# HICKORY HAPPENINGS

## A newsletter for the residents of Hickory on the Green

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## <u>Upcoming Events & Announcements</u>

#### H.O.G. Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

These meetings have been held via teleconferencing since March, 2020 due to the pandemic. Should you like to participate in the next H.O.G. Business Meeting, contact Carl Wilkinson at CMP at (412) 279-9280, ext. 260 for a link to the meeting.

The next Board meeting teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30PM.

#### New 2021 Event!!!

#### H.O.G. Food Drive "Hickory Has Heart"

Non-perishable food collection Saturday, Feb. 20 & Sunday, Feb. 21

Place: Gazebo

Time: 10:00AM until 4:00PM, see page 5

## <u>Musings from the President - David</u> <u>Carroll (7074)</u>

We have an urgent need for new blood on our Board especially as the composition of our neighborhood continues to change with new arrivals every year. We have one new member with Mary Jo Gross, but we have another opening that will need to be filled in the spring and other slots as the rest of us begin to plan beyond service on the Board. We have an all volunteer board and most of us have been there for years. The amount of time that is required to volunteer is not significant. Board meetings typically run 2 hours and we have 6 per year and there is some minimal email discussion that takes place between meetings. The meetings have been held via zoom during the pandemic. Please consider volunteering to help continue the effort to make our community a great place to live.

I hope everyone's New Year is starting off happy and healthy. New beginnings offer an opportunity to invite change. Usually everyone has set resolutions and enthusiasm to achieve them. The older I get the more I realize that the opportunity for change comes daily. You get to choose your attitude every morning. Most people have ups and downs that they face and one's happiness is dependent on how you deal with the obstacles. I wish everyone all the best. As President of the board if I can do anything for you please let me know. Many blessings and cheers.

David Carroll, President Board of Directors Hickory on the Green Homeowners Association

## <u> Treasurer's Message - James Glenn</u> (7037)

From a financial perspective (unaudited), 2020 ended on a positive note. Estimated revenues exceeded budget by approximately \$4,000 while estimated expenditures were below budget by approximately \$10,000 for a net versus budget of approximately \$14,000. However, the "devil is in the details" as they say.

The additional revenue was primarily due to unit sales. The Association receives approximately \$600 each time a unit is sold. There were approximately nine unit sales booked in 2020 against the budget of three.

Expenses versus budget included a series of offsetting charges. Major areas of variance included additional mine subsidence insurance (\$11,200), and painting (\$2,300); offset by reduced expenditures for administrative costs (\$6,500), Landscaping (\$6,500), Maintenance (\$3,800) and deferred Capital Expenditures (\$6,200). Most of the reduced expenditures were deliberate to fund the increased insurance expenditure.

The 2020 savings versus budget helped strengthen the Association's asset position that has been reduced in the past few years.

At year end our Balance sheet reflects assets of \$145,100 and Liabilities of \$77,700. We have available cash of approximately \$115,000. Our obligation for the remaining balance of the Association's Roof Loan at end 2020 is approximately \$66,700. Our 2021 budget is approximately \$181,000.

## **Board News**

**Annual Homeowners Meeting.** Hickory on the Green Homeowners Association held its Annual Homeowners Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 this year. Two homeowners were elected to the Board of Directors in accordance with our established policies and procedures. David Carroll was elected to another three year term. Mary Jo Gross was elected as a new Board member filling the vacancy left by retiring board member Jim Ehrman. Also accomplished at the AOM was the announcement that the membership had overwhelmingly approved a full audit for the Association in 2021. Minutes for the 2019 AOM were approved by those attending. The Treasurer's report was given confirming our continued solvency as well as our planned budget for 2021 which held the line on the 2020 monthly assessment. Committee reports were presented by our various Committee Chairpersons revealing once again how important and vital our volunteers are in contributing to the successful endeavor we call Hickory on the Green.

This was a difficult year to operate given the constraints placed on all business efforts by the coronavirus, as exemplified by the fact that we held our AOM as a Zoom meeting. But our Association made it through the year in relatively good shape, thanks to the understanding and hard work of our homeowner membership. Let's hope next year's AOM is in person! After the AOM meeting, the Board of Directors determined the offices to be held by Board members starting now and running until the next AOM in 2021. Your Board members and their offices are: David Carroll -- President; Wendy Bell -- Vice President; Mary Jo Gross -- Secretary; Jim Glenn -- Treasurer; Fred Rapone - Director at Large.

