

Late Summer Newsletter

AHHA Board Update

There is no scheduled AHHA Meeting for August but there is still a lot of activity in the neighborhood. Contracts have already been made to upgrade the pathways in the Commons and at the same time three drains on the eastern side of the big pond will be installed. In addition the process to have the staked play area flattened and reseeded moves forward. The play field work is planned for late fall. The Board is also working on a draft budget for 2019 that is fiscally responsible. Financial Reports for July and the minutes for the July AHHA Board meeting can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Volunteers

The Board would like to thank all of the members of the community who give their time whether it is serving on a committee or doing physical work that saves the HOA significant amounts of money. In particular the Board would like to thank Karen Trucke (Amenities Committee chair) and Don Kaminski (ARC chair) for their efforts and time they devote to the community. The Board would also like to thank Larry Tingwall for his selfless work in keeping the pond aerators functioning. Many of the community are unaware that one of the pumps that run the aerators in the pond stopped functioning. Larry jerry-rigged a system to keep the pond aerators functioning while a new pump was ordered and then he installed the new pump. Lastly, the Board would like to thank the Garst family and work crew for taking on the task of washing the mailboxes throughout the community.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to be more involved in your neighborhood there are several ways you can participate. Later in the year the recently washed mailboxes are to be painted, as needed. The basketball court lines will be painted again as soon as the court can be powerwashed. If you would like to help with either project just let the Board know. Volunteers to serve on committees are always welcome and there remains an open position on the Board for a term that has two years remaining. Please note that three of the other four current Board members finish their terms in 2018 and they may not want to serve another three years. Please consider taking a position on the Board, a committee, or for any upcoming project.

Words for Consideration

Summer is about to end and this will be the last newsletter before the new school year begins. Once school starts there will be children about making their way to or from school. Take a little extra care and

slow down when driving through the neighborhood. The few extra seconds it takes to make your way to and from your house is a small thing to do.

Everyone loves the signature oak in the Commons and its allure as a tree to climb is evident to everyone. Unfortunately all the climbing on the tree does it harm and shortens its life span. Every climb on the tree wears off the bark that protects the tree. If you visit the Commons and run your hand over the areas where most of the climbing occurs the impact on the tree's bark will be obvious. As tempting as climbing on the tree is, it would be in the tree's best interest to refrain from climbing.

The Board would like to urge members to be considerate to all the residents of Abiqua Heights by following a few simple rules. Please pick up after your dog. There is a waste station in the Commons, use it. Loose pets both dogs and cats is another topic brought to the Board on a regular basis. No one wants their yard to be your cat's litter box and for those that are truly afraid of dogs, "my dog is very friendly" rings hollow. Finally, please store your trash containers out of sight at all times other than trash collection days.

Please send your comments or suggestions to board@abiquaheights.com.