

Storm Update

Hopefully there will be no more parking lot newsletters.

We have found that much of what we have heard is not accurate, such as the Oregon Garden is going to pick up debris.

Here is the best information we have, there is no specific order to the information:

- The AHHA contracted DeSantis Landscape to remove debris for the day starting at the the end of Tillicum. They got to about halfway up Tillicum working thru the day. The Board is waiting to see the total cost for the day but at least another day of work is coming and there will likely be more. If any member would like the clippings from the clean up for use on their property please contact the Board as it mitigates the cost of the work of DeSantis if the chips can be delivered to the community. If you want your debris picked up please get it to the street or sidewalk in front of your home so it can be removed. The crews picking up the debris will not venture onto your property and they are not there to cut down or cut up branches.
- Obviously the Commons needs a substantial effort to get it both cleaned up and trimmed out. It is a massive project that is going to take weeks, so please be patient. Some of the Board members are foregoing their own clean up efforts to get work done for the community. It is going to be costly.
- Debris can be taken to the Oregon Garden for disposal but we have been informed that you might wait in line to dump your debris for some time.
- Presently the Board has been told that the City will eventually pick up debris along the curb or sidewalk but we have no official confirmation.
- Some residents in the greater Silverton area are still without power and for rural residents that might mean without water. The constant huuuummm at night in the Abiqua Heights neighborhood was from those lucky or far thinking enough to have generators and that has ended. If you have a generator that you would be willing to lend to someone without power (heat) please email the Board and we will connect you with someone that could really use the power source.
- The clean up of the streets and Commons is going to be expensive. The Commons alone will be \$40,000.00+ and the effort to haul away debris from in front of members' homes will be costly as well. If you had your debris removed by the DeSantis crews and would like to chip in \$20.00 - \$50.00 to help defray some of the costs it would be greatly appreciated. Checks could be made out to the AHHA. They can be mailed to P. O. Box 461, Silverton, OR 97381 or you could drop it off in the "dues payment" box on the front porch at 645 Shelokum Drive.

This is the February Newsletter you would have received before the ice storm.

February Newsletter

Dues Reminder:

Dues notices were mailed at the end of 2020 and about 80% of the members have paid. This is simply a reminder to the twenty percent that have not yet paid. Dues are late after March 1, 2021 and late payments are subject to a \$40.00 late payment charge. No one likes paying the late payment charge and the AHHA Board does not enjoy levying the fee. Please make your payment promptly.

Board News:

If you have visited the Commons recently you might have noticed the increased activity in the area. The pandemic has brought forth many new walkers, children, and pets to the Commons as most everyone has a need to get out of their houses. To that end the Board is going to install another dog waste station in the Commons in hopes that residents and visitors will pick up after their dogs.

The Board adopted the minor changes to the Sign Policy that will hopefully make what was unmanageable, manageable. The new policy will be placed on the website as Policy 21-01.

The Board has developed a strong relationship with DeSantis Landscape and because of that relationship the Board will pay the entire amount of our yearly contract in advance. By doing so the AHHA will receive a 2% discount and will pass that savings on in the form of a donation to SACA (Silverton Area Community Aid). The Board donated the same savings (2%) in 2020 and a Thank You letter from SACA is available at the end of the newsletter.

Financial reports for January as well as the required End of the Year financial statement can be accessed at the end of this newsletter. Draft minutes for the January AHHA Board meeting can also be found at the end of the newsletter.

Dumpster Days & a “Free” Day:

The feedback from providing a dumpster for members to get rid of items too big for their trash receptacles was all positive so the Board intends on renting a dumpster a couple of times this year, probably once in late spring and again in late summer. More than likely the dumpster will be placed

in the same location as last year. It became apparent that several people found items in the dumpster that they could repurpose but climbing in and out of the dumpster is not necessarily a good idea. To reduce the possibility of someone getting injured and the effort made by members to get their items to the dumpster the Board is proposing having a “free” day prior to the arrival of the dumpster. Members could place anything they were willing to give away in front of their home for anyone to pick up and use, this would not be limited to Abiqua Heights residents.

If you would like to help organize the Free Day and let other Silverton residents know about it, please contact karen@abiquaheights.com.

Community News and Information:

The Board believes that Abiqua Heights is a part of the Silverton community and to that end this and future newsletters might include items that involve news and events beyond the strict borders of the Abiqua Heights Homeowners Association. If you have information to share about an organization or event that has foreseeable interest for the Abiqua Heights community it can be placed in the newsletter with a link to the information. For this first effort you will find links to a Sustainable Silverton post and another from Friends of Abiqua Heights. Sustainable Silverton focuses on the implementation of the Silverton Energy Plan and recycling efforts while Friends of Abiqua Heights is more involved with community-oriented events like the Egg Hunt and Chalk Art event. Just follow the links at the end of the newsletter for updates.

The Board can always be reached via email (board@abiquaheights.com) for whatever question or concern you might have. You will get a prompt reply.