Our Wonderful Volunteers. Our Hickory on the Green holiday Gazebo display made a splash of color this year. Many thanks for the colorful display (and its removal) go to Noli Cruz and Jim Glenn. It was a mighty fine display (maybe the space station astronauts saw it??). Also, many thanks to volunteers Micheline Stabile, Michelle Wright, Stephanie Wright, Noli Cruz and Wendy Bell for their luminary and wreath contributions. And finally, thanks to all of our neighbors who decorated their homes and yards with wonderful displays to help give our neighborhood some much needed joy this year. Good job, everyone.

Our great ARC Chairperson Patsy Schaal has announced her intention to step down from the duties of Chairperson of this critical committee. Patsy has done an exemplary job at managing the many Alteration Requests requiring review as well as the updating of most of the policies and specifications that exist to govern homeowner improvements in the Association. She says she intends to remain on the committee and will support and help train the next chairperson. This change is expected to occur after the spring rush of alteration requests is completed. Soooo, if you are interested in volunteering for this very important function, please contact Carl at CMP or Patsy or any Board member.

Water Drainage Ponds. The Association has three water drainage ponds for the control of rain water runoff above us (from I79, for example) and below us (from our street). Two small ponds are located behind 7054 and 7056), collecting and funneling rain runoff from I79 underneath our development to the third much larger pond, located below 7063. The Board has charged CMP with obtaining an assessment of the condition of these

ponds and whether or not maintenance is required (mostly making sure the drains in the ponds work to continue the drainage downstream and away from our community).

2022 Roof Loan Retirement. The Association will pay off its roof replacement loan in May of 2022. The cessation of the monthly installments for this loan, which began in 2011 when the roofs were replaced, will require a significant change in the Association's budget. The Board has committed in 2021 to a review of the Association's capital assets replacement study (much which has been delayed in recent years), our monthly assessment level, the issue of roof and siding replacement in the future and any other special projects identified by ARC and the Development Committees that require future funding.

Painting Schedule Defined. Now that our most recent painting cycle has been completed, CMP recommended, and the Board agreed that the Association will establish a five year schedule for repainting every unit's front and garage doors (excluding factory warranty doors). Assessment of the condition of doors will be done annually in conjunction with our contractor.

Last Spring's Inspection. You may recall that the enforcement of all of the violations and maintenance requirements identified by CMP's walkthrough inspection of our properties were postponed in 2020 due to the pandemic. Homeowners will soon receive notice that those 2020 violations and maintenance requirements will be enforced in the spring of 2021 (in other words, this spring). CMP reported that the big three offenses among the 2020 inspection violations were dog waste in yards, powerwashing of mildew on various property elements (siding, patios, etc.), and deteriorating driveways.

#### Snow Removal As Part of Landscaping Contract.

A homeowner request was received by the Board to include the service and cost of snow removal from individual sidewalks and driveways. The Board asked CMP to estimate the impact on our current landscaping contract costs. Based on the costs that other communities in the area who combine snow removal with their annual landscaping contracts, CMP reported that snow removal services would significantly increase our landscaping contract costs, would have a large impact on our current monthly assessment, and would not significantly reduce individual homeowner costs (most homeowners currently do not contract with an outside person/company to remove snow from their

properties). Based on this information, the Board decided not to include snow removal in our landscaping contract.

**Snow Plowing Reminder.** Since this is still winter at this writing, we offer up a gentle reminder to all homeowners, residents and their visitors: please keep up with the weather reports so you know when the snow is predicted and park in your driveway as opposed to the visitor parking lots. When our contractor must plow around cars to clear the lots, it makes for a very messy plowing result and added time.

Community Garden in the Cul de Sac? By homeowner request, the Board took up the issue of granting permission to homeowners to establish gardens on the cul de sac property, which the Association owns in common. At its most recent meeting, the Board agreed to study the issue by requesting a proposal and plan from interested homeowners.

Appropriate Pandemic Precautions. Stay safe, everyone. Wear your masks. Some health experts are urging folks who congregate these days to double mask. The pandemic isn't over yet! And let's hope the "powers that be" at the federal and state and county levels get the vaccination program going more quickly for Phases 1a, 1b, 1c and 2 folks soon. one of the most authoritative websites in Pennsylvania for this type of information is through the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Coronavirus info website:

(http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pa ges/Vaccine.aspx) as well as our own local Allegheny County Health Department Covid Vaccination website (https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Health-

Department/Resources/COVID-19/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.aspx).

