our Gazebo and at the entrance to Clubview Drive. Many homeowners light up luminaries along the street in front of their houses as well as we celebrate our own community's informal "Light Up Night" on the evening of our Holiday Gathering, this year on December 4. Many of us save the luminaries and put them back out on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in participating in this tradition, below is some information about obtaining luminaries from the Band Parents supporting the Upper St. Clair Marching Band. Alternatively, some of us have bought

reusable, battery powered luminaries on Amazon. Whichever you choose, it's a festive tradition that lights up our street beautifully.

Upper St. Clair Band Parents Association Luminary Sale:

Orders may be placed at: uscbpa.org

Order Deadline - Monday November 28, 2022

Deliveries - December 3 - 4, 2022

Orders placed after November 28 must be picked up. Please contact fundraising@uscbpa to arrange pickup

Cost:

1 kit for \$15 or 2 kits for \$25

(kit includes 12 candles, bags & sand)

[NOTE: H.O.G. does not benefit from the sale of the Upper St. Clair Band Parents luminaries; this information is shared simply as a courtesy to our homeowners.]

We periodically update our community's Resource Guide with referrals to services and contractors that members of our community want to recommend. Below is one such referral. The Guide, which resides on the website, has also been updated. If you have someone you'd like to refer to your neighbors, drop me an email.

Resource Guide Update:

Rodney Hendl Heating and Cooling

Service, Sales, and Installation

405 Cecil Henderson Road Canonsburg, PA 15317

724-350-1043

We got 3 bids on replacing the furnace and air conditioning and Rodney's quote was the lowest by \$900. He and his crew installed the Lennox units quickly and professionally and everything is working without any problems. [Homeowner Mary Lynn Callahan, 7075]

And finally, check out the photos in our Gallery. We've added the pics of dropping off our donations for the animals at the Washington Area Humane Society. They were so grateful to get our delivery! They do good work at this great facility.

Saturday, October 8, 2022: Make sure to put the following on your calendar for October!! The Social Committee and Community Service Committee combine forces to present the Hickory on the Green Annual Donation Day for Animal Shelter and Clean Up Day, Saturday, October 22, 2022 starting at 9:00AM at the Clubview entrance parking lot. Please consider contributing one hour of your time to help our litter clean-up efforts along Alpine Road. HOG volunteers will meet at the HOG guest parking area closest to the entry way at 9:00 am. We really need everyone's help! It will make you feel good to know that you are helping your neighbors, your community, and your Planet!

Combined with the clean-up activities is the collection of donations (money and goods) for the animals at the Washington Area Humane Society No-Kill Center. [Click here](#) for the event flyer that lists the donation items the shelter most needs (page 3). All those critters as well as the folks who care for them would be mighty grateful for anything that you can give.

Halloween is fast approaching! This year, South Fayette Township celebrates Trick or Treat Night in the township on Monday, October 31 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Homeowners and residents of Hickory on the Green who wish to offer Halloween treats to the kids should turn on their garage and front door lights to signal participation.

And last but not least, check out the photos below from our last event, the Bonfire!

Sunday, September 18, 2022: Oh, my goodness! Did we ever have a great time at the Bonfire/Food Donation event this past Friday (September 16)!! The weather was fabulous. The bonfire was spectacular (thanks to Fire Meister Rich Luczko). The individually wrapped Smores, snacks and brownies were totally yummy (thanks, Social Committee members). The food collection for our SHIM donation was substantial. And the absolute best part? Well, of course, it was the people. Everyone enjoyed the ambiance and the conversation. It really was Hickory on the Green at its very best. Photos will be posted later today.

Just an additional word about the Food Donation effort... if you couldn't make it to the event and haven't had a chance to donate food, Vera Henry will be dropping off our community's donation on Tuesday, September 20th. You can drop your food donation off at her garage door (7076) before 10AM. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity. As a community, our donations far exceed what we can individually accomplish.

Thursday, August 18, 2022: Jim Patrick and Lucy Serio, assisted by H.O.G. Social Committee members, offered their backyards recently for our new H.O.G. summertime event Game Day, and WOW was it a success! Both Lucy and Jim provided a remarkable spread of food and drink in addition to their grassy backyards, which were transformed into bocce and cornhole tournament areas.

