

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

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Sunday, March 19, 2022: It's been quite a while since we've updated this ol' webpage. But everything that you need to know since December is contained in our February (actually March) issue of the Hickory Happenings. The newsletter can be found on the Newsletter page of this website. Or if you're not into searching just now, just [click this link!](#)

Let's hope that our recent 7" snowfall is the last "big one" of the season. The spring-like weather is wonderful.

Enjoy reading the newsletter and catching up on all of the happenings in your community. As always, if you have news to share, drop an email to wenbellz@gmail.com.

December 7, 2021: Hi, there, H.O.G. neighbors!!

We had a great time at the 2021 Outdoor Holiday Bonfire and Decorating Event this past Sunday. Everyone who attended drank hot chocolate (Yum) and ate cookies (double Yum) as they clustered around the warm fire and chatted with each other. It was a grand time in keeping with our annual holiday Light Up Night celebration.

Thanks so much to Michelle and Stephanie Wright and their energetic H.O.G. Social Committee for organizing it, toting the decorations, and creating the great drinks/eats. Thanks also to Rich Luczko for tending a beautiful fire in the pit!

The collage of the photos taken at the event has been rendered as usual by Micheline Stabile and can be found below.

November 23, 2021: Well, here we are... almost Thanksgiving! Hickory on the Green is a special place around the holidays. In past years, we've all gathered for a dinner at a local establishment and then returned to our homes to light up our luminaries, comfy in our warm homes with our full bellies and happy souls, having socialized a bit with neighbors.

This year is different of course, due to the continuing effects of the pandemic. We cannot in good conscience sanction an indoor gathering that could serve as a super spreader event as the infection rates continue to climb in our area.

But our Social Committee is absolutely undaunted by these restrictions!!! How, you may ask? Well, they have created a Winter Holiday Gathering and Light Up Night campfire event at the Gazebo on Sunday, December 5th (starting at 3:00 PM) that will satisfy the socializing, snacking, drinking and festive requirements of our traditional holiday celebration. The campfire will occur in the Gazebo area. The Gazebo area and entrance luminaries will be lit. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Neighbors who attend, no RSVP needed, will eat, drink and be merry. The only requirement is that you dress warmly and bring a chair. The rest will be waiting for you at the Gazebo on Sunday, December 5 at 3:00PM. [Rain date is December 12]. Oh, and did we mention that caroling will be encouraged for anyone who cares to sing along!

After the event, homeowners can return to their warm, cozy homes to light up their own luminaries, thus ushering in our hopes for a more peaceful and enlightened holiday season.

Also, at this time of year, our community collects gift cards for those less fortunate. As in some past years, our donation recipient is the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh. The cards donated will be distributed to the women and children served by the Center and Shelter through its Adopt A Family Program. It's our hope that our community's donation will share some of the holiday warmth and bounty that we all enjoy, especially for the kids. Cards can be brought to the Light Up Night campfire on December 5th or dropped off into the Gift Card envelop hung on the front door of 7049 Clubview Drive by December 12th.

Another word about Luminaries: If you plan on ordering your luminary kits from the Upper St. Clair Band Parents Association, you best get a move on. Its deadline for ordering is December 1. The information for contacting USCBP can be found on the event flyer that you received in your email or by clicking [here](#). You are free, of course, to obtain your luminaries from whatever source you pick.

Finally, the culmination of our 2021 year happens at our Annual Homeowners Meeting scheduled as a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM. This meeting provides each homeowner who "attends" with a succinct recap of the year's happenings and the coming year's goals from both a business, committee, and social events perspective. Homeowners vote on what type of financial audit happens next year. Homeowners meet the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs and are offered the opportunity to ask questions and offer their suggestions.

Two things to remember about the Annual Homeowners Meeting:

1. Contact Carl Wilkinson ASAP to register your intention to attend (412-279-9280, ext. 260 or cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com). Only folks who have done this will receive the link to join the meeting on December 20th at 7PM. Also, you need to submit any questions or comments you would like addressed at the meeting in advance to Carl.
2. If you can't make the meeting, please... please... please fill out a Proxy form and get it to a Board member, CMP, or dropped into the envelop hung on the front door of 7049 Clubview as soon as possible! This is very important for the continued business of our Association. In order to conduct the annual meeting, we must have a quorum in numbers of people or proxies in hand. If you are not sure how to complete a proxy, just drop an email to wenbellz@gmail.com and it will all be explained to you.

Additional details of the above events can be found on our Special Events page on this website (tab or menu icon above) or by clicking [here](#).

That's it for now. Hope to see you at the above events. Be well, be safe and stay warm, neighbor!

October 25, 2021: Just a quick update to let everyone know how successful our Halloween Donation Day was this past Saturday. We collected \$165 in cash and \$225 in checks for a total of \$390 plus about \$200 in supplies and food for the critters at the Washington Area Humane Society. When we dropped off the donations at the shelter, the person at the desk was absolutely thrilled to receive everything. She explained that the shelter operates solely on private donations from folks like us, so the donations we collected as a community were very much needed and appreciated. For those of you who gave, a heartfelt and furry thanks.

Next up, there is a new photo collage compliments of Micheline Stabile that documents the collection of food in September of this year to benefit the South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM). Thanks, Micheline. Check it out below.

Finally, the Board has been hard at work this past month getting all the ducks in a row for several projects that will take place before the snow flies this fall (hopefully). One project is addressing trees that have reached the end of their lifecycle and are in need of removal or attention. The other project is the long-awaited improvement to our Clubview Drive street lighting. CMP will be issuing emails to announce the details of these two projects as well as sending letters to the homeowners directly affected by the work.

Friday, October 22, 2021: Oh, wow! Was on vacation until this past Monday and just now realized that TOMORROW is our community's Annual Halloween 🐾 Donation Day that benefits the furry homeless critters at the Washington Area Humane Society.

The Donation Day event this year is scheduled for THIS Saturday, October 23rd from 10am-12pm. Through the years Hickory on the Green has collected needed supplies and monetary donations at Halloween Time to "treat" the animals at the Washington Area Humane Society No Kill 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 had a desire to support year after year.

We will collect contributions at the entryway tomorrow morning, October 23 between 10AM and noon. Several of our H.O.G. Social Committee Volunteers will be on hand to collect your donations, so please stop by. The supply wish list can be found here (the list is on the last page of the event announcement). Checks may be made out to the Washington Area Humane Society. As always, we will deliver all contributions in the name of Hickory on the Green Community. If you are unable to deliver your donation of supplies on Saturday the 23rd, you can drop them off at Pat Karnuta's garage door (7051) during the week of October 18-23. Check donations may be dropped at the envelope on the door of 7051 during the week of October 18-23.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Monday, September 20, 2021: The H.O.G. Social Committee wants you to take note of an important update to the social events calendar. Due to the weather predictions of significant rain for this Wednesday, the Social Committee has rescheduled the Bonfire event for the end of this week, Friday, September 24th. The time remains the same at 6:30PM. The location remains the same, the Gazebo area. Remember to bring your chair.

As usual, if you have questions about any of the H.O.G. social events, just email the Social Committee at hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com.

The recent Community Clean Up Day was a great success. Lots of folks showed up to pick up the litter that had accumulated on Alpine Road for the last year of COVID-cancelled events. Check out the photo collage below compliments of Micheline Stabile. Thanks to all who volunteered and especially to Patty Condre, Chairperson of our H.O.G. Community Service Committee (who is looking for committee members!) and the Co-chairs of our H.O.G. Social Committee, Stephanie and Michelle Wright.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021: The social scene is alive and well at Hickory on the Green. Our fabulous Social Committee, co-chaired by the dynamic duo of Michelle and Stephanie Wright, have released its Fall 2021 schedule of events, see below.

A word of caution is in order as we enthusiastically resume our community get togethers. The Board continues to request that all community residents and homeowners observe the guidelines set forth by the

CDC with respect to the ongoing pandemic. These guidelines have changed to fit the ebb and flow and change associated with the virus and its variants. Currently the CDC has noted the alarming uptick in the rates of infection due to the Delta variant, which is many times more infectious than the original strain of COVID-19, as well as the discovery that vaccinated people can become infected and pass on the virus to unvaccinated and vaccinated people alike with whom they are in close indoor and dense, outdoor contact. These factors have caused the CDC to update its guidelines urging each inhabitant of the US to wear a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status if vaccination status of the congregants is unknown or mixed. Since we are not requiring proof of vaccination of our homeowners and residents as they attend our events, we urge ALL to wear a mask if attending an indoor event or gathering of any kind, regardless of your vaccination status, and to observe social distancing protocols at outdoor gatherings. Public health and safety are responsibilities that this Association take seriously.

Now for the good stuff... The H.O.G. Social Committee proudly announces the following H.O.G. community events (click on each event to see its flyer that gives all the details):

Clean Up - Scheduled for Saturday, September 18th at 9am

Food Drive - Scheduled for Saturday, September 18th from 9am-12pm

Bonfire - Rescheduled for Friday, September 24th at 6:30pm

Donation Day for Animal Shelter - Scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd from 10am-12pm

Lunch Bunch gatherings on the second Tuesday of each month will take place at outdoor venues weather permitting.

If you have questions about any of the above events, just email the Social Committee at hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com. [Remember – copy and paste this email address into your email program.].

Now a word from our larger South Fayette and surrounding communities...

Meals on Wheels of Peters Township needs volunteers: Drivers are needed for the following routes: Finleyville, Bridgeville, Bethel Park, Houston. The route schedule is for every other week or on a sub basis when the regular driver is off that day. The drivers arrive at the kitchen around 10:15a.m. and are back by 12:30p.m. Also, dishwashers are needed in the kitchen from 7:30a.m. – 10:30a.m. once a week or once every other week. Just let us know what day would work with your schedule. For more info or to volunteer, contact Meals on Wheels of Peters Township, 724-969-1000, mowpt1@verizon.net [Remember – copy and paste this email address into your email program.].

South Fayette Township invites your neighborhood residents to participate in the Evelsizer Family 5K and Fun Walk from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sun. Sept. 26, 2021, at Fairview Park, 129 Greenwood Drive, South Fayette PA 15017. Registration is \$25 a person: runsignup.com/Race/PA/Bridgeville/EvelsizerFamily5k

Have fun out there, neighbor, and stay safe!

Saturday, August 14, 2021: Now that we are well into August, the “Dog Days of Summer” are here! And with summer comes some Social Committee news in this posting.

The Social Committee met recently and has started planning upcoming events. That schedule needs some fine tuning and will be published soon. Watch this space. By way of a reminder for all of you who are interested in our community’s social activities... the transfer of responsibility for the Social Committee from Micheline Stabile to co-chairs Michelle and Stephanie Wright has been completed. The new co-chairs can be reached by emailing: hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com for information about social events

or if you are interested in getting involved with the Committee. It's a great bunch of folks who make this community a neighborhood and they'd welcome you with open arms if you want to contribute.