Deck and privacy fence staining. The Board approved a Development Committee recommended stain for front porch steps and landings in 2020 (see the link for Procedures and Specifications H.O.G. Policies. 12.1.2020 on the first page of our website). For 2021, the Board has charged the Development Committee with updating specifications for stains or paints for rear decks and fencing. In the interim, homeowners are cautioned to choose stains and paints that fall into the same color schemes as their neighbors. The Board further advises homeowners to know that the South Fayette Township has building code requirements for the replacement of decks. Each homeowner is responsible for submitting an Alteration Request for deck, fence or patio replacement. Such Alteration Requests must include relevant Township approval paperwork.

### New CMP "Portal" System Being Rolled Out.

This was reported in the last newsletter but is worth a reprise. By now you have received notice of a new portal system being implemented by CMP, our community management contractor. This system will allow community members to establish an online account with CMP which will enable access to a variety of information about members' properties and payment history. Fully implemented, this system should be a great help to all those who are internet savvy and like to conduct their business online.

Welcome/Directory Binders. If you need a Welcome/Directory Binder, let Carl at CMP know and we'll get one out to you. We do have plans to update the directory in the binder soon. Plans are to send out an email copy of the directory that you can print out and stick in the pocket of your binder to replace the old, outdated directory.

**INSPECTIONS!** Yes, it's winter. However, if you want to do an exterior improvement to your unit/property, you'll need to start your Alteration Request early. Remember that the Alteration Request that you submit to CMP then moves to the Architectural Review Committee and the to the Board for recommendations and approvals. This process does not occur overnight. So, start thinking about your projects now with an eye toward submitting your AR early in the spring. Don't wait until the last moment!

#### Don't forget to contribute to our Resource Guide.

The Resource Guide that is available on our website is only as good as the recommendations of our homeowners. Don't forget to let your neighbors know when you've had a great experience with a contractor/service provider. You can do this by sending the name, contact information and service description of your referral to wenbellz@gmail.com or by contacting CMP at 412-279-9280, ext. 260 or emailing: cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com (Carl Wilkinson IV).

Classified Ads. You can place Classified "FOR SALE" ads and "WANT ADS" in the Newsletter and on the website; so, if you have something to sell or want to buy, contact Mary Jo at 412-914-8267 or email: h.o.g.classifiedads@gmail.com or by going to the website's STUFF page.

**2020 Board of Directors Meeting Dates.** Board meetings normally begin at 6:15PM with the Homeowners Forum, which is an opportunity for homeowners to raise issues before the business meeting starts. However, the forum has been cancelled

during the pandemic because the Board is meeting via conference calls. The official business meeting conference call starts at 6:30PM. Please contact CMP if you would like the link for the conference call. Resumption of in person meetings will be posted on our website.

## H.O.G. BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIMES 2021: All meetings are held on Tuesdays

March 16, 6:30PM May 18, 6:30PM July 20, 6:30PM September 21, 6:30PM October 19, 6:30PM AOM, November 23, 7:00PM

**Committee Work Recognized.** The Board would like to thank the Chairs of our Standing Committees.

Without their hard work and the contributions of their committee members, our community would not be what it is today:

Architectural Review - Patty Schaal
Community Service - Patty Condre
Development - Mary Jo Gross
Communications - Wendy Bell and Micheline Stabile
assisted by Michelle Wright
Landscaping - Noli Cruz
Welcome - Donna Luczko
Rules Review and Community Affairs - Jim Ehrman
Social - Micheline Stabile, Michelle & Stephanie
Wright



### <u>NEIGHBOR NEWS!!</u>

#### Condolences.

To Peggy and her family at the passing of Joe Testa.

To the family and friends of Lis Dineen (past homeowner and Board member) who passed this past August.

PLEASE HELP US SHARE YOUR NEWS!!!! **Notify Gerry Gronsky** with your Neighbor News (condolences, etc.) at 412-914-8282.

## Social Committee News - Chairperson Micheline Stabile (7049), Prospective Co-chairs Michelle and Stephanie Wright (7079)

Unfortunately, we are still on hiatus until we get the go ahead that the risks of social gatherings are finally over. When that happens, Social Committee meetings will reconvene and new committee co- chairs Michelle Wright and Stephanie Wright will gradually take over their new roles. We sure will appreciate our usual busy neighborhood social life when it resumes.