Everyone who attended had a great time playing the games, eating, and socializing. It did sprinkle rain a bit during the event, but umbrella tables (thanks to Lucy and neighbor Lisa Cain) provided great cover. Nobody's enthusiasm was diminished in the least! Photos of the fun that was had have been added to our photo album below.

Our community is thankful that this event offered us the opportunity to socialize with our neighbors, an opportunity which has dwindled significantly during Covid times. It was so wonderful to gear up again. Lucy, Jim, Lisa, your yards were perfect for the outside event and you outdid yourselves with the food. If it weren't for your generosity, we probably would have let the opportunity for a summer get together slip away. Thank you so much.

Plans are being made to transform the Game Day event into an actual and ongoing "Games Interest Group" that will hold regular game get togethers in the future. When this Games Interest Group is firmed up, you will have the opportunity sign up to be notified about gatherings in the future months.

Friday, August 12, 2022: A quick reminder: Don't forget our Hickory on the Green Game Day Event this coming Sunday, August 14 starting at 3PM in the backyard of 7058 Clubview. Bring your own chair. Refreshments will be available.

Today was a great day for our roadway on Clubview. South Fayette Township Public Works guys were out patching the small potholes that had developed in our road's asphalt. The Association had contacted the Township and requested that the potholes be addressed before they got bigger and deeper. It was great to see them out here helping our community!

Well, today is the day that the northbound entrance to I79 is supposed to close at least that's what the sign said yesterday. Wow! Wonder how long that will last. We'll be heading south to the Southpoint entrance as an alternative to driving through Bridgeville with everyone else!

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP EVENT!!

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, South Fayette Community Day, presented by Dollar Bank, returns Sat. Aug. 27, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fairview Park, 129 Greenwood Drive, South Fayette 15017. More information can be found at: <https://southfayettepa.com/communityday>

The event includes free admission, free activities and free entertainment. Food and drink concessions will be available, with beer sales, by Recon Brewing of South Fayette, available to adults ages 21 and over.

Attractions include:2, 2022

Two stages of live music and shows

NEW! Game tent with bingo, trivia, open games, and DJ music

NEW! Axe throwing

NEW! Glass blowing demonstrations

Booths hosted by businesses and community organizations

Mobile zip line

Inflatable amusements

Video gaming truck

Magician

Petting zoo

Balloon and caricature artists

Face painting

Stilts walker and juggler

Trackless train rides

Characters and mascots

50/50 raffles

SOUTH PARK HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS COLLECTION EVENT

The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) is sponsoring a Household Chemical Collection event in South Park (South Park Wave Pool Parking Lot, 1 Wave Pool Complex, Pittsburgh, PA 15102) on Saturday, September 10 from 9AM to 1PM. The event is registration based. This allows them to control the flow of traffic into the event, ensuring an efficient and safe experience for the public and their staff and recycling partners. Tickets are available per person. There are LOTS of rules about how to register, the cost, and what you can dispose, so make SURE to review all of that at the website link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/household-chemical-collection-event-in-allegheeny-county-at-south-park-tickets-293281150817?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

These two events have been entered into the CMA/Hickory on the Green Portal Calendar. Just sign into your portal account and click on the calendar tab.

Friday, August 5, 2022: Just a quick update to alert you to some new photos posted on the website today (see below). Thanks to Micheline Stabile and Donna Luczko for the photos. Enjoy the happy faces of folks involved in our most recent events this year:

--The H.O.G. Annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 12th

--The H.O.G. Community-wide Garage Sale on June 18th

--Donut Donation Day on July 30th

And a word about our Donut Donation Day event... we collected \$710 for Southbridge EMS Services, which was delivered to Southbridge EMT Dan Miller by H.O.G. Welcome Committee Chairperson, Social Committee member and all around "Mayor" of our little community, Donna Luczko. It's always great to hand over the proceeds of our collections to those we choose to benefit from our events. Thanks to all who volunteered for the event, especially those who so generously gave to the cause.

