

Mid-Summer 2019 Newsletter

Annexation Update

The Board would like to remind the members of the community that the City Council meeting concerning the annexation of the property south of Abiqua Heights will be held August 5, 2019 at 7 PM. The meeting is to be held in the City Council Chambers at 421 S. Water St. If you are concerned about the annexation of this property, the Board urges you to attend the meeting. The impact of numbers cannot be underestimated.

The Board will be represented, and a letter has already been sent to the City Council. The letter can be found at the end of the newsletter by following the link.

Annual Meeting of the Members & Community Picnic

The Board would sincerely like to thank all the members of the community that attended the Community Picnic / Annual Meeting of the Members as well as all of you that took the time to sign a proxy and get it to the Board. The Board received more proxies than needed to establish a quorum so there was no need to count members in attendance.

Past Annual Meetings had 6 – 10 members attending, but at the Community Picnic there were more than thirty homeowners represented. The meeting was simply an open forum where anyone could address any issue. It lasted for about 45 minutes. Topics discussed included the annexation of property to the south of Abiqua Heights, cars speeding through the community, unwanted trimming of trees, requests for powerwashing entrances to the Commons, and other minor issues.

After the open forum had run its course the Board held its July meeting at a table in the Commons. All those attending the community event were invited to participate. The minutes from the meeting can be viewed by following the link below.

Collectively the Board consider the meeting a huge success and more than likely the Annual Meeting of the Members will be part of a Community Picnic in 2020.

Board Notes

For those of you that are unaware, every person that has served as an AHHA Board member and everyone that has been part of an AHHA committee has freely given their time, energy, and expertise on your behalf. The current Board would like to thank all those that have volunteered or are currently serving the community. For every hour that you might believe is spent on your behalf, the reality is a multiple, many times that number. Board members have always given freely of their time, but sometimes

extraordinary hours are spent. To give you an idea of what you do not know and to offer some needed thanks please consider the following:

Larry Tingwall and Karen Garst have spent a goodly amount of their summer scanning and digitalizing all the documents that have been in storage for years. Twenty years of documents and log books for all ARC actions during that time have been scanned.

David Ortega rebuilt and re-roofed the pumphouse.

Collectively the Board dugout and leveled the site of the new storage shed and then moved all the items from the storage unit to the new shed. Ron Garst was a significant help in the moving effort.

Wayne Trucke delivers Financial Reports with painstaking detail in five different documents and the reports are available within a few days of the end of the prior month. These reports are so detailed and thorough that few if any bother to review them.

The Board would like to thank Carole McDonald for her assistance in making the Community Picnic a success. Her work and her plates, napkins, and tables were truly appreciated.

Neighborhood Concerns:

Every month the Board receives emails from members with concerns and we are passing on some of those issues along with what was discussed at the Open Forum at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

AHHA Letter to the City Council

Please consider trimming any trees or shrubs that encroach upon the neighborhood sidewalks. At this time of year plants and trees grow rapidly and what was once was not a problem is now a hazard.

If you do see shrubs or trees obstructing sidewalks, please do not take it upon yourself to do the trimming. Please contact the resident or contact the Board.

Please advise your children or any young people you see playing in the Commons after dark that rules prohibit this activity mostly because it is not safe.

The newsletter is lengthy, so we want to remind everyone about the City Council meeting about the annexation of the property directly to the south of Abiqua Heights once again. The meeting is August 5, 2019 at 7 PM in the City Council chambers.

