

## May – June Newsletter

The rain and cool weather seems to have finally taken a respite and projects for the AHHA are taking advantage of the more seasonable conditions. Two new park benches will be installed shortly and the painting of the lines on the basketball court can now be scheduled.

The most challenging project, the deepening of the pond, will be done in the late summer with the pond being drained four to six weeks prior to the excavation. The Board, at the recommendation of Earthworks, is going to hold off returning the aerators to the pond. Returning the aerators to the pond and then removing them in a few months is an expense that the Board wants to avoid. The cattails in the pond can also be dealt with both more efficiently and at some financial savings if they can be removed when the pond is drained.

The Commons is being maintained this year by DeSantis Landscape and their efforts and attention to detail should be noticeable by all who walk through the Commons.

A considerable amount of work is proceeding that is not as noticeable to the members as work in the Commons. The new tree planting policy (17-01) is still open for comment from the members and is available on the website for viewing. A yearlong project to update the Commons Master Plan will begin shortly with a survey mailed to the members. Please look for the survey in your mailbox and take the few minutes it will take to make your wishes known.

The Board is also considering an effort to obtain a discounted rate for the backflow inspections that many in the community were required to provide for the first time this year. It is hoped that members can save some money and have the paperwork filed with the City as a group. Consideration for a community wide Disaster Preparedness Plan will move forward if the Board finds enough community support to warrant the work. Community input and some volunteers would help bring these projects to fruition. If you have some time and interest please let the Board know. Everyone is better served when the members are involved.

The Architectural Review Committee cancelled its May meeting as there were no requests to act upon. With more spring like weather the ARC is sure there will be projects needing approval. The form for projects needing ARC approval is on the website. The next ARC meeting is Monday, June 5 at 7:00 PM.

The time of year when the Commons is most used is approaching fast. If you would like to hold a special event in the Commons please contact the Board to make a reservation. Dates already reserved are May 28, June 25, and July 4. The forms necessary for reserving the Commons for a special event or for a landscaping and/or construction project are available at all times on the website. Unsurprisingly they are on the page, "Forms."

Draft Minutes for the May AHHA Board meeting are available below.

Comments, suggestions, and/or complaints can be sent to the Board by emailing [board@abiquaheights.com](mailto:board@abiquaheights.com).