

HICKORY HAPPENINGS

A newsletter for the residents of Hickory on the Green

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Between now and the next newsletter (October, 2019), updates to this schedule will be posted on our community's website: www.hickoryonthegreen.com.

Musings from the President - David Carroll (7074)

We have a need for new blood as volunteers for various committees in our community. The most urgent need is to assume responsibility as the chair person of our landscape committee. We have been blessed with excellent service by Diane Gallagher and she continues to work in that capacity until a replacement is identified. We thank her for everything she has done and continues to do. I encourage everyone to consider this and other opportunities for participation.

We also have a transition in our HOG Board meeting venues. Please review the schedule and venue dates for upcoming meetings. This year will have a mix of Township venues and Hunting Ridge Meeting Room. Please see page # for a listing of future meetings dates and locations.

Finally please be mindful of your speed when driving through our community. The posted limit is 15 mph. With the onset of summer weather and school's closed, we will have more pedestrian activity that can result in disaster if you are not careful. Be a kind and courteous neighbor and enjoy the summer. Feel free to call me if I can do anything for you. All the best.

David Carroll (7074; 412-519-3690)

Board News

Volunteers Needed!!! Diane and now Nancy, Jerry and Mark!! We have two Association committees that are in need of new chairpersons... Landscaping (previously chaired by Diane Gallagher who is hanging in there until the end of the year) and Community Service (previously chaired by Nancy Stern who is moving).

Upcoming Events & Announcements

H.O.G. Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 2019
Homeowners Forum begins at 6:15PM
Business Meeting begins at 6:30PM
Hunting Ridge (see pg. 3 for specifics)

Neighbor Night Supper

Friday, August 2, 2019
6:30PM
Walnut Grill Washington Pike, Bridgeville See page 5

Good Bye Neighbor Night Supper

Friday, September 20, 2019
6:00PM
Alpine Club on Alpine Road See page 5

Nothing is more important than managing our landscaping contract. Think about it. First off landscaping expenditures make up the bulk of our budget (and your monthly assessment). Then, when you drive down our Clubview Drive, what do you see first? All the greenery and flowering bushes! The Landscaping Committee Chairperson interfaces with CMP and our landscaping contractor on your behalf. If you have the interest in serving your community in this capacity, reach out to Diane, a board member or CMP. We need you.

Now, you may ask what does the Community Service Committee do? Well, do you know that salt that you spread around your mailbox pod in the winter time? Ever wonder who puts that box out, keeps it full of salt and then takes it away at the end of winter? That's Community Service duty. Also, the Alpine Road Clean Up event held in the spring has been coordinated by Nancy Stern for years now. This committee chairperson interfaces with the Township for police protection on the road and for the necessary cleanup supplies (bags, safety vests, gloves) as well as pickup of the bags of debris collected. With Nancy and Mark moving this summer and Jerry retiring from the committee, the committee is in need of new leadership. We need you.

These committee folks are integral to the wonderful surroundings of our community. We need you.

Township Permits Some Board Meetings: The Association Board has been meeting in the Township meeting room or Senior Center room for years now. However, the new Township manager has decided that the programs sponsored by the Township for the benefit of all of the Township residents will have top priority in the use of township facility space. It's hard to argue with the rationale, but it still imposed a hardship for our little community because finding alternative space involves unanticipated expenditures. We presented this dilemma to the Township Manager and achieved arrangements for this year's meetings except for July. Below is a listing of meeting dates and locations for the remainder of the year:

July 23... *Hunting Ridge Meeting Room**

September 17... SFT Large Meeting Room

Oct 22... SFT Large Meeting Room

November 20... SFT Senior Center (Annual Meeting)

*The address for the Hunting Ridge Meeting Room is: 401 Meeting House Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Parking Lot Resurfacing: Resurfacing of our parking lots will begin on ??????. Yep, that's right, we don't know when it will begin (at this writing). Hopefully our contractor will give us a week's notice. But dealing with asphalt contractors is never easy. They have a season to work and more work than they can pack into a season and weather with which to contend. So, we just have to be patient and hope the scheduling works out. Just remember that when the word does come down that the project is starting, you will have to make arrangements for parking your vehicles in your own driveway, telling your visitors to avoid parking in the lots, and maintaining your patience as we suffer through this improvement of this capital asset of our Association. Thanks as usual for your superb cooperation as a great neighbor in the 'hood! You will receive a letter in the mail from CMP with further details about this project. We will also post updates on the website. And hopefully, our contractor will post signs at all of the lots a few days in advance of the start of the resurfacing. Cars that interfere with the project will be towed at the owner's expense.

