

# Early Fall Newsletter

## **Traffic, Children, and Excessive Speeds**

The new school year has been in progress for a few weeks and the Board would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that children are coming and going at all hours of the day. As the daylight hours shrink please take extra care in the mornings as they are darker every day and children are making their way to bus stops or schools at early hours.

Drivers may be unaware of the speed that is carried downhill, particularly on Tillicum. To make drivers aware the Board is considering installing a speed monitoring system on Tillicum.

## **Thank You**

All the work in the community is done by volunteers and the Board thanks all that serve in any capacity, but occasionally special circumstances require special thanks.

The Board recently deactivated the Amenities Committee. The committee was deactivated not because there was a problem, but rather there was nothing for them to do. Over the last five years the Amenities Committee was the point for the many improvements made to the Commons. Since many in the community are new, we will enumerate some of those accomplishments. New young white oak trees were planted; two new park benches and two new picnic tables were installed; the little library was built and installed; the pond was restocked with fish; the pathways were upgraded; plants were replaced; the dog waste station was installed; the play area was established; the storage shed was built; wildlife habitat improvements were established; and the plans for the stabilization of the southern bank of the large pond were finalized. It is an impressive list and the Board wants to thank all the members that served on the committee during that time. Special thanks go to Karen Trucke as her leadership made this possible.

When the Board decided to do away with the storage unit and build the storage shed there was a question as to what to do with all the documents that were numerous, cumbersome, and totally in disarray. Over the summer Karen Garst and Larry Tingwall have spent untold hours scanning and organizing the documents of the AHHA. Many/most of the documents of the AHHA are now stored and organized on external hard drives. It was a very large undertaking and thanks go to Karen and Larry.

## **Board News**

Please note that at the end of this newsletter links can be found to the financial reports for September, the meeting minutes for September, the agenda for the October 10, 2019 AHHA Board Meeting, the draft budget for 2020, and an updated directory for the members.

The budget for 2020 will be finalized in November and the Board wants the members to know that dues will remain the same for 2020 (\$357) as they have been for the last several years. However, the Board has approved rebate that will in effect make dues for 2020, \$300.00.

### **SACA Food Drive**

The SACA Food Drive is not an AHHA event but the results of the food drive reflect well on Abiqua Heights and the neighboring development of Vista Ridge. Two hundred food bags were distributed through the community and 69 bags of food were picked up. The bags collected represented the highest number of any route for the food drive. Thanks to all that supported the effort.

### **Halloween**

Halloween is a very busy night in Abiqua Heights. For members new to the community, please take note that there are lot more Trick or Treaters than in most neighborhoods. You might want to ask your neighbors what to expect on Halloween.

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