Now, don't forget about our upcoming events:

*Game Day - Sunday, August 14th at 3pm in the backyard of 7058 Clubview

*Bonfire/Food Drive – Friday, September 16th at 6:30pm by the Gazebo

Click here for the flyers for these events.

[And don't forget that you can access past postings on our "Stuff" page or by clicking here.]

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022: Well, here we are at the end of July. Drought, drenching downpours, heat waves, spring temps... summer weather in western PA! With the warm weather, comes Hickory on the Green events and here's the latest slate of them from our inventive H.O.G. Social Committee:

Donut Donation Day – Saturday, July 30th at 9am by Front Entrance Parking Lot

Game Day - Sunday, August 14th at 3pm in the backyard of 7058 Clubview

Bonfire/Food Drive – Friday, September 16th at 6:30pm by the Gazebo

Donation Day for Animal Shelter/ Cleanup on Alpine – Saturday, October 22 at 9am by the Front Entrance

Now go ahead, get that calendar out (or launched) and put these dates in, because you will be sure to have a good time with your neighbors as well as feel better for the donation giving!

And don't forget now, Donut Donation Day is next Saturday ([click here for the flyer](#)). At this event we celebrate and honor our local EMTs and the services they provide when we are most in need of them. Southbridge EMTs will be there to answer any of your questions. You don't have to donate to get one of the donuts that will be there for your enjoyment. If you are not able to attend next Saturday, but would like to donate to Southbridge, a donation envelope will be hanging on the door at 7049 Clubview starting today.

NOTE: Flyers for future events are also linked on the [Events](#) webpage.

Boyce Road Info:

Boyce Road closure continues as PennDOT's contractor resumes work as of March. Closures and detours will occur until work is completed around November 8, 2022. Remarkably, the project is ahead of schedule with the western part (our part) of Boyce opening to the construction intersection enabling a turn south (right) on Mayview to Lawrence. The eastern part of Boyce, however, will be closed from Rt.19 (open only for local traffic only). Maps and descriptions of the closures and access can be found at: <https://southfayettepa.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=908>

Monday, May 30: Welcome to a beautiful Memorial Day... the day that we remember.

News Flash from SFT!! Trash and recycling collection will be delayed one day due to Memorial Day. "Thursday" streets (that's us) move to Friday, June 3 so don't put out your garbage bins until Thursday evening (NOT Wednesday evening).

Just a few updates on our social schedule for the spring and early summer here:

This coming Friday marks the beginning of our community gatherings. Allegheny County has started its South Park Concert Series at its Amphitheater (Google Maps directions shown below). The Social Committee has invited anybody who is interested in participating in this "Hickory on the Go" event to meet at the top of the hill above the amphitheater on the right side at 7:30PM that day, Friday, June 3. The concert will feature the River City Brass Band, an H.O.G. favorite. Wear an article of green to identify yourself as a Hickory on the Green attendee and we can sit together and socialize a bit before or after the concert. Oh, and bring a chair! All are welcome. There is no entrance fee (your county tax dollars pay for the entertainment). You might want to go a little early to get a parking space near the venue.

Google Maps directions to the South Park Amphitheater: 3700 Farmshow Drive, South Park Township, PA 15129 <https://www.google.com/maps/place/South+Park+Amphitheater/@40.3027966,-79.995301,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x8834fbc2847592d7:0x1a37dd163a837ddd!8m2!3d40.3027819!4d-79.995212>.

Don't forget about our other upcoming events in the last half of June –

*Our H.O.G. Annual Ice Cream Social, Sunday, June 12th at 6:30pm at the Gazebo area.

*The H.O.G. Community-wide Garage Sale, Saturday, June 18th, from 8AM to 1PM. Do NOT forget to email or call Michelle Wright at hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com or 304-488-1669 if you plan to participate. [NOTE: copy and paste the above email address into your own email program.]