Painting Program: As you know, the Hickory on the Green Homeowners Association pays for painting of garage and front doors in a five year cycle. The Board has again contracted with Fresh Coat Painting Company to paint another section of our community. Here are the addresses in the buildings that will receive attention this summer:

[Correction to this summer's painting program (schedule TBD): The program described in the published Newsletter that you received in the mail is based on an old program schedule (sorry about that!!!). Below are the buildings and units that will be painted over the next two year. As is customary, homeowners will be notified in advance about the scheduled start of the painting.]

2019

7082-7090 and 7092-7098 – Even Numbers

7075-7087 and 7089-7105- Odd Numbers

7001-7007 Odd Numbers

5 Buildings

2020

7011-7021 and 7023-7033 Odd Numbers

7006-7020 and 7022-7034 Even Numbers

4 Buildings

Little Library: You may have noticed the small wooden box that has been erected in front of our gazebo. It's a Little Library. Thanks to the "out of the box" thinking (pun intended!) of neighbor Donna Luczko and the carpentry skills of neighbor David

Voight, we now are the proud owners of an official Little Library. Read more about it on page 5.

Alpine Tar and Chip: It's that time of year when the Township directs its attention and manpower to the restoration of the miles and miles of roads in our area. We're not certain why the top of Alpine received this attention so early in the season. It might have something to do with our Board's request to "do something" about the road condition at the Alpine/Clubview intersection that had three separate vehicles careening off the road and into our entrance area this winter/spring. If that is the reason for the tarring and chipping of our section of Alpine, thanks go out to the Township folks for addressing this distressing problem.

And for everyone's information, there are no Township plans to tar and chip Clubview Drive.

Flag: Earlier this year, you may have noticed that our flag had not been flying for quite a while. That has since been rectified with a brand new flag and rope (the old one was starting to fray!). That flag is such an iconic part of our entrance. It's return is a symbol of hope for our democracy!

Reminder to NOT Park on Clubview: Please do not park on Clubview Drive!!! We've noticed an uptick in the incidence of folks parking in front of units instead of in driveways or our visitor parking lots. Remember, it is dangerous, especially at night and during the winter months, and can interfere with the progress of emergency vehicles. Please resist the temptation.

Wear Reflective or Bright Colors When Walking After Dark on Clubview: One of our Board members reported recently that he, as he was driving down Clubview, almost didn't see a person in dark clothing walking on the street after dark. It scared him and the pedestrian. If you walk your dog or exercise by walking on Clubview after sundown, please remember to wear clothing that will show up in the headlights... in other words, wear brightly colored or reflective clothing!

Homeowner Insurance Requirement Update: While most of our homeowners have responded by resending in their Insurance Declaration page, some have not. To address this problem, the Board has updated its Enforcement Policy to include new stiff fines for failure to respond to this very important

requirement. For details regarding these fines, see the Rules Review article on page 7.

Recyclables in South Fayette: Remember... the contractor that South Fayette uses to collect its trash and recyclables (Waste Management) is NO LONGER collecting glass containers, or things in plastic bags, or any plastic containers with 3-7 designations (in other words, only 1 & 2) will be collected as recyclables. If you want more information about recycling materials that are acceptable, visit the South Fayette Township Website. This requirement took effect on January 1st. Our Township will be fined if its homeowners don't comply, which could raise costs for all of us. Their advice is to discard an item in the regular trash if you are uncertain if it is an acceptable recyclable. Our advice is to find a friend in the City of Pittsburgh, since they still accept all plastics and glass containers. Also, don't forget that Whole Foods will accept 3,4, and 5 items and glass as long as you don't bring "too much" at one time. One additional alternative is Mt. Lebanon: "You may drop off glass for recycling at Michael Brothers, 901 Horning Rd., Baldwin, Saturdays 7-11a and Wednesdays 7a-4p. FREE." More information is available at: www.mtlebanon.org.

