

# July Newsletter

## Special Notice

The pathways that run throughout the Commons are scheduled to be sprayed with an herbicide on Wednesday, July 8. All members of the community are urged to avoid the Commons when this work is under way. The area to be sprayed is approximately 1 foot on either side of the pathways. This is necessary to maintain the integrity of those paths.

## Dumpster Details

The AHHA is renting a 20 cubic yard dumpster for the community to use to dispose of things not easily placed in your weekly trash bin.

The dumpster will be parked adjacent to the Commons on Shelokum and you are welcome to rid your home of anything that you can get to the dumpster. It will be delivered sometime on Thursday, July 9 and picked up Tuesday, July 14. It will be onsite all-day Friday thru Monday. The dumpster use is on a first come basis until it is filled or removed.

We know that not everyone has the means to get items to the dumpster and there is no guarantee but let the Board know if you need help ([board@abiquaheights.com](mailto:board@abiquaheights.com)). Remember that nearly all the Board members are old!

## Board News

The maintenance of the Commons on July 10 will include the removal of clippings that have accumulated on the grounds of the Commons throughout the spring. The above normal rainfall has created an above normal amount of growth in the Commons. Even though additional mowings were in the landscape contract for 2020 the amount of dead grass left in the Commons is beyond acceptable levels. To avoid this issue in the future, the AHHA discussed the prospect of going to weekly mowings during the high growth period for the grassy areas of the Commons. It will be addressed when the 2021 budget is drafted.

Later this week a new pump, to increase water flow to the upper pond, is scheduled to be installed. In addition, sections of cattails are scheduled to be removed.

The new umbrellas have been placed in the Commons to provide for some shade if the sun is allowed to shine.

## 2020 Election

The AHHA Board has moved the Annual Meeting of the Members to Saturday, July 25 at 5 PM. The meeting will include the election of two Board positions. Moving the date of the meeting, extends the nominating period for anyone wishing to seek a position. Attached at the end of this newsletter is a sample nominating form for your use. It is a simple form that requires the signatures of three members of the community representing three households for a nomination to be placed on the ballot. The deadline for filing a nominating position is July 4 at 5 PM. Petitions can be mailed to the AHHA or they can be presented to any of the current Board members.

### **Special Use of the Commons**

Any member of the community can request to reserve and use the Commons by filing out a Special Use of the Commons form (a link can be found below) and giving it to a Board member. The form requires two signatures from the Board. You are always welcome to use the Commons but if you have a special event the form will make sure you have access. Presently there are only two dates with any reservations, July 2 in the evening and on July 4. Both are for small groups but please be aware of the process, it is there to make sure everyone has a good time. There are games stored in the shed that are available for use if you have an event or gathering, all you must do is ask.

### **Special Comment from the AHHA President**

The other day I was walking our labrador in the Commons. There was no one else present. Another large dog appeared with no leash and no owner. It approached us. I can assure you I was afraid. What do I do? Run away? Defend my dog? Leave my dog to its own defense and take care of myself? I had never encountered such an issue before. Fortunately, the dog responded to my commands to stay and I walked my own dog away safely. I am 70 years old. I want to be able to walk in our neighborhood without worrying about encountering someone else's loose dog. The board has received complaints about other people who have had remarkably similar experiences to mine recently. I know that sometimes dogs can escape, but please do your best to assure that this does not happen. Thank you. Karen Garst

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Please contact the AHHA Board with any comments, questions, or suggestions.

We do listen and you will get a response.

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