Boyce Road Info:

Boyce Road closure continues as PennDOT's contractor resumes work as of March. Closures and detours will occur until work is completed around November 8, 2022. There are two alternating closure combinations due to switch from the current configuration to the new one in August. Right now, one can drive west on Boyce from Rt19 right up to the construction intersection and then turn right on Mayview and head to Bridgeville. As of August 22 or thereabouts, the western part (our part) of Boyce will be open to the construction intersection and you'll be able to turn south (right) on Mayview and head for Lawrence. The eastern part of Boyce, however, will be closed from Rt.19 (open only for local traffic only). For maps and descriptions of the two different configurations of closure and access can be found at: <https://southfayettepa.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=908>

Sunday, May 22, 2022: Summer is upon us with this warm weather, no? So naturally our Social Committee has been cooking up plans for the year.

First up on the calendar was a May Alpine Cleanup event, but guess what? The Township picked up the trash on Alpine recently! Soooo, our Community Service Committee Chair, Patty Condre, and the co-chairs of the Social Committee (which helps with planning the clean up day), Stephanie and Michelle Wright, jointly decided to cancel plans to clean up this spring. We will save our energies for our fall clean up.

Next up in the planning queue is our H.O.G. Annual Ice Cream Social which is scheduled for Sunday, June 12th at 6:30pm at the Gazebo area. Details are still being worked out, but what is set in stone is

everyone's excitement when it comes to free ice cream! So reserve this June 12th date on your calendar and bring a kid along with you, no matter the age! Click here to see the flyer for this event!

The other event that the Committee has scheduled is an H.O.G. Community-wide Garage Sale, scheduled for Saturday, June 18th, from 8AM to 1PM. If you are interested in participating, please email or call Michelle Wright at hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com or 304-488-1669. Click here to see the flyer for this event.

Finally, the Social Committee has decided to reduce the cost and impact of paper communication to homeowners this year by going to a digital communication process of emails and postings to the website.

On a totally different subject, you may have noticed that the trees in the front of our properties, referred to as our "street trees," were the only planting beds that did not get a coating of mulch this year. In our Landscaping Chairperson Noli Cruz' words, "We are currently working on our community trees. To promote good health and prevent disease, we have been advised by a tree professional to decrease the amount of mulch around the bottom of the trees. We are looking for other options on how to dress up the bottom of the trees. The Board and the Landscaping Committee are in the process of addressing this issue. Thank you for your patience." Thought you'd like to know what was going on with our tree planting beds.

A request or two have come into the Board from homeowners for a new street light to increase lighting near their home. We thought a little bit of history could add some perspective to this topic. Three or four years ago the Board began planning to improve the street lighting along Clubview Drive. The South Fayette Township Police Department was contacted and asked to evaluate the lighting conditions on our street. With its recommendations in our possession, we asked the Township to add four new lights to our street as well as relocate several existing poles for better illumination. At that time we learned that the electric company had a list of requirements an arm long that we would have to meet, the Township had approval rights since they pay the electric bill for the lights and we would have to pay to dig the trenches for the conduit to carry the electric wire to the light pole bases that we had to secure. Oh, and we also had to pay the electric company for their engineers to come out to our street and tell us exactly what we needed to do. Years of hounding the electric company through the township (we weren't allowed to contact the electric company directly) and several thousand dollars later, we have new street lights and several more gray hairs (thanks to Tracey Valko and Fred Rapone for their steadfast and unrelenting drive to complete this project). We still haven't heard from the Township and electric company about relocating the several poles yet. All of this is offered to inform any homeowner who asks the Board of Directors for a new street light. It ain't easy or fast!

And finally, some info about the Boyce Road closure in case you haven't yet found your way to the South Fayette Township webpage that deals with this project. Various routes of access have been made available or are planned for the future as the project work progresses. This website address will give you all of the information you need to navigate around the closures: <https://southfayettepa.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=908>. It will be interesting to see if the projected completion date of November 8, 2022 holds up as they totally re-engineer the intersection of Boyce and Mayview Roads. That's it for now. Remember to smile at your neighbor (that's the kind of neighborhood we have). Also, don't do work on the exterior of your house or property without an approved Alteration Request. And pick up the garbage around your driveway after a windy garbage pickup day! Cheers!