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 calling CMP at 412-279-9280, ext. 260 (Sarah).

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.

2019 Board of Directors Meeting Dates.

Board meetings begin at 6:15PM with the Homeowners Forum, which is an opportunity for homeowners to raise issues before the business meeting starts. The official business meeting starts at 6:30PM. *All H.O.G. Homeowners are welcome* to attend the business meeting (participating, however, is by consent of Board President only). All monthly meetings will be held in the South Fayette Township Large Meeting Room on the side of the SFT Municipal Building (next to the Library) with the exception of the July meeting. The

July meeting will be held in the Hunting Ridge Meeting Room at 401 Meeting House Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017. The end of the year Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held in the Senior Center at the rear of the SFT Municipal Building.

Tuesday, July 23 - Hunting Ridge Meeting Room
Tuesday, Sept 17 - SFT Large Meeting Room
Tuesday, Oct. 22 - SFT Large Meeting Room
Annual Meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 20 - SFT Senior

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 - TBA
Development - Mary Jo Gross
Communications - Wendy Bell and Micheline Stabile
Landscaping - TBA
Welcome - Donna Luczko
Rules Review and Community Affairs - Jim Ehrman
Social - Micheline Stabile

NEIGHBOR NEWS!!

Jerri's Back In Town/Neighbor Night Supper:

Yep, Florida is giving up Jerri Altenhof for a few weeks, which means we need a Neighbor Night Supper to celebrate. See the Social Committee's article on page 5 for details about this August 2nd event.

Decks Are Getting Old: One of our homeowners has observed that the decks on the golf course side of Clubview Drive may be reaching the end of their useful lives. She has suggested that homeowners with these decks consult with an expert to determine the structural integrity of their decks and make appropriate repairs.

Saying Goodbye to long time neighbors is the pits!

Sadly we will soon be saying goodbye to several well loved, long standing Hickory on the Green neighbors. The Joe and Peg Testa and Bee and Leon Williams will be moving to Providence Point in the near future. Also, Mark and Nancy Stern will be setting down roots in Greensburg. Look at upcoming events on page 5 for details about a Grand Goodbye Dinner!

Pat Karnuta is selling things!! Pat's on a mission to clear out some stuff from her house/garage. Items

she wants to go are as follows... at suggested price or best offer:

Freezer- 55x25 - \$30
Dorm Frig - \$15
Glass table - 8 sided. 48x48. \$25
Rugs - 5.5x7 (ish) - \$20 each
Craftsman Band Saw- \$100

Photos of these items can be found by going to the "STUFF" page on our website. If you are interested, please email Pat Karnuta at: jpka1252@verizon.net.

Condolences:

Our thoughts and prayers to Barb O'Toole's family and husband King at this difficult time of loss.

Our deepest sadness on the loss of our longstanding neighbor, Bill Eiler.

Best wishes for continued recoveries to:

Joe Testa
Joe Karnuta
J. Kaye Cupples
Micheline Stabile
Patsy Schaal

Best wishes to Peg Testa on her upcoming hip replacement surgery.

And any other neighbors who are convalescing about whom we haven't heard!

PLEASE HELP US SHARE YOUR NEWS!!!! **Notify Gerry Gronsky** with your Neighbor News (condolences, etc.) at 412-914-8282. Remember, if you don't tell us about important events & happenings in our neighborhood, we won't know and can't let others know.



Social Committee News - Chairperson
Micheline Stabile (7049)



UPCOMING EVENTS!!

AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!
PAST EVENTS

Neighbor Night Supper

A special H.O.G. Neighbor Night Supper with special guest Jerri Altenhof was held on Friday April 26th at the New Dragon Express which featured Chinese, Thai and Japanese fare. An evening of good food and fabulous neighborliness filled the restaurant. The New Dragon Express has since closed at this location, but is expected to reopen again (we hope) in the new structure being built at the entrance to the Bursca Business Park.

Garage Sale

On Saturday, June 22nd, Hickory on the Green opened its garage doors to one of the most popular events of the neighborhood, our Community Garage Sale. Thanks to the Sterns, Luczkos, and Michele and Stephanie Wright and all participants for making it happen.