The Lunch Bunch had its first-since-the-pandemic-lockdown-was-lifted luncheon recently. They met at the Trolley Stop which has a huge menu, great food and a back patio that is wonderfully breezy and under a canopy roof. The Lunch Bunch folks have decided to schedule future get togethers on the second Tuesday of each month in outdoor venues as long as the weather holds. The next lunch is scheduled for 11:30AM on September 14th at The Porch across from South Hills Village. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Gerry Gronsky or Pat Karnuta by emailing gronskygerry@gmail.com or calling 412-914-8282. They would be happy to add your name to the regular email notification list for upcoming lunches.

The Social Committee asked us to post a reminder for people who have news about neighbors, whether it be well wishes, condolences, sorrys to see you leave, graduations, marriages, births, etc. The Social Committee has a subcommittee called the Good Wishes Sub-committee. Gerry Gronsky is the coordinator of this subcommittee and is responsible for sending cards to acknowledge the events in our neighbors' lives. To notify Gerry Gronsky of any neighbor happenings, send her an email at gronskygerry@gmail.com or call 412-914-8282.

And don't forget about the following upcoming "larger community" events.

Bike the Montour Trail

Join other bikers on September 25 as the Tour the Montour returns in all its glory. Ride 6 to 62 miles, with rest stops, lunch, and a nifty t-shirt. And don't miss the raffles and auctions! It's a trifecta - fun, cool stuff, and supporting the Montour Trail. See the Montour Trail website for more information: https://montourtrail.org/event/2021-tour-the-montour/?instance_id=2536.

South Fayette Concert in the Park

You and your neighbors are invited to a new township event, Concert in the Park, on Fri. Aug. 20 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The location is a baseball field at Fairview Park, 129 Greenwood Drive, South Fayette 15017. The free event features live music from two bands—South Fayette's own Rob Eldridge & The Warm Auction and Shades of Time—plus food and drink sales, vendor booths and family fun for all ages. Bring chairs or blankets.

Enjoy your "Dog Days" and stay safe out there, neighbor.

Wednesday, July 28, 2021: There are a couple of interesting developments that may be of interest to Hickory on the Green homeowners and residents.

Hickory on the Green Social Activities Start Up Slowly

H.O.G. Social activities have gotten a little out of sync over the last year and a half. We are happy to see that gradually some activities are beginning to resume. The book club has resumed meeting, and the 500 bid Card club has begun playing again. If you would like to be put on the email schedule for the book club or card club, please contact Michele or Stephanie Wright at hogsocialcommittee@gmail.com (NOTE: Copy and paste this email address into your own email program).

The Lunch Bunch is also beginning to plan regular lunches at various local restaurants. The next luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10 at 11:30AM at the Trolley Stop. If you are interested in attending,

please let Gerry Gronsky know at gronskygerry@gmail.com (NOTE: Copy and paste this email address into your own email program) by Friday, August 6th.

Also let Gerry know if you would like to be on the email list for notifications of future luncheons.

Raccoon Rabies Baiting Program

The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) and U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services will start the county's 20th annual Raccoon Rabies Baiting Program on Monday, August 2, 2021. Crews will distribute more than 300,000 baits in all 130 Allegheny County municipalities, and in parts of Beaver and Washington counties. Bait will be spread by hand August 2 to August 10; aircraft, including helicopters and fixed wing airplanes, will distribute bait throughout August. Residents might see aircraft moving slowly over the same area multiple times over a short period of time. This could be alarming to residents who are unaware of the program, so we ask for the public's help in getting the word out about the program.

The oral rabies vaccine bait consists of a square block made from a compressed mixture of fishmeal and fish oil known to attract raccoons. The vaccine (dyed pink) is inside a plastic packet that is inserted in the middle of the block. Most of the baits will be consumed about five days after being distributed. Although the baits are not harmful to pets, residents are asked to keep their dogs and cats inside or on leash, so pets don't eat the baits before raccoons can. To ensure raccoons are hungry, the ACHD also asks residents to bring food sources indoors and make sure that garbage containers outdoors have secure lids. Residents should avoid contact with the bait. If you touch the intact bait or the liquid vaccine inside, wash your hands and any other exposed area of skin with soap and water. In the unlikely event that a rash develops, contact your health care provider immediately.

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South Fayette Township Senior Center is OPEN!

The South Fayette Area Senior Citizens Association has resumed activities following a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs are held in the Community Room at the Senior Center, located at the back of the township building, 515 Millers Run Road, South Fayette PA 15064. And don't forget that you can get announcements about Township services, road closures, etc. by signing up for the Township alerts at: <https://southfayettepa.com/list.aspx>

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Sunday, July 11, 2021: Just a quick update today to remind our homeowners that trees, while providing us with shade and beauty in this neighborhood, can also become agents of destruction in the right weather conditions. One of our neighbors experienced damage to his deck in the latest wind storm that blew through recently. See photos below that this homeowner took of his deck. His house is one of the units that overlook the golf course.

It's a cautionary tale for all of us. It is worth noting that any such damage must be repaired at the homeowner's expense (we own our own homes!); so proactively removing trees that have grown "too close" to our houses is not a bad idea. Oh and, yes, you do need to submit an Alteration Request signed by your neighbors so that everyone knows what you plan and the Association can approve your plan, thus assuring that hillside stability is maintained.

Monday, June 7, 2021: Our June 2021 issue of the Hickory Happenings newsletter, exclusively for Hickory on the Green residents, is now available online at this link (or on the Newsletters tab above). Lots of good news! Enjoy.

Also, we received a request from one of our homeowners, Kendra Martinson at 7069 to post the following information that may be of interest to the pet owners among us:

"I am recommending Nina Brewer, a vet tech/vet assistant, for her in-home pet service. Ms. Brewer owns her own business and will come to the homeowner to take care of their pet with toenail trimmings, cleaning ears, expressing anal glands, etc. People can text, email, or call her to set up an appointment. She accepts Venmo or cash. She has been to my house a couple of times to take care of my dogs' toenail trimmings and anal gland expression and has done a wonderful job! It is so nice not to have to take the dogs anywhere for this. Nina is very personable, and her prices are fair. Her contact information is: ninabrewer730@gmail.com; 412-304-2888."

Brewer's Services and rates:

Nails \$15 Ear cleaning \$12 Anal Glands \$15 Sanitary clips varies for dog size.

Finally, here's the link to the CMP "Community Portal" that you really should take a look at: <https://portal.cmpmgt.com/> This link is also found in the CMP Contact Info section below. Scroll down! Don't forget that past postings are archived on our "STUFF" page (see tab above/ or menu if mobile).

Friday, April 23, 2021: Glorious day after our brief retreat into winter, no? Enjoy the sunshine, neighbor!

We have an update from our helpful public servants at South Fayette Township: "Glass recycling set for May 1 to May 6 in South Fayette."

A free household glass recycling collection is set from 7 a.m. to sundown daily from Sat. May 1 through Thurs. May 6, 2021, in the South Fayette Township building back parking lot, 515 Millers Run Road, South Fayette PA 15064.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Household glass only
All colors of empty glass bottles, jars and jugs
No need to separate glass colors
Caps, lids and labels are acceptable

The following items are NOT accepted:

Cut glass
Window glass
Glass bakeware
Mirrors
Porcelain and ceramics
Stemware
Light bulbs
TVs/electronics
Any other materials, including other types of recyclables
Bags and boxes used to transport the glass (discard off site)

This bin offers a contact-free, weeklong drop-off service and provides a safe method of recycling glass while eliminating the need to interact with other individuals or touch shared surfaces. Please anticipate depositing your glass yourself, as staff and volunteers will not be present to assist you.

The site is under video surveillance.

Collection by the Pennsylvania Resources Council is free thanks to sponsors:

- Goldberg, Kamin & Garvin, LLP
- Herbert, Rowland & Grubic Inc.
- John Kosky Contracting, Inc.
- District Judge Maureen McGraw-Desmet
- South Fayette Township
- Owens-Illinois
- CAP Glass

Monday, March 22, 2021: Please join us in welcoming our three newest Board of Directors members: Mary Jo Gross, Joy Short and Tracey Valko. Mary Jo replaced Jim Ehrman at the end of last year. Joy replaces Jim Glenn who retired from the Board at our March business meeting. Tracey replaces David Carroll who retired from the Board today. Each of these new Board members brings a great skill set and energy to our efforts. All this new blood on the Board is a great thing for our community's future!

Thursday, February 25, 2021: Thought you might be interested to see how much food was collected at our "Hickory Has Heart" Food Drive this past Sunday. Below are some photos that will give you an idea of the awesome volume of generosity that our community (and associated family and friends) displayed!

The SHIM people (our donation was delivered this past Tuesday) were AMAZED and asked numerous times who we were, where we were from, etc. We proudly announced "Hickory on the Green of South Fayette Township." They weighed the carts that we rolled in and estimated that our donation was approximately 800 lbs. of food and supplies. They were very grateful to get it, too, saying that the need was great and March was a very slow month for them. We asked if they had any other slow months and they told us September was also a lean month as far as donations were concerned, so don't be surprised if the "Hickory Has Heart" Food Drive is reprised at the end of summer.

Many thanks to all who contributed food and supplies to the Drive. Also, tons of thanks go out to our trusty volunteers who did a lot of heavy lifting in and around the truck and car... Michelle Wright, Stephanie Wright, Micheline Stabile and Wendy Bell.

Sunday, February 14, 2021: Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!! Very nice to think of pink hearts on a day before a gigantic snow storm is due to hit. LOL

Just wanted to remind everyone that we are approaching the date of our "Hickory Has Heart" Food Drive on Sunday, February 21st. [Please note that the dates and times listed in our latest Hickory Happenings Newsletter have been revised to reduce collection to a single day!!]

Now that we've made it to Valentine's Day, The H.O.G. Social Committee thought it was time to remind everyone who's interested in participating that they've scheduled a pandemic food drive for February that they've named "Hickory 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 donate non-perishable food and supplies (see list below), tied in plastic bags. Our one day drop off location is our own Gazebo on Clubview on next Sunday, February 21st, 10AM-4PM. Everything collected from the Gazebo will be delivered to South Hills Interfaith Ministry (SHIM) the next day, weather permitting.

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.

Sunday, January 17, 2021: Hard to imagine that we're halfway through January already, huh?

Just a quick update to let you know that the link below for the Trash and Recycling Collection Calendar has been updated to the 2021 calendar for your download and use. This document, provided by South Fayette Township as part of its contract with Waste Management, is several pages long and details not only the collection schedule but also the types of recyclable material that are to be collected... and, as importantly, what not to put in your recyclable container.

A gentle reminder, please keep up with the weather reports so you know when the snow is predicted and you park in your driveway as opposed to the visitor parking lots. Our contractor had to plow around cars this past week, which makes for a very messy plowing result.

Stay safe, everyone. Wear your masks. The pandemic isn't over yet! Let's hope Pennsylvania gets it going more quickly for vaccinating Phase 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.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021: The holidays for most of us are over, well except for our Orthodox brethren who will celebrate this year on Thursday, January 7.

