Very Late Summer Newsletter

AHHA Board Update

AHHA Board meetings will be held in September, October, and November. It is the time to establish a budget for 2019 and hold elections for seats on the Board of Directors. There will be three seats on the Board selected at the Members' meeting in November. If you have an interest in becoming a Board member and serving the community it is near time to make your intentions known. If you are unsure of a three year commitment to the Board you might consider volunteering for the unfilled seat on the Board that has only a two year term. The Board is working on a budget for 2019 that will not increase dues and may actually reduce them (slightly). The major reason that dues will not be increasing is directly connected to the amount of volunteering done by your neighbors (see section on Volunteers).

Volunteers

For the last few years the Board has solicited and received (thankfully) the work of volunteers. It is gratifying to know that there are members of the community willing to give their time and efforts for the good of us all. The Community Work-Day volunteers were acknowledged in a previous newsletter and their work cannot be under appreciated. Since that time volunteers have installed aerator pumps (Larry Tingwall), washed and cleaned the community mailboxes (the Garst family), painted the mailboxes in need of repair (Karen Garst and Ann Ferrell), and painted lines on the basketball court (Wayne & Karen Trucke and Larry Tingwall). In addition plants and trees have been watered during this very hot summer by volunteers.

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 hopscotch course is to be painted. Next year it is likely that there will be a community picnic in addition to the Community Work-day. If you are interested in volunteering for either activity please contact the Board. Volunteers to serve on committees are needed, especially on the Welcoming Committee. And as stated earlier, there remains an open position on the Board for a term that has two years remaining. Please note that three current Board members finish their terms in 2018 and they may not want to serve another three years. Your community needs you.

Words for Consideration

School has started and there will be children about making their way to or from school, please slow down while making your way in or out of the neighborhood. The few extra seconds it takes to make your way to and from your house is a small thing to do.

The Board has received correspondence from members concerning pests (skunks and raccoons) invading their property, especially those lots boarding the Commons. Skunks and raccoons are attracted by sources of food and shelter. Please, if you feed your dog or cat outside, pick-up the food after your pet has finished. If you have skunks and/or raccoons living under a deck or among landscaping rocks consider spreading mothballs in the areas inhabited…. it may smell for a while, but it might displace intruders. Fencing off the area under your deck or patio, if it is inhabited by pests, is another idea.

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.