

July Newsletter

Annual Meeting of the Members

The Annual Meeting of the Members will be on July 17, 2021 at 6 PM. The meeting will be held in the AHHA Commons and include a neighborhood picnic before a rather informal meeting of the community. The Board will be open to any comments, suggestions, criticisms, or issues the members would like to express. There will be a regular meeting of the AHHA Board after the Annual Meeting of the Members.

Community Picnic

If you would like to attend the Community Picnic, please fill out the form at the end of this email. We are hoping for a significant turnout. The AHHA will provide pizza; plates and utensils; water; and other beverages. Each household represented counts toward establishing a quorum.

AHHA Election – 2021

There are three positions to be elected this year. All those that appear on the ballot have volunteered their time on your behalf and all that is asked of the community is that you vote. There is a ballot at the end of this newsletter, and it is self-explanatory, but to make it even simpler here are the parameters. You can vote for up to three candidates or if you do not know/like any of the candidates you can still participate by filling out the form as a proxy. You can return your ballot to any current Board member, mail it to the AHHA, or drop in the box on the front porch at 645 Shelokum Drive.

Board News

The AHHA Board will soon start to work on a budget for 2022 and hopefully dues will remain steady, but it is unlikely that there will be any rebate this year. Reserve Funding and long-term financial considerations are likely to influence the 2022 budget. Before the end of 2021 there will be a second dog waste station, a revitalized “Abiqua Heights” sign, and the completion of work on the mailboxes and railings.

The one new item that the Board has approved is the construction of a small pavilion in the Commons. The ice storm caused such significant damage that the shade from the old oak and fir trees has been significantly diminished and a permanent structure can provide shelter from the environment. It is possible that the construction of the shelter might involve a community effort.

If the construction of the pavilion does not require a community effort there is still plenty of work needed in the Commons and it is likely that there will be a Community Work Day in August.

The AHHA is renting a dumpster for the community to discard items too large for their weekly trash container. The dumpster is planned to be available the weekend of July 31 -August 1. More than likely it will arrive sometime on the Friday before. If the dumpster fills rapidly (it did last year) there will be another rental later in the summer.

One last matter remains. One of the three open positions on the AHHA Board will be filled by a new candidate as Wayne Trucke has decided that his six years of service is enough. Wayne has been a Board member and the AHHA Treasurer for his entire time of service. For those of you either new to the community or only marginally aware, Wayne oversaw the transition from a management company (cost \$10,000 a year) to AHHA self-management and has provided extremely detailed and timely financial reports for his entire tenure. In addition to his bookkeeping skills, dues collection and bill paying have been accomplished without any drama. As a last act of service Wayne has graciously offered to help a new Treasurer for a year. The Board cannot thank Wayne enough for his service and good humor for the last six years. If you have a chance, you should thank him as well.

Draft minutes for the June, AHHA Board meeting can be found at the end of the newsletter as well as Financial Reports for June.

Give-away Saturday - July 24, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

A group of us are going to put things in our driveways that are all free on this date. During the epidemic, I have been going through drawers and shelves to get rid of things that I don't need that could be used by someone else. I would rather just give them away for free rather than have someone buy them. I will put up a few posters around town so that people know about the event. If you would like to join me, please email me at karengarst@gmail.com. Thanks! P. S. The AHHA plans to have an empty dumpster right after this for homeowners' use.

Commons Reservations

Members can reserve the Commons for special events and celebrations. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Many requests have already been granted so please reserve the Commons if you have an event you would like to host there. If you would like to request a special use of the Commons, you need to make the request with a Special Use of the Commons form. It can be found on the website or by using the link below.

Special Note for Members

It came to the Board's attention last week that there was someone going through the recycling trash cans placed at the curb for pickup. More than likely the person was looking for cans and bottles but the Board wanted to alert you to protect any personal information you might be placing in your recycling.

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

You will receive a reply.

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