

June 2018 Newsletter

The Neighborhood

The Board would like to thank the members for their response to recent reminders concerning the rules which we agreed to abide by when purchasing our homes. Shortly after notes were left on front doors virtually all of the concerns were addressed in a positive manner.

The Board conducted a very informal survey (included with dues notices) and the results can be viewed by following the link at the end of the newsletter.

The end of the school year will be upon us very shortly and that more children will be about the neighborhood throughout the day and evening hours. Please take a little extra care driving through the neighborhood and perhaps drive a little slower. It is very easy to be going a little faster than you might think especially on the downhill areas of the community.

What's New

Some of the projects on the Board's agenda for 2018 have been completed. There are two new picnic tables in the Commons that provide a little additional seating for outdoor events. A Little Library has been built and placed in the Commons and members are encouraged to take a book for enjoyment or leave one that others might find interesting. Lastly more and larger fish have been introduced into the pond. Large mouthed bass and crappie of catchable size are now occupying the big and small pond. The Board would like to encourage "catch and release" until a stable population of fish is achieved.

The ARC

The next meeting for the ARC is June 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM. If you are considering any type of project that includes construction, major landscaping plans, or painting please visit the website for a Project Request Form. The ARC is much busier as the weather improves and it serves everybody well to submit your plans as soon as possible.

The Amenities Committee

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Little Library

The Little Library is located on the East side of the pond by the bench next to the walkway coming in from Tillicum.

The Little Library is a free book exchange.

Find a book you like? You may take it to read

When you are finished you may:

- Keep it
- Return it
- Pass it on to a friend

If you have a book you want to share? You may donate it here.

Political Signs

The primary election in May included the display of a few political signs in the community. With an upcoming general election in November it seems highly likely that more signs will be placed in yards and the Board wants to remind residents of the guidelines for political signs. Each lot is allowed one sign placed parallel to the street, seventeen feet from the curb.

In the Works

The Amenities Committee recommended and the Board decided on refurbishing the pathways with ¼ minus gravel and is in the process of obtaining costs and specifics for the project.

After consulting members of the community that are involved in youth sports, an area 88 x 133 feet has been staked in the Commons for upgrading. The staked area is to be flattened to make it a better and safer area for outdoor activities.

Painting the lines on the basketball court and hopscotch course along with spreading of barkdust are efforts the Amenities Committee and Board would like to be completed by volunteers from the community. Last year barkdust was spread by community members throughout the Commons in just over an hour and it was a great way for neighbors to meet one another.

Volunteers

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Special Use of the Commons

As warmer weather arrives, activity in the Commons increases. If you would like to hold a party or other social event in the Commons, please reserve it by using the Special Use of the Commons form that can be found on the AHHA website. The Commons has been reserved for a birthday party on June 30.

AHHA Business

Financial Reports for April and the Minutes for the May 10, 2018 AHHA Board are available by using the links below.

The next AHHA Board meeting will be June 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM at the First Christian Church.

If you have questions or comments please contact the Board by emailing board@abiquaheights.com.