

September Newsletter

Pond Improvement Project

After months of planning, the Pond Improvement Project will finally proceed to the excavation stage. The excavation is scheduled for Thursday, September 7. There is a little flexibility in the time frame for the project as it might take more than one day and set-up for the project may happen Wednesday. The Board would like to ask all members to stay away from the work zone as construction vehicles will be moving throughout the Commons constantly during the excavation. The Board appreciates the members' compliance in staying out of the pond during the drying out period and hopes that the cooperation from the members continues through the excavation phase of this project. Once the excavation is completed the pond will be filled as quickly as Mother Nature can provide the water.

Community Workday

Over the past several weeks, bark dust and cedar chips have been added to the Commons. Twenty-one and a half yards were distributed all by volunteers, saving the AHHA as much as \$2,000.00. The majority of the work was done on August 12 at the Community Workday. A special thanks goes to those that helped including:

Merv Beal	Karen Garst	Mike Raczkowski
Larry Black	Ron Garst	Larry Tingwall
Bruce Collier	Kirk Jolma	Karen Trucke
James Collier	Mike McDonald	Wayne Trucke
Bruce Dennis	David Ortega	Arnold Wilcock

There were so many volunteers that the work was completed by 9:30 AM. These are your neighbors and if you get a chance to thank them for their effort, please do so. The Board is grateful for their selfless work.

Master Plan Survey

The Master Plan Survey is moving toward the second phase of the project. This effort is to update the Master Plan with input from the current residents. Components of the survey garnering the most interest from those who returned the survey included: leveling the playing field, building a shelter, adding playground equipment for younger children, and upgrading the pathway system. The next portion of the survey will include some cost factors and the impact on yearly dues.

Election for Board of Directors

The time is nearing when those interested in serving as a board member need to step forward. Two of the positions on the Board will be on the ballot in 2017. Those elected will serve a three year term,

beginning January 1, 2018. The Board seems to function better when it is fully staffed with five members so please consider serving the community.

2018 Budget and more

The Board will be working on a budget for 2018 during the next few months so please take the time to review the budget when it is available to the members. Remember that the budget reflects how your dues are to be spent.

Work has begun on establishing a Fishing Policy for the community once the pond has been filled and stocked with fish. The group working on the policy includes some of the younger members of the community.

Please note that the next ARC meeting is Monday, September 11, 2017 so if you have landscaping, painting, or construction projects that require approval please contact the ARC.

Please send comments, suggestions, or complaints to the Board by emailing board@abiquaheights.com.