For our part here at Hickory on the Green, our holiday festivities are officially over as signaled by the removal of the holiday lights on the gazebo. Many thanks for the colorful display (and its removal) go to Noli Cruz and Jim Glenn. It was a mighty fine display this year. 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!

A quick note from our Township: Millers Run Road will be closed until January 23rd. [Click here](#) for the details on this closure.

And again, Happy New Year and stay safe out there.

Saturday, December 26, 2020: Kwanzaa 2020 in United States began today and ends on Friday, January 1, 2021. The seven-day holiday is a non-religious one observed in the U.S. meant to honor African Americans' ancestral roots. Kwanzaa comes from the Swahili phrase "matunday ya kwanza," which means "first fruits."

The holiday was created in 1966 by Maulana Karenga and became popular in the 1980s and 1990s in tandem with the black power movement. The holiday is defined by the seven principals and each day of the festival is dedicated to a specific one, marked by lighting a candle on the kinara, a seven-branched candelabra.

These are the seven principles of Kwanzaa:

Umoja means unity in Swahili. Karenga defines this on his Kwanzaa website as: "To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race."

Kujichagulia means self-determination. This principle refers to defining, naming, creating and speaking for oneself.

Ujima is translated as "collective work and responsibility," ujima refers to uplifting your community. "To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together," Karenga writes.

Ujamaa means cooperative economics. Similar to ujima, this principle refers to uplifting your community economically. "To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together," he writes.

Nia means purpose. Karenga expands on this principle with, "To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness."

Kuumba meaning "creativity." Karenga defines this principle as "To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it."

Imani, the final principle, translates to "faith."

Karenga defines this as faith in community, writing, "To believe with all our hearts in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle."

Have a great day and stay safe and WARM out there!

Thursday, December 24, 2020: Merry Christmas Eve, everyone!! Special Announcement -- due to inclement weather today, the luminary display is being rescheduled to New Year's Eve!

So, with the passing of December 21, we officially begin winter. That date, known as the winter solstice, is the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere and has the longest night of the year. The good news is that the days get longer and the nights shorter from here on out until the summer solstice on Saturday, June 20th.

Saturday, December 19, 2020: LAST CALL for gift cards tomorrow!!!! We are collecting gift cards for the Washington County's Women and Children Shelter until SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT NOON. There's an envelope on the front door of 7049 if you want to contribute.

A word of thanks to the best homeowners and residents ever! With a few exceptions, most folks moved their cars from the parking lots so that our snowplower was able to clear the lots from our first major snowstorm of the season. Thanks, everybody. And for those who didn't move, we're hoping you get on the bandwagon for the next snowstorm!

And finally, here is a referral of a window washing contractor offered by fellow homeowner, Cindy Cooney.

TY-D Window & Gutter Cleaning
P.O. Box 14903
Pittsburgh, PA 15234
412-628-9668
ty-dwindowcleaningllc.com
Window cleaning/gutter cleaning & more

Also, some time ago, a homeowner whose name has faded in our memory, recommended a handyman that she said was "wonderful." Am including his information as well here.

Paul Henchir
Handyman
412-600-1884
(Wife Patti can be texted at 412-882-8804)

These two resources have been added to an updated Resource List (in the "Important Association Links" below).

Wednesday, December 16, 2020: Every year we send out the same message around this time: PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE VISITOR PARKING LOTS WHEN IT SNOWS. This current

storm promises to dump a bunch of snow on our property. If our lots are empty of vehicles, then the snow plower with which we contract will be able to plow the lots in their entirety and we'll get the biggest bang for our buck out of that contract. So please, park in your own driveway for the next 24 hours.

Friday, December 11, 2020: The Jewish Festival of Lights is an eight-day celebration that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple of Jerusalem. It is one of the most popular holidays in Judaism and is marked by the lighting of the menorah. Hanukkah (most commonly used term) or Chanukah (traditional reference) started on Thursday evening, December 10 and will be celebrated until next Friday evening, December 18. Happy Hanukkah!

Don't Forget: We are collecting gift cards for the Washington County's Women and Children Shelter until December 20. There's an envelope on the front door of 7049 if you want to contribute.

Wednesday, December 9, 2020: BIG REMINDERS are up today!

FIRST, this Saturday, December 12, is our community's Annual Light Up Night. That means that everybody should light up their holiday lights by 5:30PM and set out and light their luminaries along Clubview Drive! Unfortunately, we are not holding our annual Holiday Dinner Party due to the pandemic; so the colorful and creative lighting around our community will have to provide us with the spirit of the season. Let's make this festive, people!

SECOND, today starts the collection for the Washington County Women and Children Shelter. 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 we will hang an envelope on the door at 7049 Clubview. Cards may be dropped in the envelope any time until December 20th. As always, we will deliver all contributions to the shelter in the name of Hickory on the Green Community.

Finally, Hickory on the Green 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 of 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

Wednesday, December 2, 2020: Happy December Season, everyone!!! Yes, I know that we've still got election hangovers and the pandemic is ramping up... but you have to see the beauty and be positive at least a little. Otherwise, what's the point? Right? So smile and wave at a neighbor! And shovel that snow!

Speaking of snow, we've put our annual snow recommendations on the website for you (just above this posting). These are folks that have been recommended earlier this year.

The updated specifications that Patsy Schaal (Chair of ARC) and her trusty volunteer Karen Billingham have been working so hard to review and update are now posted in our Specifications document below. These new and improved specifications (for everything we do around here) are also posted on the CMP portal under the tab Documents/Governing Documents.

Don't forget that our Annual Homeowners Meeting is Tuesday, December 8 at 7PM. It is an online Zoom meeting. You must contact Carl at CMP to indicate your intention to attend in order to get the link to participate. Do that now!!

Finally, don't forget that Light Up Night is Saturday, December 12 at 5:30PM.

Wednesday, November 11, 2020: We honor our veterans who have dedicated their lives, and for many, given their lives, for our continued freedom in this great country of ours.

Just a quick reminder that ordering of holiday luminary kits is available through the Upper St. Clair Band Parents Association. Their website allows people to pay by check or PayPal/credit card and can be found with the following link: www.uscbpa.org Their order deadline is December 1st!!

By now you've received your Annual Homeowners Meeting packet in the mail. In the packet is our 2021 Budget, the agenda for the AOM, the notice that our meeting will be held virtually, nomination forms for two positions on the Board of Directors and a voting postcard regarding our annual audit. Here are some things that you need to DO prior to the meeting:

-Contact CMP right now to tell them that you plan to "attend" the virtual meeting. Submitting your reservation request via email (cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com) will guarantee that you receive the meeting link and time of the meeting.

-If you decide that you don't want to attend the virtual meeting, PLEASE assign your proxy to a Board member so that we achieve a quorum for the meeting. Without that quorum, the various voting and our requirement for an annual meeting cannot be fulfilled. Also, we will continue trying to achieve a quorum until we reach it by sending you additional emails until enough people sign proxies or "attend." So it's not like ignoring this will make it go away. It's our legal responsibility to hold this AOM. :-)

-Make certain that you return your voting postcard regarding the full annual audit, as recommended by the Board. Hint: You can submit a scanned postcard to CMP. You simply mark your vote on the postcard, sign the card, scan it (front and back) and attach it to an email to Carl Wilkinson at CMP (cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com). It will save us the cost of the postage.

And finally, one of our neighbors has offered some information on a personal trainer who may be helpful in keeping you fit in these COVID-19 times. Gerri Gronsky swears by her trainer of four years, Kelly Lentender. Gerri tells us that Kelly tailors her training to her client's specific needs. She used to work out of the JCC, but has since moved to Myrtle Beach and is maintaining her Pittsburgh clientele via virtual

sessions on the internet. She prefers interested parties contact her via her cell phone number: 412-335-1031 but she has also supplied us with her email address: kellyletender@yahoo.com. You can find out about her fee schedule by contacting her directly. Thanks, Gerri, for this great referral.

Remember, this website doesn't activate your specific email program, so to send emails posted above, you need to copy and paste the email address into your email program. Sorry...

Saturday, October 31, 2020: Traditionally our neighbors light up their luminaries on our neighborhood Light Up Night as a gesture of warmth, peace and friendliness. This year the tradition seems more important than ever. Our Neighborhood Light Up Night will be on Saturday, December 12th. Light up your holiday decorative lights and luminaries at 5:30PM. Many homeowners save their luminaries and relight them on Christmas Eve. [NOTE: Our traditional holiday gathering at the Alpine Club has been cancelled due to the pandemic.]

As was the case last year, the Social Committee is providing information about the luminary sales offered by the Upper St. Clair Band Parents (USCBPA), which has set up an ordering system on their website that allows people to pay by check or PayPal/credit card. They have committed to deliver the ordered luminaries to our neighborhood either Saturday, December 5 or Sunday, December 6.

Kits are \$15 or 2 for \$25. Each kit has 12 bags, 12 candles and the sand needed to make them. Ordering will be open November 1 and online orders can be made at www.uscbpa.org. Ordering on their website can be found by clicking on the "Fundraisers" link at the top of their website page. If someone does not want to use the online website ordering, he/she can contact USCBPA at bpalumina@gmail.com. [NOTE: If you want to use this email address, you'll have to copy and paste it into your own email program.]

And don't forget that today is the last day to drop off at 7049 Clubview (envelope on the door) your donations to the Washington Area Humane Society.

Oh, and finally, if you haven't voted already, please make a plan to do so. Otherwise you're not allowed to complain for the next four years! :-) Information about voting in Allegheny County is below.

Important voting information to know [UPDATED]:

-Registration, Address Changes, Voting By Mail Application: All deadlines for these categories have occurred. You can no longer register to vote, change your address or apply for a mail-in ballot for the November 3rd general election.

-Last day/time to submit your ballot -- 8pm on November 3(if you're mailing your ballot, allow a lot of time for it to get to the Elections Division by the deadline)

-PA's ballot tracker website -- <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx>

-Allegheny County's Election Division website (voting specific) -- <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/voting.aspx>

-Alternative Ballot Drop Off Locations -- <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/additional-election-offices.aspx>

-Contact information for AC Elections Division -- 412.350.4500 or email your name and voting address to electionscontact@alleghenycounty.us

NOTE: According to the AC Elections Website FAQ page, our normal polling place will be operational for the November election at the Fairview Fire Station, 3326 WASHINGTON PIKE BRIDGEVILLE 15017 - Accessible

Don't forget, past postings can be found at the bottom of our "Stuff" page.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020: Almost the end of October. Time flies when you're having fun. Today's posting features a homeowner furniture sale as follows:

Black Leather Couch - 83" L; 36" Deep; 34" High - \$250
Cocktail Table - 47.25" Length; 28" Wide; 19" High - \$100
End Table - 19.25" X 23.5"; 24" High - \$75
Lamp - \$75

By: Kim Fonzi
412-217-1025
mikiznof@gmail.com

[Copy and paste this email address into your email program. This website doesn't link to your specific email program.]

