

Fall Newsletter

AHHA Board Update

There are two AHHA Board meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2018, October and November. The November meeting is the annual Members' Meeting. Final budget consideration and the election of Board members are part of the Members' Meeting. Homeowners are able to add items to the agenda in advance of the meeting.

The Board has been seeking a fifth member for some months and at the September AHHA Board meeting Larry Tingwall was selected to fill a term that runs through 2020. Larry has been instrumental in a number of projects in the Commons and the Board is very happy to have his counsel.

Minutes from September, the October agenda, and September financial reports can be found at the end of the newsletter, just follow the links.

Play Area

Work on the play area upgrade has begun and the flattening portion of the project has been completed. Soon the area will be hydroseeded and cordoned off until spring. The Board counts on the cooperation of the community to observe the boundary of the upgraded area. By spring the area will provide a much safer and enjoyable place to play. The Board would like to thank those members that took the brunt of the dust from the work on the area. Unfortunately watering down the area being plowed up was deemed impossible because of the clay content of the soil in the area.

2018 Board of Directors Election

There are three positions open for the Board of Directors in the 2018 election. Terms are three years in length, the positions will end December 31, 2021. If you are interested in vying for one of the positions there is a process that must be followed. A candidate must present to any Board member a nominating petition signed by members representing three households in the AHHA. The deadline for presenting a petition is three weeks prior to the Members' Meeting. A sample Petition is available at the end of the newsletter. If you have any questions concerning the process please write to the Board and you will receive help.

Volunteers

One of the major reasons dues will remain the same in 2019 is the participation of volunteers for many of the projects undertaken by the AHHA. In each of the last few newsletters the work of community members has been recognized and the Board would like to note those that have worked on your behalf

recently. The hopscotch course was recently repainted thanks to Ron Garst, Larry Tingwall, and Wayne Trucke. Larry Tingwall was also responsible for repaired one of the underground water sources in the Commons that construction workers broke – twice. If you are a regular reader of the newsletter these names should be familiar as their participation is involved in most ongoing projects.

Words for Consideration

It is time for those wishing to post election signs to do so. Please follow the simple rules.

- One sign per lot.
- Signs are to be placed 17 feet from the curb.
- Signs are to be parallel to the street.
- Signs should be removed one day after the election.

Virtually every month the number one issue brought before the Board by members of the community concerns pets. Dogs and cats are wonderful companions and family members to many in the community. Your neighbors and fellow community members do not enjoy that same bond with your pet but often they are burdened by your four legged friends. Incessantly barking dogs, loose dogs, dog waste (in yards and the Commons), and cats using a neighbors freshly turned soil for their sandbox are the major areas of complaints. Please take a moment and think how you would like to not be able to use your backyard or deck because of a barking dog or how you would like to deal with someone else's pet waste. Bark collars have been found to stop dogs from barking, if proper training is included. It is highly possible that pet owners are unaware of the issues their pets present, so it might be useful to speak with your neighbor as a first step. The majority of the Board members have pets and the Board recognizes the difficulty in dealing with these seemingly perpetual issues. We ask for your cooperation and consideration.

Please send your comments or suggestions to board@abiquaheights.com.