Little Free Library

You might have seen these colorful "Little Library" wooden boxes along the Montour Trail or in front of the St. Clair Recreation Center. Well, we now have our very own Little Library at the Gazebo area. It officially opened on June 30th during the Ice Cream Social. This is how it works: "Take a Book. Give a Book." It's just that simple. The books are always free. The generous support of our Social Committee and the beautiful workmanship of our neighbor, Dave Voigt, this wonderful project has been completed. So come and take a look at the books we have to offer and enjoy. If it looks like our Little Library box is full of books, you can drop off your book or check out more books in the "surplus" blue bin sitting in the Gazebo.

Sundae Sunday Ice Cream Social

On the last day of June, Hickory on the Green residents, friends and families enjoyed a beautiful kick off to the summer season. Thanks to Cindy Cooney who coordinated this event again this year. We enjoyed delicious handmade ice cream sundaes and each other's company on a beautiful summer evening. Thanks to all who provided the traditional toppings and to all who participated.

*****Neighbor Night Supper*****

Friday, August 2nd at 6:30PM

Heidelberg Walnut Grill

On Friday, August 2nd, we will be gathering at the Walnut Grill at 6:30PM for a special Neighbor Night dinner. Visiting guest Jerri Altenhof will be joining us.

The Walnut Grill will be preparing a special menu for our event. Diners will have their choice between three entrees, a fish, a chicken or a beef. Also included will be a house salad, a side and soft beverages. Total cost is \$22.50 per person which includes tax and tip. Some of you have already signed up to attend. If not, please RSVP to Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322 or mstabileone@gmail.com by July 21. Please make sure to stipulate that you are planning to attend the dinner at the **Walnut Grill** since we are taking RSVPs for two different Neighbor Night Suppers at this number. PLEASE NOTE: We must pay for the dinners all together. Donna Luczko (7060) will leave an envelop on her door to collect in advance. Checks can be made payable to her in advance or the evening of the dinner at the restaurant. Hope to see you there.

*****Good Bye Party*****

Friday, September 20th at 6:00PM

Alpine Club

Sadly, Hickory on the Green will be saying goodbye to several long standing beloved neighbors. We plan to give them a great send off at a Neighbor Night Supper Buffet that will be scheduled for September 20th at 6:00PM (please note the different start time) at the Alpine Club. The Alpine Club provides a buffet that includes a salad, meat, starch, vegetable, rolls, butter, and dessert. Dinner \$15 per person includes tax and tip which is collected from individual diners in a cash payment to the Alpine Club at the end of the dinner.

Please call to leave an RSVP at 412-257-8322 by August 30th if you plan to attend this special send off. Please be sure to stipulate that you plan to attend the send off dinner at the **Alpine Club** since we are taking RSVPs for two different Neighbor Night Suppers at this number.

INTEREST GROUPS

Hickory on the Green neighbors continue to enjoy a variety of ongoing neighborhood activities. Discover the joys of socializing with your neighbors in one of the H.O.G. Interest Groups, most of which meet within walking distance of your own home!

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 Devra Bastiaens at 412-334-1526 for the current book selection and next meeting date, time and place.

Lunch Bunch

The H.O.G. "Lunch Bunch" meets monthly at various restaurants in the area. 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 monthly notification list.

Hickory on the Go

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

Please remember you don't have to know anyone to attend any of our great social events. Everyone of all ages is welcome and we won't let anyone sit alone if you don't want to. Please come to future H.O.G. social events -- singles, couples and children are welcome.

"Where neighbors become friends."



Welcome Committee - Chairperson Donna Luczko (7060)

Please welcome new homeowner Sue Bagwell (7038).

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

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) - Chairperson Patsy Schaal (7033)

As we move from spring to summer and the weather settles down a bit, Alteration Requests are slowly coming in as neighbors begin clean up and updates. Doors, both town home and garage seem to top the list so far. Progress may be a little slow but make no mistake, every small change enhances our community and value. Thank you to all homeowners who keep up the maintenance of their homes. Please read the rest of this article to become informed about or be reminded of this community's policy regarding any maintenance or changes to the exterior of your properties!!