Go to our Stuff Page to see photos of this furniture!!!

DON'T FORGET!!! Halloween Washington Shelter Donation Drive!!!!

Just because it's been the year of COVID-19 doesn't mean that the kitties and puppies at the Washington Area Humane Society "No Kill" Shelter stopped eating or needing homes! We still want to benefit this fine organization. But the "Annual Halloween" Animal Shelter Donation Drive this year will look a little different than in years past. In lieu of collecting shelter wish list supplies this year, we will be collecting monetary contributions during the week of October 25-31. To provide a safe and socially distanced way to show our love to the Shelter, cash or checks made out to the Washington Area Humane Society can be placed in the envelop on the door of 7049. As always, we will deliver all contributions to the shelter in the name of Hickory on the Green Community. Our generosity has always been greatly appreciated by the shelter as winter approaches.

Finally, the October issue of the Hickory Happenings is now available on our Newsletter page (click on the tab at the top of the page or here).

Sunday, October 25, 2020: We are so sorry to tell you that a wonderful member of our community has passed recently. Joseph Testa, husband to Peggy, was an incredible asset to this community as well as being a good friend. He served for more than a few years on our Board of Directors and his many contributions to his neighborhood live on beyond his stay here. Rest well, Joe. We'll surely miss you.

Friday, October 9, 2020: Just a quick posting to draw your attention to our newest photo of the month (below on this webpage), which features our entrance wall with some lovely autumn mums compliments of our active Landscaping Committee. The photo of the month was taken by neighbor Donna Luczko.

[Note: Information about voting is below.]

Wednesday, October 7, 2020: There is some sad news to impart today. Good neighbor Joe Karnuta passed away this past Saturday. We will miss his particular vision of the world and his great sense of humor. A memorial service is being planned for November. Those who wish to express their condolences to Pat and her family can contribute cards and/or donations (for a gift that will be given) that can be put in an envelop on Gerry Gronsky's front door at 7081. God's speed, Joe.

Also to report is a recent experience of voting in Allegheny County, this report from one of our neighbors:

"If you are concerned about the mailing of your "mail- in" ballot for the November election, you can deliver your ballot in Allegheny County in person at the County Office Building at 542 Forbes Avenue downtown. They've made it soooooo easy. They let you pull up to the curb there on Forbes Avenue and park with flashers on, walk into the lobby of the building, and hand your mail-in ballot envelop to a County Elections staff member, who is manning one of two ticket counter style cubicles right there at the far end of the lobby (you don't have to go up to the 6th floor where the Elections offices are located). You are asked if it is your ballot and your signature on the envelop. No ID required. Then you're done. It is that simple. We just did it so we know! Oh, and don't forget your mask!"

Important voting information to know:

Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot -- 5pm on October 27

How to apply -- <https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

Last day/time to submit your ballot -- 8pm on November 3(if you're mailing your ballot, allow a lot of time for it to get to the Elections Division by the deadline)

PA's ballot tracker website -- <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/BallotTracking.aspx>

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Saturday, August 29, 2020: Happy end of August 2020, everyone! Nice to have gotten some rain finally. The plants and grass sure appreciated it.

Just a reminder or FYI, if you're new to the neighborhood, yard signs of any kind (For Sale, political, decorative) are prohibited in Hickory on the Green. We've noticed several violations this summer. The homeowners will no doubt be receiving letters from the Association. Here are some suggestions that might make your individual expressions easier:

For Sale Signs: Tell your realtor to put his/her sign in the window of your house or garage, but no signs in the yard or planting beds.

Decorative signs: Small decorations can be placed in the planting beds, but nothing that will impede our lawnmowing!

Political signs: No signs in the yard, but your parked vehicle is fair game (we've already got an example of this)!

[NOTE: Landscape lights are also prohibited. If you see yards with these lights in them, they are in violation. Please do not base your homeowner actions on what you see in other neighbors' properties. Be safe, not sorry, check in with CMP for the official word!]

Our Architectural Review Committee chaired by Patsy Schaal is putting the final touches on a revision of our existing specifications for exterior alterations as well as a few new specs (exterior light fixtures, front step staining color). Our Rules Review Committee chaired by Jim Ehrman is similarly revising a variety of operating rules and policies. Expect some communication via email and snail mail once these projects are completed. In the interim, please remember that any exterior work (repair, maintenance, replacement or new) MUST be pre-approved by ARC and the Board. Submit an Alteration Request to CMP and avoid the \$100 fine for failing to do so.

We recently joined Nextdoor South Fayette, an online community. This posting by a fellow South Fayette resident caught our eye. Thought it would be useful to pass it along. "Alert...Large Coyote spotted going across my back yard on Oakridge Road in South Fayette last evening. Watch your pets." Anyone interested in joining this Nextdoor web-community can inquire at: nextdoor.com. If you'd like to be "invited," just fire off an email to wenbellz@gmail.com. This community is South Fayette not just our H.O.G. neighborhood.

Our County Executive has issued a plea for all county residents to complete their 2020 Census and send it in or complete it online before the deadline that is fast approaching. For more information regarding this topic of the 2020 Census click [here](#).

If you have been listening to the political chatter regarding our election system and our Post Office, etc., then you might want to subscribe to the email newsletter now being published by the Allegheny County Elections Division, the folks who actually will be handling our vote this November. This governmental entity is the only source of information that really counts in this election since it is local and legally responsible for it. Click [here](#) to see an example of the newsletter. You can sign up for the newsletter yourself at: <https://bit.ly/AC-ElectionsNLSignUp>

If you are interested in voting by mail, apply for your mail in ballot online at votespa.com. This website sends your application directly to Allegheny County's Election Division.

Finally, have a grand weekend and stay safe out there!

Saturday, August 1, 2020: Here we are in August. Hope everyone is doing as well as can be expected these days.

Top news for the day is a press release from the Health Department announcing that the annual Raccoon Rabies Vaccine Baiting Program kicked off yesterday, July 31 (we're a day late in posting this release....sorry!), and will end on August 17. The program leaves edible rabies vaccines in habitats that raccoons are likely to visit. When eaten, a raccoon will develop immunity to the virus. For more information regarding these packets and their effects, click [here](#).

Also, don't forget that we have a homeowner who has some furniture that she's selling. This information and photos can be found on our "Stuff" page of this website.

Have a great day and stay safe out there, neighbor!

Friday, July 24, 2020: Wowser! July is almost over. That's pretty amazing. Even more amazing was the rain that we had yesterday. It relieved an awful lot of dryness in our yards and planting beds. And on that same theme, since we've had virtually no lawn growth in the past several weeks, Noli Cruz (our intrepid volunteer-homeowner Landscaping Chairperson) tells us that he has instructed, in concert with

the Board of Directors, our landscaping contractor JML to skip a grass cutting this week. Grass cutting will resume when they have something to cut!

Next up is a notation that the latest issue of the Hickory Happenings (July, 2020) has been uploaded to our "Newsletter" page on this website. You should have received this newsletter in the snail mail. So, if you haven't received the hard copy or just can't find what you know you've received, you can now access the newsletter (and other past issues) on the Newsletter page. And if you have a need to see an old newsletter, we probably still have a file, so just email wenbellz@gmail.com with the timeframe you're interested in and she'll dig it up for you.

Finally, we have a homeowner who has some furniture that she's selling. This information and photos can be found on our "Stuff" page of this website.

Have a great day and stay safe out there, neighbor!

Monday, June 8, 2020: NOTE to self, be grateful for the beautiful day and the lovely community we've created!

Thought we'd take a break from COVID-19 postings since we're in the green zone now. Yes, please!! Just don't forget your mask and continued social distancing... green doesn't mean free of caution.

On to more pressing matters at this time of year. Now that the great and predictably warm, as in non-freezing, weather has moved into our area, we must address what has become an annual caution to the avid gardeners among us.

The Association maintains an inventory of plant life in our front planting beds. Each unit has shrubs, trees and perennials that were bought by the Association's Landscaping funds. If you want/plan to change any of that inventory in your front yard, you MUST consult with our Landscaping Committee, chaired by Noli Cruz. You can email him at ecruzer99@hotmail.com or call Carl at CMP at 412-279-9280, ext. 260.

We've already noticed that some folks have taken it upon themselves to change the plant life in their yard. Please consult with Noli and/or get approval via Alteration Requests **PRIOR TO REMOVING ANY ASSOCIATION INVENTORY!!**

If you want to plant annuals, do it to your heart's content, providing you do not jeopardize the health of our existing inventory and the plantings are installed in existing planting beds. Also, please do NOT plant vine-type plants. The Association will not be responsible for removing it if it becomes an eyesore, overgrows, or jeopardizes the health of our existing inventory. It's just too expensive to remove the vines and we've got too many planting needs each year to spend great quantities of our money in one person's yard.

This all may seem restrictive, but it's only meant to protect that in which we've already invested as an association. Remember, the Landscaping Budget is comprised of your monthly assessment fees.

Last but not least, water any new plants and/or trees/shrubs that were planted in your yard last fall or this spring. And let the growing begin!

NOTE: PLEASE SEE THE CORRECTION BELOW THAT WAS POSTED TODAY ABOUT THE LOCATION OF OUR POLLING PLACE FOR THE JUNE 2 PRIMARY IF YOU DON'T VOTE BY MAIL.

Sunday, May 17, 2020: How about that!?! May is now half over. And now we start to enjoy some real spring weather (hoping it lasts for a while).

Special News!! To help taxpayers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2% discount period for paying 2020 township real estate taxes is extended from May 31 to Aug. 31. From Sept. 1. For more information, you can go to the Township's website at: <https://southfayettepa.com/civicalerts.aspx?AID=786>.

Special News #2!! We've had our second occurrence of email hacking in the community. Be aware that the hacker hijacks someone's email addresses and sends out a request for a purchase or \$. It looks like its from someone you know... but it's not. It's a scam. Just call the person from whom you've received the email to alert him or her of the fact that they've got a problem. Check with your email provider for the best method to combat the problem. I know for gmail, they have a two step verification procedure you can set up to discourage hackers.

And just in case you didn't have enough color in your spring yet, homeowner Janet Zewe gave us a few photos that we just had to put in our Photo of the Month section below. Enjoy the memory!

Today's posting involves our upcoming primary election. Some have asked when it is, where we vote, what district we're in, etc. And of course, there is always the question about changing your address so that you can vote at your new address here on Clubview Drive (deadline to do this is THIS MONDAY!)

So we thought we'd give some information about all that including the exciting new opportunity to vote by mail which is now being offered, even encouraged, by our state and county elections folks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. So what follows is a series of questions and answers about voting in our South Fayette Township.

When is the primary election being held in Pennsylvania this year? The state has delayed our primary until June 2.

What ward and district are we in for voting? Technically we do not have wards in South Fayette, but the Allegheny County Elections Division polling place locator shows our ward as 00. We are in the 8th voting district here on Clubview Drive in South Fayette Township.

