

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Board News

The Board truly appreciates the community's support, cooperation, and patience. Whether you directly participate in community affairs, pay your dues promptly, or merely endure some of the work done in the Commons it makes the Board's work rewarding.

The Board invites any and all members of the community to attend an AHHA meeting to participate and observe the management of your community. AHHA Board meetings have become somewhat streamlined and meetings seldom run longer than 45 minutes.

A great deal was taken up at the March meeting and draft minutes can be found by using the link at the end of the newsletter. Here are the highlights.

- The Board noted that volunteer activity and the hiring of more cost-effective vendors has saved enough funds that each member of the community will receive a \$57 instant rebate with their 2020 dues assessment. The sense among the Board is that it is fiscally prudent for dues to remain at \$357 next year, but the rebate would reduce your payment to \$300.
- The Board approved moving the Annual Meeting of the Members from November to July and it is to be held in conjunction with a neighborhood picnic. Details will be announced as plans are made. If you would like to help plan the community picnic or if you have suggestions, please contact the Board.
- The Board has decided to close the storage unit that houses materials and records belonging to the AHHA and construct a small shed in the Commons for that purpose. The cost of the storage unit has reached \$700.00 and access is cumbersome.

House Plans

The closing of the storage unit will include returning to the current lot owners the plans for the construction of the house in which they live. As part of the ARC approval process for building homes in Abiqua Heights a set of construction plans was provided before building began. Some have been stored for more than twenty years. For those who moved into a home already built you might not know the plans exist, but they might be useful to you. Over the next month the Board will deliver the plans to your front porch. They are yours to keep.

Amenities Committee

A great deal has been accomplished in the last few years in Abiqua Heights and a goodly portion of the credit goes to the Amenities Committee. For many projects, including the new play area and the upgraded pathways, the Amenities Committee is asked to research and make recommendations to the Board for its consideration. In addition, the committee works and completes projects that are solely their responsibility, the little library, the new park benches and picnic tables. The Board wants to thank the committee chair, Karen Trucke, and all the members of the committee for their drive and diligence.

If you are new to the community and would like to get involved, the Amenities Committee is a great opportunity and new members are welcome.

Feeding the Ducks

More than likely almost everyone has tossed a piece of bread to a nearby, begging duck. Unfortunately, it is not good for the duck or the pond. Cracked corn (chicken scratch) is probably the best and most available food for the ducks. For more information on feeding the ducks please click [here](#).

After sending the updated neighborhood directory last month there were a very small number of requests to make small changes. Those requests have been undertaken and a link to a slightly revised version of the neighborhood directory can be found below.

The Board appreciates input from the community so if you have a comment or suggestion, please email, board@abiquaheights.com. You will receive a prompt reply.