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. ALL 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 landscaping 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 Sarah at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260) 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 Sarah at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260).



Landscaping Committee - Vacant

Spring planting and bush trimming is now complete and approved by the Hickory on the Green Board. We ask as always that homeowners water their new plantings. Repair of damaged grass areas along driveways and bare spots are homeowners' responsibility.

If you have noticed grass clumps, unswept areas, and high/ low grass areas after mowing was done in early spring, we hope that you also have also noticed that the problems have largely been corrected with the return of our regular JML crew.

In our inspection of spring planting and trimming this spring, we have noticed and brought to JML's attention the following types of problems: new trees needing staked, weeding and dead leaf removal around

tree bases, dead branches in trees and evergreens, tree trimming in general, sprucing up the area around the Gazebo, and various dead bushes and scrubs. [NOTE: Even though we are following up with JML regarding weeding and dead leaf removal, etc., **homeowners** are responsible to clean weeds and dead plant tops in flower beds and around trees *that they planted* such as lilies, dead tulips, and any planted ground cover.] Just know that we are addressing all problems that we observe or are made aware of by CMP. Thanks for your continued vigilance and feedback.

Just a quick note about my retirement from the Landscaping Committee Chairmanship job. Earlier this year, I announced to the Board that I would continue my volunteer responsibilities of landscaping oversight through this year (2019). Since that time, the Board has asked you, our community, for a replacement for me... in newsletters and on the website and at meetings. Nobody has stepped forward as of yet. As of the first of the 2020 year, I will no longer accept calls regarding landscaping nor will I work with the contractor regarding plantings or lawn maintenance, which means that CMP will be your first contact if you have a landscaping issue. The Board and I sincerely believe that a volunteer homeowner **MUST** oversee our landscaping contract in conjunction with CMP in order to achieve a contract performance that is responsive to homeowner needs. Without a committed "boots on the ground" local Landscaping Committee, our community's appearance and property values will suffer. Please give serious consideration to donating some time and energy to this... your... community. It's not a hard job and it's seriously rewarding to see the fruits of your efforts bloom every spring! If you are interested in taking over this coordinating responsibility, you can do the fall walk through with me and/or set up a time for me to explain what we do and how this system works including answers to any question you might have along the way for as long as you might need.

As usual, if you have any questions about the plantings in your yard or any other landscaping related issues, call Sarah at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260) or send her an email (snperry@cmpmgt.com)).

Rules Review Committee - Chairperson Jim Ehrman (7025)

Your Board, at the last Annual meeting, announced its intent to require unit owners to show proof of their insurance coverage. We decided that such proof would be required at the beginning of 2019. Under Article 5 Section 1 of our Covenants the requirement reads that

unit owners must show proof of insurance coverage for 100 per cent replacement cost of their units. If the unit owner fails to comply then the Board can fine at the rate of \$25 for the first notice, \$50 after the second month and \$100 for the third month. If the homeowner has still not responded, our policy provides the authority to buy the insurance for the unit and then charge this assessment to unit owner.

We have gotten cooperation from many unit owners but there are some who have either had their insurance expire or simply not responded to requests for proof of insurance coverage.

The Board considers its responsibility on the issue seriously. We have waited more than 4 months for cooperation to show proof of coverage. We will continue our effort to make certain all units are covered. To this end, we ask for help in completing this task. Show us your insurance coverage. Just call your agent and ask that he send a declaration page to Sarah Perry at Community Management Professionals and ask the agent to resend the declaration page when the policy renews.

I plan to ask the Board to purchase insurance on those units where we lack proof of insurance and then assess the unit. I dislike the need for such action and would prefer the unit owners cooperation but in some instances it has not been forthcoming. Jim



Community Service Committee - Chairpersons - Vacant

Did the Spring Clean Up Crew ever pick up a lot of garbage from the sides of Alpine Road!! Thanks to Mark and Nancy Stern (thanks, Nancy for coordinating!) and Donna Luczko who handled the top of Alpine. It hasn't looked that good for quite a while! Also thanks to Jim Glenn and Leo and Devra Bastiaens for some really amazing woodland pickup on the lower half of Alpine. Micheline Stabile and Pat Karnuta held down the fort, manning the coffee and donut station and working the red "slow down" flag for the passing motorists. You could see the results of everyone's efforts by the stack of many very full bags at our entrance ready for SFT pickup at the end of the event. Great job, everyone! It would have gone faster

and with less hard work had some young legs shown up to volunteer, but maybe next time.