What are the deadlines for registering and voting in the 2020 primary in Allegheny County?

You must be registered to vote at your present address or change your registration to your current Clubview Drive address by May 18 (that's this Monday!!!).

The deadline for applying for a mail in ballot for this election is May 26 (you receive your ballot by mail from the Allegheny County Elections Division).

Get your mail in ballot in the mail so that the Elections Division receives it by June 2 (in other words, give it two or three days to be sure).

If you vote in person, you must vote at your polling place on June 2.

If we choose to vote in person, where do we vote?

CORRECTION!!! Due to the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 outbreak, the County has consolidated and drastically reduced its polling places to only ONE POLLING LOCATION IN EACH MUNICIPALITY! South Fayette's single voting site for all of its districts is the South Fayette Township School District's High School at 3640 Old Oakdale Road. This is even more of a reason to vote by mail!! Who wants to go to the high school to vote with all of the people in the township! To see this information from the Allegheny County Elections Division, go to this link:

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/elections/june-2-primary-election-information.aspx>

How can I register to vote in Allegheny County (or change my address to vote now that I've moved to Clubview Drive)? You must do this by Monday, May 18th!!)

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx> or you can call VOTESPA at 1.877.868.3772 or Allegheny County Elections Division at (412) 350-4500.

How can I apply to get a mail in ballot (deadline is May 26)?

<https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx> or you can call VOTESPA at 1.877.868.3772 or Allegheny County Elections Division at (412) 350-4500.

If you don't have a computer, you can call VOTESPA at 1.877.868.3772 or the Allegheny County Elections Division at this number for assistance: (412) 350-4500.

Wednesday, May 6, 2020: The big news of the week is that Waste Management is returning to normal (almost) with its collection guidance. Bulk items will now be collected with a big "BUT." You can only put out one bulk item. What!?! That's right, just one bulk item.

"Trash must be secured in trash bags and placed inside garbage cans if possible. Loose items will not be accepted. One bulk item, not bagged, per week can be accepted. Recyclable materials must be placed inside the automated recycling bins (including cardboard). Do NOT bag recyclables. Items left outside of the bin will not be collected. As always, electronics/TVs, chemicals and other prohibited items cannot be collected."

We're guessing that they don't want everyone putting out for collection all the bulk items that they've saved up during this pandemic period. If you want the information from the horse's mouth, here's the link to the Township's website: <https://southfayettepa.com/203/Trash-Recycling>

Next up, we're starting a new section on the website (below) called "This month's photo." This month's photo is homeowner Whit Lobdell reading to his grandkids in our Gazebo. Now that's the way to make the best of these times, right?! If you have a photo that you'd like to submit for next month's photo, just send it to wenbellz@gmail.com. Hope to receive some mighty fine photos of our community.

And finally, even though the Governor is easing restrictions in the northern part of the state, things are still on "stay at home" basis in Allegheny County. That means that we still need to wear our masks in public. If you would like a nice, homemade cloth mask, send your request to wenbellz@gmail.com and it will be passed along to our homeowner who's making them. Stay safe!

Friday, April 24 UPDATE!!! Please note that Front/Garage Door Painting will begin this year on Tuesday, April 28th for homeowners scheduled for this year's painting project. Click here for the letter sent this week to those homeowners.

Tuesday, April 21, 2020: Well, hello there, neighbor! How about some good news to go along with all the bad out there!

First, our mulching of planting beds was done yesterday (a Sunday, no less!) and does it ever look great in our front yards. Combine that with the incredibly mild winter and rainy spring which has created lawns that are just as plush and lush as they can be, and you have front yards that are picture perfect. As long as we are stuck at home, at least we have very pleasant surroundings to admire.

Second, we have made a successful transition from one great Landscaping Chairperson (Diane Gallagher) to another great Landscaping Committee Chairperson (Noli Cruz)! Noli has already been walking the neighborhood checking out the work that our contractor JML is doing as well as sizing up the planting needs of the units. Since we've had a change and you're likely to actually be at home enough to see him on your property, we thought we'd provide a photo of Noli so you'll recognize him when you see him. [NOTE: scroll down to the very bottom of the webpage after clicking, then click on the link to his photo.] And just for the record, Noli is about the nicest person you're ever going to meet. Just do it at a distance, please, for everyone's safety.

Thirdly (see, we told you we had good news to share), one of our young neighbors, Anna Martinson, is a senior at SFHS. Her mom received an email from school administration that each family of a senior will be receiving a yard sign to post in support of them. The H.O.G. Board of Directors has issued an temporary exemption from our "No signs" rule in support of Anna, whose senior year has been interrupted.

Finally, even though we have tried to limit our reporting of the bad news on the website, we should note several recent developments in the state/county/township response to COVID-19:

1. The Governor has extended his "Stay At Home" order to May 8 and masks are recommended for travel out in public (here's a web address for a description of the full statement)
2. Reminder: Only stuff **INSIDE** of your garbage bins or in secured bags will be picked up by the Waste Management folks. Do not leave bulk items out for collection because they'll be there after the WM folks leave.

Friday, April 3, 2020: Just a bit ago, South Fayette Township posted the following information on its Facebook page (this guidance comes from Governor Wolf of Pennsylvania):

"Pennsylvania and #SouthFayette residents are asked to wear non-medical-grade masks to help protect each other in public."

The township posting goes on to give more explicit guidelines about the types of masks and who should be wearing them. You can check it out at the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthFayetteTownship/posts/3317556928305782>

So here we are in the middle of a pandemic that seems to get worse day by day. Just remember to breathe deeply, fresh air if possible, and stay at home or stay away (that's six feet, folks). There are a number of folks who will help anyone having trouble getting what they need (email wenbellz@gmail.com and we'll make sure you're connected with a helper/hero).

South Fayette Township has also extended the offer to help identify resources for township folks who are needing it. You can call their hotline (412-221-8700, ext. 254) or see the article on their website: <https://www.southfayettepa.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=766>

Now, if you're feeling a little down after all that, check out the photos taken by neighbor Patty Condre which we've added to the Photo Gallery below. Even in the midst of this terrible time, our neighborhood is blooming like mad in a glorious display of springtime glory! While it doesn't make the hardship and scariness go away, it sure does help to have the beauty to look at. Thanks, Patty!

Finally, there has been a lot of news related to the unselfish service provided by our health care workers in the hospital systems, doctors' offices, senior residences and home visiting sites. And heroism doesn't

stop there. Let's not forget all of the people in the production chain that provide our food and daily necessities, and the gas station attendants and home repair service people. All of these folks are still on the job despite a risk to their own health. One of our neighbors (thanks, Shari Valicenti) has suggested that we participate in the grateful acknowledgement shown by clicking here or if the click doesn't work, it's at the very bottom of the page, just scroll down. Now, of course, the date for this event has passed, but that doesn't mean that individual homeowners can't observe the acknowledgement any old time they feel the gratitude.

And please don't forget the guidance we've given regarding our landscapers. Please don't approach them as they are doing their jobs. If you have a request or a complaint, please send an email to Carl at CMP (cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com).

Tuesday, March 24, 2020: Hickory on the Green Neighbors! Please read the announcement from South Fayette Township below about your trash/recyclables collection on Thursday!!!

Changes to Trash & Recyclables Collection due to COVID-19

For Waste Management to focus on essential waste collection and disposal during the COVID-19, or coronavirus, pandemic, the waste hauler is temporarily suspending the following services, which are non-essential during this emergency:

- Bulk Collection – furniture, carpet, mattresses, appliances, etc.
- Spring and bulk clean-ups
- Leaf/Yard Waste Collection – grass clippings, brush, tree limbs, leaves, etc. (scheduled for May 2 in South Fayette, but subject to cancellation or change)

Please Note:

- All trash/refuse must be bagged & sealed and, wherever possible, placed in containers. **LOOSE ITEMS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**
- All recyclable materials must be placed inside recycling bins (including cardboard). **Do NOT bag recyclables. ITEMS LEFT OUTSIDE OF THE BIN WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.**

As always, electronics/TVs, chemicals and other prohibited items cannot be collected.

Waste Management is contracted with South Fayette Township for collection and disposal of household waste and recycling.

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, federal and state declarations of emergency have been issued that recommend non-essential employees shelter in place and/or work from home when possible to promote social distancing. As a result, Waste Management has significantly reduced its field workforce and is focusing on the performance of essential services.

Because of its importance to the health and safety of our society, municipal solid waste collection and disposal is deemed an “essential service” in most instances, so Waste Management’s employees are continuing to perform this critical function.

When the declarations of emergency and social distancing recommendations have been eased and Waste Management’s workforce returns to pre-pandemic levels, these bulk/furniture and yard waste services will be restarted. Waste Management will provide notice when the service will resume.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020: Hard to imagine that it's March already! So far, so good. Keep washing those hands, y'all!

Here's a note from our Landscaping Committee Chairman, Noli Cruz: When scattering salt around our mailboxes this winter, please don't get salt on the grass areas surrounding the parking lots. Salt kills the grass! Thanks.

Next up, we are alerting Hickory on the Green homeowners and residents that the new white binder containing your updated Homeowner Directory and updated Association reference materials has been completed. The binders will be distributed by some of your neighbors to each household over the next week and a half, so don't be surprised if there is a knock on your door with a neighbor holding a white binder with your address on it.

Your H.O.G. Directory/Welcome Binder contains the following:

1. An updated Directory in the left hand, inside sleeve of the binder;
2. A letter from the Board highlighting areas of primary concern for a community such as ours, which also shows the address of our website;
3. Who's who on the Board and at CMP;
4. Policies and Rules for many of the most violated rules of our community;

Please note that this binder does not contain the entire Covenants or Rules for our community. To get that, you have to click on the appropriate links in the lower half of this webpage.

The idea behind the binder for each household is that when the Directory requires updating, or a policy is added or changed, or Board members change from year to year, the revisions will be distributed to you via new hole-punched pages. You can then (since you know exactly where your binder is) add these new pages to your binder.

Saturday, February 29, 2020: This is your last day to RSVP for the Friday, March 6th Neighbor Night Supper at the Alpine Club? Call Micheline Stabile to reserve a spot!!! Please call 412-257-8322 by 5PM TODAY!!!

The Alpine Club will be serving the following buffet food that night for the \$15 cash price you pay after the meal:

Fish (Baked, Battered, Breaded);
Chicken in a lemon butter sauce;
Various vegetables;
Salad;
Dessert

Hope to see you there to share the food and some neighborly chit chat!

Saturday, February 22, 2020: Do you remember the last posting of our Friday, March 6th Neighbor Night Supper at the Alpine Club?

Well, the time has come to place your phone call to Micheline Stabile to reserve a spot!!! Please call 412-257-8322 RIGHT THIS MINUTE!!! We've got to let the Alpine Club know how many people plan to

attend so they can set out the right number of tables and chairs as well as cook the extra food. So please, give her a call at 412-257-8322 and leave a message.