We are excited to learn from Micheline and take over as the new Social Committee chairs. This past year has been tough on all of us and we miss getting together with our wonderful neighbors. Hopefully we will be able to have some social events this year. If anyone has any ideas for new activities, please let us know.

#### Michelle and Stephanie

Meanwhile, we were able to keep in place a few of our H.O.G holiday traditions.

#### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **Animal Shelter Donation Drive - October 25-31**

Every year for the last 15 years our neighborhood has conducted a donation drive for the Animals at the 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.

As a community we contributed to the shelter this year. All contributions to the shelter in the name of Hickory on the Green Community were delivered to the shelter. As always, our generosity was greatly appreciated by the shelter as winter approached.

#### Hickory on the Green Light Up Night - Dec.24

Regardless of what holiday we celebrate, there are two things that we find in common: our hope for a more peaceful world and light to show us the way.

Traditionally our neighbors light up their luminaries on our neighborhood Light Up Night as a gesture of warmth, peace and friendliness. Thanks to the Upper Saint Clair Band Association, we were able to order luminary kits this year. This year the tradition was upheld by many neighbors.

Many thanks to our good neighbors who volunteered to decorate the common areas of our neighborhood. We have Noli Cruz and Jim Glen to thank to the lights and wreaths on the Gazebo, Stephanie and Michelle Wright for helping with the luminaries, and Micheline Stabile and Wendy Bell for the entry way wreaths and common area luminaries.

#### Washington Women's and Children Shelter Gift Card Drive - December 13-20

Another annual tradition was upheld this year. Each year at holiday time, Hickory on the Green conducts a holiday gift card drive to benefit the women and children at the Washington Women and Children Shelter. We usually collect the cards at our annual Holiday Dinner Party. This year generous neighbors deposited gift cards in an envelope on the door at 7049. With the help of Patsy Schaal we were able to deliver all contributions to the shelter in the name of Hickory on the Green Community. The shelter was very grateful for the \$390.00 dollars worth of gift cards that they were able to distribute to the women and children at the shelter.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS (not congregating)**

\*\*\* H.O.G. Food Drive ''Hickory Has Heart''\*\*\*
Sat/Sun, Feb. 20-21
10:00AM - 4:00PM

As we near February and Valentine's Day, The H.O.G. Social Committee has scheduled a pandemic food drive for February that they've named "Hickory on the Green Has Heart" to help supply our local food bank that has seen increased demand from folks losing jobs and needing some good old fashioned community assistance. Interested members of our community are asked to drop off non-perishable food and other assorted items (see lists below) at the Gazebo on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st between 10:00AM and 4:00PM. Everything collected from the Gazebo will be delivered to South Hills Interfaith Ministry (SHIM).

SHIM was born 51 years ago as *South Hills Interfaith Ministries* by a priest, a rabbi and a minister. SHIM has been providing food, clothing and services to people in

need in Pittsburgh's southern suburban neighborhoods ever since. SHIM operates a food pantry for the South Hills Area. The needs have been great during this pandemic year.

#### Most needed items this year:

Dried beans and lentils
Pasta sauce in jars
Cereal and oatmeal
Soup (especially low sodium)
Canned proteins (tuna, chicken, salmon, beans)
Beverages (juice, tea, coffee)
Diapers sizes 3-6
Personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine items, etc.)

We are hoping that all of our community members will participate in this worthwhile project. Nobody, adults or children, should want for food in our wonderful country, pandemic or no.

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Our Social Committee is such a great group. In a normal year, with everyone pitching in, the work load is very manageable. Please consider joining the committee. Contact Micheline Stabile at <a href="mailto:mstabileone@gmail.com">mstabileone@gmail.com</a> or 412-257-8322; Stephanie Wright or Michelle Wright at 304-488-1669, mwright053@me.com.

#### INTEREST GROUPS

<u>Please note the following community interest</u> groups activities have been suspended until further notice.

#### **Card Club**

The H.O.G. "Big Deal Card Club" is currently playing 500 Bid. Partnerships are formed every six weeks. Foursomes play weekly and the whole group gets together every six weeks for a grand play off. Call Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322 if you are interested in joining.

#### **Book Club**

The H.O.G. Book Club" is named "Bobbie's Bookworms" in memory of Bobbie Rapone. It continues to meet monthly. The club welcomes new members. Contact Micheline Stabile, 412-257-8322, for the current book selection and next meeting date, time and place.

