## **Fall Newsletter**

## **Safety Concerns**

Fall brings some special challenges to keeping everyone safe. Last year a resident of Abiqua Heights fell and broke her wrist on ice that had formed on the sidewalk after a sprinkler system was left on during freezing conditions. Please take a moment and make sure your efforts to water your yard are not creating a hazard for those using the sidewalks of the community.

The return to standard time and the ever shortening of daylight hours means that people, especially children, will be out and about during twilight hours both early in the morning and as nighttime approaches. Please take a little extra time driving through the community.

## **Board News**

2019 is rapidly ending and so is the work of the Board for the year. The only significant work to be done for the year other than normal maintenance is the annual work of the arborist to remove limbs from the trees of the Commons that present a potential danger. The work is scheduled for November 27 and will include work on the trees located on the island on Shelokum in addition to those in the Commons.

There are links below for the Financial Reports for October, the minutes for the October AHHA Board meeting, the agenda for the November AHHA Board meeting, and the proposed budget for 2020. If you have questions or want any additional information about the documents, please email the Board (board@abiquaheights.com).

The Board has purchased and will shortly install a speed monitoring system on Tillicum in hopes of slowing down traffic. The Board wants to see the effectiveness of the system before efforts are made to slow vehicles on Eastview and Shelokum.

While dues for the 2020 budget will remain at \$357.00, the Board will include a rebate of \$57.00 to your dues notice that will in effect make dues for the year \$300.00. There are several factors that have made the rebate possible but the overwhelming reason for the rebate is the substantial amount of volunteer work done by the members of the community.

## The Little Library

The Little Library that was placed in the Commons last year has been a great success. There is some misconception as to the source of the books. The books are donated by members of the community. If you have books you would like to donate, please just deposit them into the library. Children's books are especially needed, if you have books that your family has outgrown please consider this as a destination.

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For several years the community newsletter has been the work of one member of the community and occasionally concerns have been expressed about the singular point of view of the newsletters. For the last scheduled newsletter of the year (December) it has been suggested that each of the Board members will write a portion of the newsletter. By doing so a variety of views and opinions will be opined.

With some caveats, comments from the members will be included in the newsletter. If you have a message for the community or the Board that you want to share, please email the Board.