Thursday, February 13th, 2020: This is just a quick posting to let you know that the February Issue of the Hickory Happenings Newsletter has been uploaded to the website. It is on the website page or you can click [here](#).

There are also two news alerts announcing two upcoming events, the first of 2020. Click [here](#) to check them out!

Wednesday, January 29, 2020: Just wanted to let everyone know that Karen Allison is no longer available for snow shoveling because she's moved out of state. Right now we only have one source for snow shoveling ([click here](#) for a download of this source). If you have someone who with whom you've arranged to shovel snow and would like to share that source with your neighbors, please contact me at wenbellz@gmail.com.

Monday, January 13, 2020: This posting is an announcement of dates for two upcoming bi-monthly Board of Directors meetings as well as the date for the Annual Homeowners Meeting in November. Please put these dates on your calendar if you plan to attend:

Board of Directors Meetings

*Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30PM in the South Fayette Township Senior Center (rear of building)

*Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30PM in the South Fayette Township Meeting Room (side of building)

Annual Homeowners Meeting

*Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00PM in the South Fayette Township Senior Center (rear of building)

Due to the Township's new policy of granting priority for meeting space reservations to Township departments, the Board is unable to book the SFT rooms for its Board Meetings for the entire year. This will be a topic for the January business meeting. Watch this space for updates about this topic.

Saturday, January 4, 2020: Welcome to a new decade as well as a new year! Wowser! Hope you have all of your New Year's resolutions started! Here's hoping for a fabulous new year, neighbor!

Sunday, December 29, 2019: Gettin' VERY close to the end of 2019. Hope everyone is prepared to swing (with gusto) into 2020, the beginning of a new decade! And to celebrate this new upcoming year, the brand new Waste Management garbage collection calendar has been added to our website for your edification and guidance. Exciting, right? The link for this important document is near the bottom of this webpage, right below the 2020 snow shoveling info. You can also access it by clicking [here](#).

On another note, the dismantling of the holiday decorations at the gazebo and entrance walls has been scheduled for 11AM, Friday, January 3, 2020, meeting at the Gazebo. It would be greatly appreciated if a few energetic homeowners/residents showed up to help with this 20 minute task!

Be careful during your New Year's celebrations and smile when you walk or drive down Clubview!

Sunday, December 22, 2019: Hard to believe that we are so close to the end of this 2019 year. Let's all use the time remaining to enjoy our holidays, our families, our friends and the wonderful freedom, bounty and security that we all enjoy in this country of ours, regardless of the swirling political debate.

To our Jewish neighbors... Happy Hanukkah, which starts today and runs until December 30th.

Hanukkah, Kwansaa, and Christmas are all celebrated in December. However, Hanukkah is not a major religious Jewish holiday like the High Holy Days of Yom Kippur or Rosh Hashana. During Hanukkah, Jewish families' light candles in a menorah—a special Hanukkah candelabra—for every day of the holiday. The eight days of candles represent the Hanukkah miracle that was the oil that burned for eight nights instead of just one during the Jewish revolt of the Maccabees against the Syrians in the year 165 BC.

To our African American neighbors... Happy Kwansaa, which starts December 26th and runs until the start of the new year.

Kwanzaa is a weeklong celebration held in the United States that honors African heritage in African-American culture. Kwanzaa culminates in gift giving and a big feast. It was first observed in response to the Watts Riots in Los Angeles in 1965 as a way to bring African-Americans together as a community. The holiday is based on African harvest celebrations and aspects of several different celebrations, such as those of the Ashanti and Zulu peoples in Africa. The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase matunda ya kwanza which means first fruits, or harvest, in Swahili. Celebrations often include singing and dancing, storytelling, poetry reading, African drumming, and feasting.

To our Christian neighbors... Merry Christmas, which occurs on December 25th.

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. It is observed as a religious and cultural celebration by billions of people around the world. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations. It is celebrated religiously by a majority of Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centered around it.

To everyone... we invite you to light your luminaries again on December 24th.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019: UPDATE. The Board of Directors elected its officers for 2020 at the conclusion of the Annual Homeowners Meeting. Your 2020 officers are: Wendy Bell, President; James Ehrman, Vice President; David Carroll, Secretary; James Glenn, Treasurer; Fred Rapone, Director at large.

And don't forget about the River City Brass Band Holiday concert tonight. Those of us who reserved seats will gather at The Porch (in the commercial strip above Whole Foods on Rt. 19) at 5:00PM.

Don't forget the following time-sensitive information:

Luminaries:

The following is from Upper St. Clair High School Band Parents. Orders can be placed on line at www.uscbpa.org. They can be paid for online (with a fee) or buyers can mail a check. Click here to download an order form that you can mail in. If ordering two kits, you will automatically get a discount of \$12.50 a kit. If you want to order a single kit, you can still get the discount by using the code USC BAND when checking out on line. We will deliver the kits on December 7.

ORDER YOUR LUMINARY KITS NOW!!!

Holiday Donation Drive:

Don't forget that our community gift card drive for the Women and Children's Shelter of Washington County begins on December 1. There will be great gift card bargains on Black Friday at Giant Eagle and Shop and Save. Just purchase a gift card for any store, any denomination and either bring to the Alpine party on December 13th or leave in the envelope on the door of 7049 Clubview any time between now and then. We will deliver the bag of gift cards to the shelter the week of December 25th. Desperation rides you hard during the holidays, especially if you've got kids. Be generous if you can. It will be greatly appreciated.

Monday, November 18, 2019: Our Annual Homeowners Meeting is upon us! On Wednesday, November 20th, Hickory on the Green homeowners will gather at 6:30PM, scarf down some pizza and salad, and then settle in to learn about the business of their Association (both past and future), presented by members of the Board of Directors. Thanks to all who sent in proxies so that we could be guaranteed a quorum for the meeting. Hope to see the rest of you there, especially those who've never before attended one of these meetings.

Don't forget that the RESERVATIONS DEADLINE for our Friday, December 13th Holiday Dinner at the Alpine Club is coming up this Saturday, November 23rd. Please call Donna Luczko as soon as possible at 412-564-5063.

Don't forget about the holiday-spirited volunteers needed to decorate the gazebo and entrance on Saturday, November 23rd at 11AM -- that's THIS COMING SATURDAY, people! That gazebo is a wonderfully uplifting and sparkly sight after dark during the holiday season, but the lights don't hang themselves! One hour of decorating and it's done if enough folks show up, so put it on your calendar if you enjoy the twinklies!

And as if the above dates and deadlines weren't enough, now is the time to ORDER YOUR LUMINARIES to light up Clubview Drive on the evening of our Holiday Light Up Night on December 13th (same date as the Holiday dinner at the Alpine Club, of course). In past years, homeowners have been able to buy or order their luminaries at our Annual Homeowners Meeting. This year will be different due to the fact that the homeowners who made our Association's luminaries, sold to benefit our special events, moved! The good news is that we've located a local source for luminaries. The Upper St. Clair Band Parents (USCBPA) are creating kits as a fundraiser for their band. And while we won't benefit financially from the luminary sales this year, the lighting up of our gazebo, entrance and properties has its own benefit... lighting the way to peace and harmony in our community. Ordering can be done by contacting Amanda McQuillan 412-726-5949. Her email address is: bpaluminaria@gmail.com. If phoning isn't your thing, you can also order on line at <https://uscbpa.membershiptoolkit.com/>. The cost is 1 kit for \$15.00, 2 kits for \$25.00. USCBPA's deadline for ordering is December 2nd!! If we get enough kits ordered, USCBPA will make arrangements to deliver to a central location in our community. If not, the luminaria will be ready for pick up on December 7th at the McLaughlin Run Community Center, 1770 McLaughlin Run Road. We will let everyone know which pick up location will apply.

Monday, November 11, 2019: Today we honor our veterans who've served selflessly to help preserve the rights, freedoms and responsibilities that we all enjoy as citizens of our United States of America. Thanks to all of the men and women of the armed forces today and every day.

It's early for Holiday reminders, we know, but plans have been made and reservations are DUE!!!! Our annual Holiday Dinner and Light Up Night will be held on Friday, December 13th. You received a News

Alert in the mail already. You can download a copy of this alert by clicking [here](#). Please note that the entree described in the mail version of the News Alert was incorrect. The entree at the Alpine Club that night will be lasagna! And why are we posting all of this now? It is because the reservation deadline for this dinner at the Alpine Club is November 23rd . Please call Donna Luczko as soon as possible at 412-564-5063. And put the date on your calendar now!

One more holiday update... on Saturday, November 23th, we are asking for volunteers to help decorate our Gazebo with holiday lights and wreaths. We have all the lights and wreaths to do the decorating... just need the people to do it. This activity will start at noon and run about an hour. Would REALLY appreciate your involvement.

There are a few other items of news to report.

Children's book author and H.O.G. homeowner Patsy Schaal will have copies of her latest book available for purchase at the Holiday Dinner at the Alpine Club on December 13th. This, her second children's book, is entitled "Christmas Child". The story begins in a woodland stone cottage where a contemporary mother is rocking her infant child, moves to Bethlehem and returns to the cottage . Illustrations are by Paul Johnson of the North Hills. They are soft and lovely - full of woodland and desert animals. Children love them! Contact Patsy if you'd like to take a peek:
Paschaal@comcast.net.

You may have noticed that the salt buckets have been put out at our mailbox pods. We'd like to send a hearty THANKS to homeowner Jerry Schmier, who has volunteered again this year to put the buckets out and to keep them stocked with salt. Awesome!

Friday, November 1, 2019: Now that Halloween is behind us, let's turn our attention to upcoming events.

BUSINESS -- First to occur is our Annual Homeowners Meeting (AOM) on Wednesday, November 20th. Pizza will be served (free!) to homeowners who arrive at 6:30PM at the Senior Center in the South Fayette Township Building (515 Millers Run Road). The business meeting will start promptly at 7:00PM. You have already received snail mail (agenda, proxy info, 2020 Budget, etc.) on this subject. There is a quorum requirement for this meeting, so please plan to attend. If you can't, please assign your vote to a homeowner neighbor who plans to attend the meeting or one of the Board members (shown below) and send the signed form into CMP or drop it off at Wendy's house (7049):

Board Members:

David Carroll - 7074

James Ehrman - 7025

Fred Rapone - 7086

James Glenn - 7037

Wendy Bell - 7049 (already has her allotted number of proxies, please assign to one of the other board members)

FUN -- After we get done with the AOM, the holiday fun really starts with what's become an annual event, attending the River City Brass Band Holiday Concert at the Upper St. Clair High School on Tuesday, December 3rd at 7:30PM. Micheline Stabile (7049) arranges for a block of discounted tickets for H.O.G. residents, family and friends. Tickets cost \$18.75. Seats will sell out quickly, so even though the deadline is November 9th, get your reservation in ASAP to be assured of the seats you want. Reservations can be made by calling Micheline at 412-257-8322 and leaving a message or by emailing her at mstabileone@gmail.com. Payments can be made via check made out to Micheline Stabile and left

in the envelope on the door at 7049 any time between now and the November 9th. Oh, and for those folks who would like to eat dinner before the concert, folks will be gathering at The Porch at Upper St. Clair at 5:00PM (separate ordering and checks for those attending). Don't miss this event. The concert is always fun and uplifting. Everyone always has a great time.