#### **Lunch Bunch**

The H.O.G. "Lunch Bunch" meets periodically at various restaurants in the area for lunch. The group has sampled the fare at some great local places. Call Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322 if you are interested in adding your name to the email notification list.

#### Hickory on the Go

The Hickory on the Go group schedules various outings throughout the year. Keep watch for News Alert mailings.

"Where neighbors become friends."



## <u>Welcome Committee - Chairperson</u> Donna Luczko (7060)

#### New to the Neighborhood:

7093 Laura Skrzysowski

H.O.G. regulars, don't forget to give a hearty hello and wave to our newest community members.

## <u>Architectural Review Committee (ARC)</u> - Chairperson Patsy Schaal (7033)

Since it's the dead of winter, we haven't had much action in receipt of Alteration Requests. However, as we near spring, we anticipate the receipt of requests as homeowners, new and old, make upgrades and deal with needed maintenance projects.

Please, become familiar with the Covenants and Policies, Procedures and Specifications of this community, all of which are available on our website or by calling CMP. Submit your Alteration Request. It is your responsibility as a homeowner to solicit approval, not your Association's responsibility to catch up to you and your plans after the fact.



A copy of the Alteration Request form is available on the website. Please use this form when you wish to request approval for any replacements, changes or maintenance to the outside of your unit or yard. <u>ALL</u> exterior work must be preceded by the submission of an Alteration Request Form and approval from the H.O.G. Board of Directors. This applies to driveway repaving, window replacements, door painting and replacements, siding repairs, and Association plant inventory changes, etc. The only exception to this rule is driveway resealing, which does not require prior approval.

Any homeowner who is considering any outside home improvement to the exterior of his/her home or land-scaping must first submit an Alteration Request Form to CMP. All requests must be approved in writing by CMP prior to contracting for or beginning work. Any unauthorized alteration is automatically subject to a fine of \$100 in accordance with H.O.G. policy. Homeowners can find guidance for their work by referring to the Policies and Specifications document on our Association's website or contacting CMP for referral to a Committee member. It's usually a good idea to do both.

One further note regarding our policy on exterior changes, any homeowner leasing their unit to a renter is responsible for enforcing the policy requiring an Alteration Request (from the homeowner, not the lessee) and approval by the Board of Directors prior to the initiation of any work.

Contact Carl at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260 or via email at cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com) or go to our website to obtain the Association's *Alteration Request Form*. Get your neighbors' signatures on the form, attach contractor drawings and/or literature describing your project and submit it to CMP. Please note that incomplete forms will be returned for completion. Rejected, returned Alteration Requests are not approved and work should not be scheduled.

Finally, service on this committee is very important to the continued improvement of our community. If you are interested in participating in the review of homeowner Alteration Requests and the development of specifications for homeowner improvements, contact Carl at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260 or via email at cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com).



## <u>Landscaping Committee - Noli Cruz</u> (7072)

The 2020 fall walkthrough was completed and expired plants and trees were removed and replaced. New plants were also installed in some of the bare areas. The first phase of grass repair (aeration and seeding) was done in October 2020 and will be followed by the 2nd phase (top dressing) sometime in the spring of 2021. The usual late fall cleanup scheduled in December 2020 was delayed to January 7, 2021. A spring walkthrough is scheduled to check on the status of fall plantings and add new ones if necessary. New mulch will also be applied to all shrubs and plant beds this spring.

If you have any concerns or questions about our landscaping, please don't hesitate to call Noli Cruz at (609)413-5161.

# <u>Community Service Committee - Chair-persons - Patty Condre (7083)</u>

As I settle into my new responsibilities as the chairperson of the Community Service Committee, I am looking forward to the efforts of my committee to maintain and improve the overall beauty of our community. We are planning this year's spring Alpine Cleanup Day for April 17th at 9:00AM with the alternate date for April 24th. More details will follow as we near the date and the pandemic rolls out.

If you'd like to volunteer for the Community Service Committee, get in touch with Carl at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260 or via email at:

cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com

and he'll forward the info to me. Thanks. Patty

## <u>Development Committee -Chairperson</u> <u>Mary Jo Gross (7089)</u>

The Development Committee has been on hiatus since budgetary decisions by the Board and Township/West Penn Power bureaucracy slowed project implementation for the coming year. However, the Board has asked the Development Committee to explore specifications for deck/privacy fence replacements and maintenance. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to begin work on this topic.

