

# June Newsletter

## Board News

The next meeting of the AHHA Board will be held June 11, 2020 at 5 PM in the Commons (weather permitting). All are welcome but please remember to bring a lawn chair as seating is limited. Social distancing protocols will be in place. An agenda for the meeting can be found at the end of the newsletter along with May 2020 Financial Reports.

Please note that at the beginning of each meeting there is an Open Session where members can express any questions, comments, or opinions.

With the “stay home” order still in effect for many the Commons is embracing the increased number of members using the pathways, play area, and the pond. The Board appreciates the respect people are showing the Commons as they are leaving only their footprints when they end their visit. We are lucky to have a place to enjoy being outside!

At the March AHHA Meeting the Board approved the rental of a large dumpster so members would have the opportunity to rid their dwellings of items not easily placed in their weekly trash receptacle. This event has been put on hold because of the coronavirus but it will happen. Likewise, the community picnic and community workday are also on hold.

Earlier in the year the Board was offered a 2% Pay It Forward discount from DeSantis Landscape if the AHHA paid its yearly contract for the year in full. The Board accepted this offer and passed the savings on to SACA. A copy of the Thank You note from SACA can be found below.

## 2020 AHHA Election

Two positions on the AHHA Board are up for election at the Annual Meeting of the Members in July. The second community picnic was planned as part of the meeting but that is currently on hold. Regardless there will be an election for the two positions. Normally any member wanting to run would be required to file a nominating petition signed by three households from the community to be placed on the election ballot. The Board does not want anyone going door-to-door to gather signatures so if you are interested please just notify the current Board and they will become your signers. The Annual Meeting of the Members is tentatively scheduled for July 11, meaning that nominations will close on June 19, 2020. If you have any questions please send them to [board@abiquaheights.com](mailto:board@abiquaheights.com).

## **Drought in the Pacific Northwest**

It has rained a fair amount in May and early June might be wet as well, but do not be fooled, the Pacific Northwest is amid a serious drought. Basically, the snowpack is melting lightning-fast which to date has caused drought conditions in the state and will worsen as we move through the summer. This coupled with the activities people do continuously in the neighborhood, specifically, the power washing of their driveways and sidewalks only heightens the problem of drought. Not only do activities like this use water that could be used for drinking and other important needs, but tons of water are lost through evaporation and runoff that are not recharging our groundwater. Saving water voluntarily is preferable to mandated restrictions. If you would like to know more, please follow the link below.

<https://www.climate.gov/news-features/event-tracker/drought-emerges-across-pacific-northwest-spring-2020>

## **Architectural Review Committee (ARC)**

The last house to be built in Abiqua Heights is nearing completion and with it a goodly portion of the work of the committee will have been completed. Overseeing the building of homes is a tireless and often unappreciated task. The Board would like to thank ALL that have served on the ARC over the years for their dedication and work on behalf of the community. Please note that members still need to get approval from the ARC for any major landscape or construction projects including the painting of your home. You will find the ARC to be very accommodating and very quick in dealing with your requests. A special thanks goes to the current members of the committee headed by Don Kaminski.

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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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