Remember, Nancy Stern and Jerry Schmier will no longer be co-chairs of the Community Service Committee. We need you!!

Development Committee - Chairperson Mary Jo Gross (7089)

The Committee will be meeting this month to continue its research work related to improving the street lighting along Clubview Drive which was the subject of much support among homeowners in the survey of projects last year. Additional lighting on Clubview involves planning, coordination, and expenditures for our Association, the electric company and the Township, which adds up to a very complicated project. Also on the docket is a proposal from the Social Committee for the construction of a picnic shelter/storage unit at the cul-de-sac. This proposal comes coincidentally with the Board's request of the Committee to explore a replacement for our aging Gazebo.

Our Development Committee is here to be an ear for all our community's homeowners. If you have ideas or questions or would like to join the committee or just attend a meeting, please get in touch with Sarah at CMP (412-279-9280, ext. 260).

Communications & Our Website - Wendy Bell & Micheline Stabile (7049)

The Website: It's 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, all our governmental officials, elected or appointed/hired, can be found from links on our excellent South Fayette Township website: <http://southfayettepa.com/>.

Newspaper Hickory Happenings Issues: The quarterly publication of the newsletter has moved to three issues per year (January, May, and September) in 2019. **If you are interested in soliciting for and managing paid advertising for the newsletter**, please get in touch with Micheline Stabile at 412-257-8322.

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 interested in 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

Please don't **drive on the grass!!!**

The only common areas acceptable for pet curbing are the Gazebo area and the cul de sac area. All other property is owned by your neighbors. Please be considerate and keep your dog from walking through other people's yards. Also, please keep your dog on a leash at all times when outside. And for heaven's sake, pick up after your pooch, especially at the Gazebo.

If you want to plant annuals on your property, stay inside existing planting beds. For annuals, you don't need to submit a request to CMP. If, however, you want to plant or otherwise change the landscaping inventory on your property, you must submit an Alteration Request Form to CMP prior to making any changes.

Please **don't set out your garbage before 6:00PM** on the night before garbage pickup by the Township. There's a \$25 fine for violating this rule.

Helpful Hints

Dryer vent hazard: Now might be a good time to have that dryer vent cleaned out. Dryer dust one of the leading causes of home fires. Better safe than sorry, especially when we all live so close to one another!

Grass vs. Dogs: If you have a pet who urinates in your yard, you can avoid burned out spots in your lawn by frequently watering your dog's favorite areas.

Our Larger Community

South Fayette Township is Reporting that **Waste Management**, the Township's contractor for collecting garbage and recyclables, is leaving warning notes for customers whose recycling bins are contaminated with non-recyclables or unaccepted items. Bins may not contain garbage, glass or items that are bagged, dirty or wet.

Employees of the waste hauler may leave a warning note but pick up the recycling as a courtesy, or they may indicate that they had to leave the recycling behind due to contamination.

Recyclables that are permitted in recycling bins are metal cans (steel, tin and aluminum); paper (newspaper, office paper, magazines, brown paper bags); plastic bottles and jugs (#1 and #2); and flattened cardboard and paperboard (such as cereal boxes).

Prohibited items include glass, dairy and juice cartons, plastics #3-#7 and anything not listed in the list of permitted items.

Waste Management's note says, "When in doubt, leave it out."

Be An Active Neighbor!

You may have noticed that Hickory on the Green is a “Happening” place. If you have good ideas, opinions, talents, skills, energy, and some time to devote, please consider running for a board office or volunteering to serve on one of our committees:

Standing committees are: *Architectural Review; Development; Landscaping; Social; Community Service; Welcome; Rules Review/Community Relations*

Communication efforts are: *Newsletter, Website, and Homeowners’ Approved Service Providers Resource List*

Call CMP to sign up for one of our committees now. WE NEED YOU!!!!

Included with This Issue

Flyers: Neighbor Night Supper - Walnut Grill
Goodbye Neighbor Night Supper - Alpine Club