

# April Newsletter

## **The Commons**

The clean-up of the Commons has been completed except for some work on what will be known as Climbing Tree 2.0. The small pile of debris near the pathway that exits on to Shelokum was cleaned up on Saturday.

The landscape maintenance crew from DeSantis made their first visit (Friday) since the ice storm and the Commons looks great again. Please take a walk and enjoy what a transformation has taken place since mid-February.

It has taken a good deal of money and good deal of work on behalf of the community to get the Commons back to some sort of normalcy.

The one thing the Board is asking of the members is to please refrain from placing any more debris into the Commons.

## **Board News**

The Board would like to thank the members for their patience in getting the Commons cleaned up, it was a large undertaking, and the consideration of costs impacted the time that the effort took. The response from the members to voluntarily contribute financially to the clean-up effort was greatly appreciated and a little beyond what was expected.

The Board would also like to thank the members for paying their dues in a timely manner as all payments were made without the need to levy any late payment fees.

The cost of the Commons clean up will likely curtail some of the projects the Board had envisioned for 2021 prior to the ice storm. It is also likely that dues statements next year will not include a rebate as provided in the last two years.

The speed monitoring sign has been moved to Eastview after several months on Tillicum.

After a year of Zoom meetings, it is likely that the May AHHA Board meeting will take place in person. A location for the meeting (May 13, 2021) will be sent to the members when a meeting agenda is set.

Minutes for the March AHHA Board meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter along with Financial Reports for March 2021.

## **Dumpster Days and the Free Weekend**

The Board plans on renting a dumpster (probably twice) for the community to dispose of items too large for your weekly trash service. Dates for the dumpster will be sent to the community in future newsletters.

What seems unclear is whether there is community support for a “free event” prior to the dumpsters’ arrival. Last year items were placed in the dumpster that were of value to some and people climbed into the dumpster to retrieve items. Climbing into the dumpster involves some risk and the Board would really like to remove itself from the liability of someone’s mishap. In that spirit the Board thought that prior to the arrival of the dumpster that the community could place unwanted items in front of their residence for anyone to take. If you have such items and are willing to place them in front of your home for a couple of days prior to the arrival of the dumpster, please contact Karen Garst ([karen@abiquaheights.com](mailto:karen@abiquaheights.com)) as she is leading the project.

### **Community News**

The AHHA Board decided a few months ago to include some items from community members that might provide information or news of community events that would appeal to at least some portion of the neighborhood.

A member requested that members be aware of information regarding bird feeders. The information regards a salmonella outbreak that is sickening and killing birds in Oregon and elsewhere along the west coast of North America. If you are interested in the information, please follow the link [here](#).

Last week there was an Easter Egg Hunt that was granted permission to take place in the Commons. The event was neither sponsored nor endorsed by the AHHA. Does the community support this kind of event and do you want such activities to have access in the newsletter?

### **Dos and Don'ts**

Do pick up after your dog.

Don't forget to follow the sign policy concerning political signs. See [Updated Sign Policy](#).

Do take in your trash cans.

Don't feed bread to the ducks.

Do remember to take down your holiday decorations.

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Please feel free to contact the Board with any questions, concerns, or comments.

You will receive a reply.

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