Tuesday, October 29, 2019: Halloween is upon us! South Fayette Township will observe its annual Trick or Treat Night this Thursday, per the SFT website: "Trick-or-Treat is set for Thursday, October 31st this Halloween in South Fayette. Police and fire personnel will conduct safety patrols throughout the neighborhoods. For emergencies, call 9-1-1." As far as Hickory on the Green goes, anyone inviting wee treaters should leave their garage and front door lights on. Lights off if you're being a Halloween scrooge! :-) Boo!

H.O.G. Halloween Donation Day Results!

And speaking of Halloween, our Halloween Donation Day for the Washington Area Humane Society was another success this year. Thanks to our generous neighborhood contributors, we were able to deliver to the shelter contributions of \$450.00 in cash, checks, and cards, and approximately \$200.00 in supplies.

A letter citing Hickory on the Green community as the donating entity was delivered along with all of the donations. Thanks to all who contributed and to Vera Henry and Micheline Stabile, and Pat Karnuta who helped with the collection.

Saturday, October 26, 2019: UPDATE! Thanks to all who stopped by today and donated to the furry critters at WAHS. If you missed the donation event today and would still like to contribute: Drop off your donation at 7049 Clubview Avenue this weekend. We will be delivering everything to the shelter on Monday, so get your \$/stuff to 7049 before 10AM on Monday.

Also, make your reservations now for the River City Brass Band holiday concert at Upper St. Clair High School on Tuesday evening, December 3rd. A flyer was sent to you with details. H.O.G discount tickets are available at \$18.75 per ticket. Call Micheline at 412-257-8322 to make your reservation by November 9th. Cash or check made out to "Micheline Stabile" can be left on her door in the envelope at 7049 during the 1st week of November.

Anyone interested in gathering together for dinner/drinks before the concert can congregate at The Porch at Upper Saint Clair at 5:00PM on December 3rd. (next to Whole Foods on Rt. 19). Separate checks will be issued by the restaurant.

Finally, a quick correction to an article in the latest issue of Hickory Happenings. Our newest homeowner volunteer, Jerry Danhires, wanted to set the record straight that he is not a veteran. Service or not, we know that Jerry still has a very high regard for our nation's flag. Sorry about the error, Jerry.

Monday, October 21, 2019: October is a very special month and not just because Halloween occurs. It's the month that we offer a bit of support to our local animal rescue shelter. So don't forget our Furry Friends this week. H.O.G. is conducting our Annual Donation Day for the Washington Humane Society No Kill Shelter. You recently received a flyer in the mail with the details. The Shelter's "Wish List" is on the back of the flyer and page 2 of this website's downloadable flyer document.

Collections of supplies and or cash or checks made out to Washington Area Humane Society Shelter can be dropped to volunteers at the entry way between 10AM-12 noon on Saturday October 26th, which is **THIS COMING SATURDAY!!!**

If you would prefer to drop supplies before Saturday, Pat Karnuta will accept them at her garage door at 7051 (Thanks, Pat for volunteering to do this!!). You can reach Pat at 412-221-9633. Checks or cash may be left anytime this week in the envelope on the door of 7049.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019: The parking lot restoration, recently scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, September 25, has been rescheduled to occur tentatively on Friday, September 27th. You will be notified via email and this website if this Friday date is confirmed by our contractor.

Also, new today is our latest edition of the Hickory Happenings. You get it first here on the website. Snail mail copies will arrive in your mailbox soon.

Monday, September 9, 2019: Some of our Hickory on the Green homeowners have received notices that your driveways need repair. Standard procedure for violation notices of this type is that you are afforded 30 days to comply. With the driveway repairs, which are known to be difficult to arrange on short notice, you can and should email CMP to request an extension on this time period as you secure the services of an asphalt contractor.

In an attempt to secure asphalt contractor services and possibly a group job price, one of our homeowners has volunteered to coordinate the contractor search and price negotiation assuming a number of homeowners are interested in "going in" on this effort. If you have received a notice to repair your driveway and would like to be part of a discount pricing arrangement, call Michelle Wright at 304-488-1669 ASAP. [NOTE: Even if you want to be part of the Michelle's discount pricing group, you should also contact CMP to request an extension on your deadline.]

Again, here is your driveway repair contact information:

Requesting an extension on deadline: Carl Wilkinson IV at cwilkinson@cmpmgt.com or 412-279-9280, ext. 260 (email is recommended)

Interested in a potential group discount: Michelle Wright at 304-488-1669

Do your contacting on this important issue ASAP!

September 2, 2019: Happy Labor Day, y'all. Got a couple of hot topics today!

First and most important is the extension of the RSVP deadline [SEE EXTENSION OF DEADLINE INFO AT THE END OF THIS ARTICLE!!!] for our upcoming Neighbor Night Good Bye Dinner on Friday, September 20th for the Sterns, Testas and Williams. Our community wants to bid adieu in fine style to three couples who have given their all to Hickory on the Green: Nancy and Mark Stern, Peggy and Joe Testa, and Bee and Leon Williams.

Nancy and Mark have supported the volunteer effort in our community in many ways from chairing and manning the Community Service Committee (Alpine Cleanup event, salt boxes), fundraising (buying supplies for and assembling our annual Luminaries) as well as pitching in whenever needed (for example, decorating the Gazebo for the holidays). Peggy Testa devoted many hours to the pursuits of our esteemed Social Committee and its events during each year as well as hosting our annual Steelers Sunday event. Joe Testa served for many years on the H.O.G. Board of Directors in all of the official capacities and most notably spearheaded the financing of the roof replacement that benefited everyone in the community. Bee

Williams has been a charter contributor of the Social Committee (we'll miss that chocolate topping at the next Ice Cream Social!) as well as a guiding light in her role as chair of the Development Committee, which was an integral part in replacing the lighting fixtures and house numbers on every single unit in our community... among other projects. And Leon Williams single-handedly managed the landscaping activities for our community for many years in the past, taking time out of his busy schedule to personally dig, plant and prune much of our inventory. And while others have taken over the managing duties in this arena, Leon has continued to help any homeowner in need. He has also been there every time a volunteer has been needed.

We cannot imagine a community without these people. We will honor them on Friday, September 20th at 6:00PM at the Alpine Club. The original deadline for the RSVP to this event was August 30th. However, due to a "full voicemailbox", trying to RSVP became a problem. That problem has since been fixed. The deadline for calling to RSVP has been extended to Saturday, September 7th. Please call in your RSVP if you plan to attend and haven't yet signed up or left a voicemail message: 412-257-8322.

Next up in the topics for today: Soon the leaves will be flying about with the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Be advised that your monthly assessment dollars pay for an annual leaf cleanup in your yard as well as an annual gutter cleanout. Since these are one time, contractual events, they are scheduled for late in November or early in December AFTER as many of the leaves have fallen as is possible before the snow flies. Every unit gets these two services without special arrangement or scheduling.

Final topic: If you are wondering what to do with that glass that SFT no longer recycles, check out this website - <https://prc.org/programs/collection-events/glassrecycling/>.

Enjoy your Labor Day and send a little prayer to the folks in the Bahamas and the Southeast Coast of the US. Hurricanes are no fun.

Saturday, July 27, 2019: There are some pretty important things that this posting will cover:

1. Rabies baiting in South Fayette, per our township;
2. Correction to painting program for front and garage doors;
3. Last notice for the Neighbor Night Supper at the Walnut Grill (reservations!!)
4. A couple of tidbits of info...

So let's get started, shall we?

Rabies Baiting: The Allegheny County Health Department is distributing raccoon rabies vaccine baits throughout the county from Aug. 5 to Aug. 21. Helicopters will be used in South Fayette Township from Aug. 18 to Aug. 21. Residents may see the helicopters moving slowly over the same area multiple times within a short period of time.

Humans and pets should avoid contact with the baits. Please use extra caution in the Off-Leash Dog Zone at Fairview Park in South Fayette. The risk of adverse effects to human and animals is minimal, but the health department urges the public to avoid contact with the bait if possible. If you must move a stray bait, you should pick it up using a shovel or a rubber or latex glove. Keep dogs on a leash, indoors or confined to their property as much as possible during the baiting and for a week afterward.

Correction to this summer's painting program (schedule TBD): The program described in the latest Newsletter is based on an old program schedule (sorry about that!!!). Below are the buildings and units

that will be painted over the next two years. 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

Reservations for Upcoming Neighbor Night Supper (Jerri Alternhof): Hope you all remember that we have a Neighbor Night Supper scheduled for 6:30PM, Friday, August 2 in honor of Jerri Alternhof's triumphant return to the neighborhood... for a visit! And we'd all like to get together for a good meal and some great conversation as well. :-)

This shindig will be held at the Walnut Grill in Heidelberg. 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 412 257 8322 by ASAP... THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. Please make sure to stipulate that you are planning to attend the dinner at the Walnut Grill. We must pay for the dinners all together. Donna Luczko (7060) will leave an envelope on her door.

And there are two last tidbits of info... in case you were wondering about the resurfacing of our visitor parking lots, we've been notified by the contractor that we've been pushed back to September! Needless to say, our Board of Directors is NOT HAPPY about this development. Apparently all the rain we got in this area earlier in the spring and summer as well as equipment difficulties delayed the contractor's entire schedule... so we wait and hope nothing else prevents the resurfacing in September. Such is life, eh?

And last but not least, Pat Karnuta's sold some of the stuff that was listed on the last page of our website - "STUFF" page. Check out what's left! And Pat says "Thanks!" to those who purchased!

Monday, July 22, 2019: Just a quick posting to let you know that there is a regular Board meeting being held tomorrow evening at 6:30PM. [Special note: Committee chairs are asked to attend to give reports on your committee's activities.] Since the SFT Municipal Building is off limits to us now, CMP arranged for us to meet at the Meeting Room at Hunting Ridge. The address is: 401 Meeting House Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017 in the Hunting Ridge community. Many important issues will be discussed at this meeting on Tuesday. Come and learn what the business of your Association is.

You should put another thing on your agenda as well, and that is to stop by the "Little Library" at the Gazebo. Do you enjoy reading a good book? Do you encourage your kids or grandkids to read? Well, you've got a little gold mine of reading right in your own neighborhood, folks! Borrow books, donate books to your heart's content. Heck, we've even got a few books on CDs for your listening pleasure. Drive on up to the "Little Library" at the Gazebo on Clubview Drive!

Saturday, July 6, 2019: We are sad to report that our good friend, excellent card club member and wonderful neighbor Barbara O'Toole passed peacefully on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

Friends will be received Sunday, July 7, 2019, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at WARCHOL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 (412-221-3333). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, July 8, 2019, at 10 a.m., at Holy Child Parish. Interment to follow at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill (scsh.org/get-involved/make-a-gift) or the Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh (dsapgh.org/donate). View and add condolences at www.warcholfuneralhome.com.

