

# Early July Newsletter

## Board News

Throughout the early part of the year things just seem to go by slowly and then suddenly it is summer and there is a lot to do in a short period of time....so here goes.

This weekend, July 8 -10, there is a community wide garage sale. This is an event that the Board informs the community of voluntary participation. Some notice of the garage sale has been posted on social media so it is likely there will be a substantial turnout. If you would like to place signage out around the area that is fine, but please remember to retrieve your signs when the sale is over.

The next Saturday, July 16, from 9 – noon, is the citywide “Free Day,” where items placed on your driveway or in front of your house can be taken by anyone passing by. Please remember to only leave items you want to give away in front of your home.

If all goes as planned the next weekend there will be a dumpster available for members to place large items in for their disposal. The plan is for the dumpster to be placed along Shelokum adjacent to the park on Friday, July 22 and for it to be removed on Monday, July 25. The Board has plans to have a second dumpster available later in the year so please do not over fill the dumpster.

The last Saturday of July will be the Community Picnic in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Members and the AHHA election for Board of Directors. The Board encourages members to attend as it is the best opportunity for members to vocalize their ideas to the Board. There is reservation form for the Picnic at the end of the newsletter so please let the Board know if you will be attending.

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Financial reports for June are available below.

For the last 6+ years Wayne Trucke has produced the financial reports for the community. Wayne started producing the reports when the AHHA chose to end its relationship with a management company at the cost of \$10,000 per year. His reports are so detailed and transparent that the Board has not received any

inquiries regarding where funds are spent or what funds are available in those years. Wayne is stepping aside, and reports will soon be produced by Jessina Murphy.

It would be a clear slight if the Board, and hopefully the community, did not thank Wayne for his years of service.....so Thank You, Wayne!

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The wood benches in the Commons have been refinished and look very much like new. David Ortega was the leading force behind this effort and the Board is grateful for his work.

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There are two new picnic tables in the second pavilion in the Commons. The tables were provided for the community by Friends of Abiqua Heights.

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Multiple efforts have been made to replace the nets on the basketball court but so far no one has been able to make it happen. The Board has the nets but not the knowhow to get the work done. If you believe you can get the net replaced, please come forward. It seems the hoop is an institutional style hoop that is meant to prevent easy removal of the net.

#### Community Work Day - Recap

On June 25<sup>th</sup> members of the community went to work on your behalf. The railings on the bridge in the Commons were painted and about ten cubic yards of cattails and other vegetation were removed from the pond. By doing this work those that volunteered saved the community thousands of dollars. Thanks go to the following families:

The Black family

The Davis family

The Ferrell family

The Garst family

The Hatteberg family

The Hoefel family

The Murphy family

The Ortega family

The Predeek family

The Tingwall family

The Vogel/Mullane family

It is likely there will be another Community Work Day before the end of the summer so please consider volunteering. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and the work is usually done within a couple of hours.

#### AHHA Board Election

The AHHA will elect a Board member at the July Annual Meeting of the Members. The Board has only received one nominating petition and so the outcome of the election is obvious. For the election to be official the Board must have votes or proxies from thirty-one households in Abiqua Heights. The Board does not ask much from the community, but it needs thirty-one votes or proxies. A ballot and a proxy form are available below so please consider participating.

#### Traffic and Speed Survey

The Board wants to know the thoughts of the community regarding traffic and speeding vehicles. A survey was placed in the packet attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July flags, but the Board knows that not everyone opens the packet. To make sure everyone can have their voice heard there is a survey at the end of the newsletter that you can print and get to the Board by following the directions provided. If you have an opinion and you do not let it be known, it will be on you.

#### Property Annexation

The landowner to the south of Abiqua Heights is once again pursuing development of the property. The landowner attempted this in 2019 and his effort was rejected, unanimously, by the city council. The request this time calls for more units than the previous effort. The only way in and out of the proposed neighborhood is through Abiqua Heights and the only way for emergency vehicles into and out of the proposed development is through Abiqua Heights. There are

water pressure issues, storm drain issues and infrastructure issues that make this proposal problematic at best. You can find a link below that has some more information and a copy of the letter sent in 2019 to city officials from the AHHA. If you would like to comment on what path the AHHA should consider, please attend the Annual Meeting of the Members and the Community Picnic on July 30.