Since "Curb appeal" is what helps keep our property values up, we are striving for beautification of our Community. We welcome your ideas and thoughts and they can be sent to:

H.O.G.classifiedAds@gmail.com for the Development Committee to discuss.

A huge Thank You to the members of the Committee, Tracey Valko, Joy Short, Jennifer Brubaker and Wendy Bell for all the time they have spent on the projects and their opinions and ideas. Thanks. Mary Jo Gross

## <u>Communications & Our Website - Wendy Bell & Micheline Stabile (7049)</u>

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Everything continues as it has with postings on the website and in the three times a year newsletter as the events of our community and Board communication needs dictate. Our website's address is:

#### www.hickoryonthegreen.com

A lot of useful information about our Association can be found on our website including downloadable copies of the **Association's Covenants and associated policies, procedures, and specifications.** Also, there is a link to our all our excellent South Fayette Township website: http://southfayettepa.com/. The Township website has links to our local governmental officials, elected or appointed/hired.

**Newspaper Hickory Happenings Issues:** The publication of the newsletter is three issues per year (February, July, and October in 2021).

For New Homeowners of Hickory on the Green: Keeping everyone at Hickory on the Green well informed is definitely an ongoing effort. If you would like to contribute an article, or notice, or story for the web or quarterly newsletter, just drop your "copy" via email to wenbellz@gmail.com or call Wendy at 412-257-8322. We do reserve editorial rights, just to make certain that content doesn't offend and is accurate.

If you're not already receiving the **website alerts** (email notices telling you that there is news just posted on the website), send your email address to wenbellz@gmail.com. Don't worry, we don't send out lots of email ... just enough to keep you informed of the happenings in your neighborhood.

If **you've lost something** in the neighborhood and you think someone might find it, remember that we have a

"Lost and Found" announcement on our website at www.hickoryonthegreen.com. If you would like to have a posting placed on the website, contact wenbellz@gmail.com.

### Rules Refresher

**Curbing your dog.** This community has a Pet Policy that specifies the acceptable behavior of homeowners as they walk and curb their dogs. Please become familiar with this policy so that all homeowner and Association owned property remain free of dog waste!

Damage to yards by snow shoveling or errant driving. Remember that repair of lawns caused by inadvertent tire damage and snow removal is each homeowner's responsibility to repair. Contact Noli Cruz, our volunteer homeowner Landscaping Committee Chairperson, for information regarding the proper grass seed to use in your repairs.

## <u>Helpful Hints</u>

If you've **lost something** in the neighborhood and you think someone might find it, remember that we have a "Lost and Found" announcement on our website at www.hickoryonthegreen.com. If you would like to have a posting placed on the website, contact wenbellz@gmail.com.

Problem with garbage/recycling collection? Remember that the contract for collection of garbage and recycling materials is between our Township and Waste Management. If you have a complaint, call Peggy Patterson, Executive Assistant, at the Township (412-221-8700, ext. 10). And be nice, because she's been very good to our community over the years! If you do call Waste Management directly, make certain to tell them that YOU do NOT have a contract with them, that the contract is with your township.



### Our Larger Community

**This from South Fayette Township:** Download the new mobile app, South Fayette CitizenLink, to connect on the go with South Fayette Township using your smartphone or tablet. It's free on the <u>App Store</u> (iPhone)

and <u>Google Play</u> (Android). Quickly connect with your most important local government services using the official app of South Fayette Township.

Things that the app will do for you:

Get emergency alerts

Read news updates

Check calendar of events

Find out if waste collection is delayed

Report a missed trash or recycling pickup

Sign up for notifications

Contact staff

Apply for jobs

Register for recreation programs

Learn about community events

Link to social media

Explore local businesses

Review public meeting agendas

Find answers to frequently asked questions

See trash and recycling guidelines

#### Virtual session of Coffee with the Chief set for Fri.

**Feb. 12.** South Fayette Township Police Chief John Phoennik invites the public to a virtual lunchtime session of Coffee with the Chief from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, February 12, 2021. Via the online Zoom platform, you can meet Chief Phoennik, share comments and ask questions. You can find the Zoom connection information on the South Fayette Township website.

A Big Thank You to South Fayette Township. The Board of Directors extends a heartfelt thank you to our South Fayette Township Public Works management and employees for their great work in keeping our roads cleared this winter and for the pothole repair that they've managed to do between the snows.



Winter at the H.O.G. entrance.