



February Newsletter

Not all news is good news. Recently a construction trailer was stolen from a build site in Abiqua Heights. The trailer was found because someone was aware enough to write down a license plate when they noticed peculiar activity. Please be aware and take note of any activity that seems unusual in the neighborhood. It would also be a good practice to keep your garage door closed whenever possible.

From the results of the survey that accompanied the Dues Notice the Board has received to this point, it is clear that an overwhelming number of members want the AHHA to deal with the flooding issue that occurs on Chikamin, Chee Chee, and Tillicum. The inflow problem that was completed late last year has significantly improved the flooding issue. Water flowing into the pond is seemingly no longer an issue. All the remaining fixes are totally the responsibility of the City of Silverton. The storm drainage system has design deficiencies and undersized pipes. The only role for the AHHA Board at this point is to advocate for the members homes that are in jeopardy by pressuring the City to accept its responsibility and fix the problem. The flooding events happen very quickly and end just as quickly so many members of the community might be unaware of the problem. The Board intends to make contact with the City before the March meeting.

The Board had its first meeting of the year on February 9 and progress was made in a number of areas. The Board approved a request from the ARC to streamline the policy regarding roof replacement. The policy allows members to replace roofing with the same color and warranty by just notifying the ARC. The policy will be posted on the website shortly.

The website hosting is moving to an Oregon firm and contact information will be updated with the transfer. At the same time the Board will acquire the web address *abiquaheights.org* so any confusion as to the official AHHA website will be eliminated.

Several other issues were addressed. A pet waste station is to be installed in the Commons with the hope the dog waste issue can be alleviated. AHHA equipment and tools will be housed in a deck box to be placed behind the pumphouse. Twenty of the old trees in the Commons will receive deep root feeding this spring.

The Board agreed to a year long contract with DeSantis Landscapes to take over maintenance of the Commons. The Board is also looking to extend its relationship with Earthworks to maintain the pond.

Later this year the Pond Improvement Project will be undertaken that includes draining the pond and excavating a significant area of the pond to increase its depth. Deepening the pond is necessary to improve its health.

Please remember that dues need to be paid by March 1 or a late fee will be charged. Please mail your payment as soon as possible.

The next AHHA Board meeting will be held on Thursday March 9, 2017 and a Board Planning Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2017. Both meetings will be at the Silverton Senior Center, the Planning Meeting will be at 6:00 PM while the regular Board meeting starts at 7:00 PM.

The Amenities Committee will hold its first meeting of the year on February 28 at the Senior Center. All members of the community are welcome.

Please email any concerns, issues, or comments to board@abiquaheights.com.