

April Newsletter

Board News

The Board will meet again in May as there was not enough to be considered for a meeting in April. The next scheduled meeting for the AHHA Board will be May 12 and the location will be determined by the weather.

All dues for 2022 have been collected and the Board would like to thank the members for their cooperation in paying dues in a timely fashion.

Several years ago, the AHHA hired a management company (about \$10,000 per year) because the scope of work was too much for the Board. The current Board functions without that cost as volunteers and the community seem to be functioning quite nicely. Dues were collected without any late fees, a competent landscaping firm is taking care of the Commons, and the AHHA wrote exactly zero checks in March.....and is likely to do the same for April.

Community members make other contributions that sometimes go unnoticed.

Anyone that has made a request to the ARC must surely recognize the speed, efficiency, and congeniality of the group and the Board cannot thank Don Kaminski enough for his leadership

The Welcoming Committee has once again begun in home visits, David Ortega is heading a group to refurbish the wooden park benches, and Friends of Abiqua Heights has offered to buy two picnic tables for the second pavilion.

The Board truly appreciates the cooperative spirit of the neighborhood and looks forward to more of the same as Community Work Days loom in the future. The pond is in need of some manual work to remove some old growth cattails.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find links to the minutes from the March AHHA Board meeting, financial reports for March, and an updated directory for the members.

Community Consideration and Perception

The Board receives a pretty constant stream of emails about issues that rile some members of the community. Sometimes it is about animal waste in yards, a

seemingly overwhelming number of parked cars, the constant noise from power washers or blowers, or the number of unknown people in the Commons.

The Board would like to remind people of the following:

- Waste in the Commons has been greatly reduced with the installation of the two waste stations, but the complaints the Board gets really involve animal waste in members' yards. Is it too much to ask for your four-legged friend to not foul someone's yard?
- Everyone who has children must realize that as your children get near adulthood, they are likely to have a car. Is an extra parked car or two really so burdensome that it becomes an issue? And at the same time is it too much to ask the extra car owners to be respectful of the neighbors their vehicles might impact?
- Not everyone in the community is up at the crack of dawn and some members of the community work from home so please be respectful of your neighbors in the use of these devices. Gas powered blowers are particularly bad for the environment and power washers use an inordinate amount of water.
- In the past the Abiqua Heights community has not been perceived by the greater Silverton community and in particular the realtors of the area as very welcoming and friendly. Those that find it necessary to confront and question anyone in the Commons that they do not recognize should note that there are more than thirty changes to the neighborhood directory this year, so it is very likely that you do not know everyone. No one likes to be confronted and you do a disservice to the whole community when you question someone just because they seem disquieting.

Community Information

Two community events are quickly approaching, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Solar Energy Fair are both on April 16. Flyers for both events can be found below and please consider attending both.

Grass in the Commons is being allowed to grow a little longer than normal for the Egg Hunt.