For those who wish to join in a neighborhood contribution to the Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh in Barb's memory, an envelop will be posted on Pat Karnuta's door (7051). Donations can be put in the envelop up to Saturday, July 13th. Please make your check out to the "Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh."

Our hearts go out to her family and her husband, an equally cherished friend and neighbor, King O'Toole.

Saturday, June 29, 2019: Two exciting events will take place in our neighborhood tomorrow evening!!!!

First off is the "Hello Summer Ice Cream Sundae Sunday." Back again this year is our annual tribute to the beginning of the hot months. Our intrepid H.O.G. Social Committee offers free ice cream and fixin's to all of our residents, their kids, their other family members, and their friends. Just show up at the gazebo area on Clubview Drive at 6:30PM and help yourselves. Don't forget to bring a chair to sit in because you'll want to "set a spell" and catch up with your neighbors. This event will take place rain or shine, though it promises to be a nice day.

The second wonderful happening will be the dedication of our brand new "Little Library." Thanks to the inspired motivation of fellow neighbor Donna Luczko, we will now have a Little Library at the front of the Gazebo for all of the book lovers in the 'hood to borrow from and contribute to.

Finally, we are heading into the drier time of year. Our spring planting has just been completed. The combination means that each homeowner who received a new planting now assumes the responsibility of daily watering during this first year of growth. If for some reason you cannot assume this duty, please notify CMP as soon as possible. Other arrangements will be made. We do not want to lose any of the investments that we all have paid for (remember the monthly assessments... most of that \$ goes to supporting our landscaping). Thanks for your good citizenship!

Tuesday, June 25, 2019: I have some very sad news to report today. Our friend and neighbor Bill Eiler (7058) passed away this week. Visitation will be at Henney Funeral Home in Bethel Park, PA. on Thursday, June 27 from 2PM to 4PM and 7PM to 9PM. The address for the Paul Henney funeral home is: Paul Henney Cremation and Funeral Tributes Inc., 5570 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102. The funeral service for Bill is scheduled for Friday, June 28 at 10:00AM at Holy Child Catholic Church, 212 Station Street, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

His obituary on the Henney website really captures the essence of our Bill:

<https://www.henneyfuneralhome.com/notices/WilliamBill-Eiler>

Anyone who knew Bill in our neighborhood knew that he loved his cats and all of the neighborhood dogs, who received many gifts and treats from their Uncle Bill. We are sure going to miss you, Mr. Eiler!

[Reminder: to access past postings, click on the STUFF tab at the top of this page and scroll down until you see the "Yesterday's News - Most Recent Postings" link.]

Wednesday, June 12, 2019: PARKING LOT RESURFACING DELAYED UNTIL WEEK OF JULY 4TH! The equipment failure has been repaired by our contractor, but the delay caused a back up in their schedule.... and ours.

Tuesday, June 11, 2019: Hey, neighbors! One of our own has some items that she is interested in selling in her efforts to downsize the volume of her possessions (don't we all know about that!).

Items she wants to go are as follows... at suggested price or best offer. Photos of these items can be found by going to the "STUFF" page on this website. If you are interested, please email Pat Karnuta at: jpka1252@verizon.net

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

And don't forget that the Clubview Drive Garage Sale takes place on June 22nd.

Thursday, June 6, 2019: BIG UPDATE ON THE PARKING LOT RENOVATION!!! The lots will NOT be closed tomorrow (Friday)! Apparently our contractor experienced an equipment breakdown. Assuming the repairs can be made and the weather cooperates, the restoration work on the parking lots will occur next Wednesday, June 12th. Gives everyone a bit more time to rearrange cars in their driveways!

Nancy Stern, coordinator for this year's Neighborhood Garage/Yard Sale, has announced that the event will take place on Saturday, June 22nd. She will be collecting \$5.00 from each participating family to cover the cost of the advertising and the hot dogs.

Diane Gallagher, acting Landscape Committee Chairperson (no, we still have not found Diane's replacement) reports that JML Landscaping plans to start this year's planting on Friday, June 14th and the pruning to start on Monday, June 17th. Remember, once the new plantings go in, each homeowner is responsible for watering every day it doesn't rain. A word about landscaping complaints... since Diane is continuing her duties out of the generosity of her heart, please do not bother her with complaints about our landscaper. Send an email to Sarah at CMP (snperry@cmpmgt.com).

Monday, June 3, 2019: URGENT NOTICE!!! Resurfacing of our parking lots will begin on Friday, June 7, 2019. Please 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.

Sunday, April 21, 2019: Oh my! 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 can see the results of everyone's efforts as many very full bags are stacked at our entrance ready for SFT pickup this week. 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.

You may have noticed that our American flag has been showing some wear and tear lately. It's been windy this past winter. We've removed the tattered flag and will replace it with a brandy new one as soon as the order is received. As usual, should anyone like to adopt our flag and learn how to work the flag pole (flag replacement occurs every two years or so), please call or email Sarah at CMP.Thanks.

Thursday, April 18, 2019: Yes, it's been a long time since there's been a new posting on our website. So, here is some news! The Annual Spring Clean Up for Alpine Road will be held on THIS Saturday, April 20th. Volunteer HOG "litter picker uppers " are needed. Please meet at the community entryway at 9:00AM. Bags gloves and sticks will be provided along with coffee and donuts. This is your chance to give a helping hand to our immediate environment and only spend an hour doing it. Sounds good, huh? Hope to see you there. If by chance the weather does not cooperate with us on Saturday morning, we will announce a cancellation that morning on the website and via email.

It's SPRINGTIME!!! It's good to see the grass grow, the leaves pop out and the daffs venture forth. Let's all give a hearty "thank you" to fellow homeowner Diane Gallagher who is selflessly carrying on as Landscaping Committee Chairperson even though she'd REALLY like to retire from the job as of last year. The Board is committed to knocking on each and every door in our neighborhood to find Diane's replacement, so if you don't want your door to be assaulted, please get your neighbor (or your spouse or yourself) to volunteer for this very important volunteer job.

Friday, March 22, 2019: As Spring, 2019 struggles to appear, our H.O.G. Social Committee has started its preparations for a great events-laden year with its first event flyer (which you all will receive shortly as a snail mail News Alert, [click here to see it now](#)): A special H.O.G. Neighbor Night Supper with special guest Jerri Altenhof. This gathering is scheduled for Friday, April 26th at 6:30PM at the New Dragon Express (3109 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA) which features Chinese, Thai and Japanese fare. So, put that date on the calendar and join your neighbors and Jerri (she's great!!) for an evening of good food and fabulous neighborliness.

We've added the January issue of Hickory Happenings (our newsletter) on the Newsletters page!

And just in case Old Man Winter revisits us, we have left the link for snow shoveling below.

Wednesday, December 26, 2018: Hi, there! First of all, I'll explain why you are getting your web update via email today. We are switching our website content to a new web builder software. It's taking a bit of time to get everything corrected on the soon-to-be-active new website. Also I have to learn the new web builder to use it. So, updates will continue this way until I get it mastered. Sorry, but hopefully it will not take too long for this old brain to pick up the new ways. Until then, the old website is still available with all of the content that you need to be a good neighbor at Hickory on the Green: www.hickoryonthegreen.com.

Next, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Meals on Wheels @ The Crossroads. Donna Luczko, Fred Rapone and Diane Gallagher, who all worked hard to make this year's charitable giving a success, proudly report that we collected \$840.00 to the cause. Thanks to everyone who gave. The MOW folks received the donation gratefully.

Finally, trash will not be collected by the Township tomorrow, but **WILL BE COLLECTED ON FRIDAY!!!!** So please do not put out your trash tonight.

Have a Happy (and safe) New Year's Eve celebration and a great upcoming new year. Peace, neighbor!

Wendy

Monday, December 3, 2018: We are fast approaching our Holiday Light Up Night and Party at the Alpine Club on **THIS Friday** at 6:00PM, December 7th. Hope to see everyone who signed up as well as those of you who forgot to RSVP and just want to show up and eat. Everyone is welcome! Just remember that you have to bring your \$15 in CASH (please, no checks or credit cards). OK, so put it on your calendar if you haven't already (click here for the flyer).

As you know, a big part of our community's holiday celebration is to spread our bounty (we are really lucky to live in such a wonderful community, right?) to others less fortunate. This year we are benefiting our local Meals on Wheels organization, Meals on Wheels @ the Crossroads. If there is any cause worthy of support, isn't it the one that helps homebound people eat? So, please stick some cash or a check in an envelope and drop it at the Luczko home (7060; envelope on the front door). [OR you can bring your donation to our Alpine Club Holiday Dinner **THIS FRIDAY!!!!**] Please be generous! Your donation will immediately benefit someone in need. And thanks in advance for anything you can do. All donations will be given to the MOW organization in our Hickory on the Green name. Checks should be written to: Meals on Wheels @ the Crossroads. To see the H.O.G. flyer for this donation event, click here.

Monday, November 12, 2018: Here are a couple of newsy items for you today. First, someone slid into our entrance area and left a broken Stop Sign and deep divots in our lawn to the left of our entrance sign. Glad the car didn't go over the side of the hill or into our brick sign. Not happy that we have to repair our lawn, but Diane Gallagher (Co-Chair of all things landscaping until we find a replacement for Jerry and her) assures us that the repair will not be a complicated affair. The Township is "on it" with regard to replacing our Stop Sign.

And speaking of the Township, did you notice the big new asphalt berm permanently installed along the side of Alpine Road above and leading to the now infamous storm drain that contributed to flooding in our community? It's pretty tall and should go a long way towards diverting runoff into the drain and away from us. Thanks to Public Works at South Fayette Township and Butch Truitt for his help in this trying to solve this runoff problem.

Finally, we are fast approaching the deadline of November 14th for notifying Nancy Stern if you are going to the Holiday Dinner at the Alpine Club on Friday, December 7th at 6:00PM. Click here for the details on the flyer. Please call Nancy and leave a message: 412-914-071. Please

do it now!!!! We've got to tell the Alpine Club how many people plan on attending so that adequate food planning can take place! Thanks.

Thursday, November 1, 2018: Unfortunately, due to a clerical error at CMP, the notices for our Annual Homeowners Meeting went out with an incorrect date. So, in addition to the official correction letter you'll be receiving in the mail, we thought we'd post the correct date of:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
for the
H.O.G. Annual Homeowners Meeting

So, please, please show up at the SFT's Senior Center only on November 27th. The other items in your meeting packet (agenda except for the meeting date, budget, proxy form and instructions, nomination form, etc.) are complete and accurate.

And don't forget to assign your proxy to a neighbor who will attend the meeting if you can't come (Board members will accept proxies).

Finally, remember that the pizza and salad will be served at 6:30PM that evening, right before the business meeting that starts promptly at 7:00PM.

See you there, neighbor!