

# Fall Newsletter

## Board News

The Board is working on the 2023 budget for the AHHA and more than likely the dues will remain the same for 2023. Last year the dues were raised \$18.00 and that was the first increase in more than ten years, which on an annual basis makes the dues increase about one-half of 1%. We would all be so lucky if everything we consumed had a similar rate of increase. When the draft budget is approved it will be sent to the members for their consideration. Final approval will be in November.

A major reason that dues are this reasonable is the incredible amount of work done by volunteers, your neighbors. In the last year the wooden park benches were painted, the electrical boxes around the pumphouse were updated, there are lights in a pavilion, new tables in the second pavilion, barkdust spread throughout the Commons, 20+ cubic yards of cattails removed from the ponds, the railings on the bridge painted and at the most recent Community Work Day the railings on the stairway from Shelokum to Chee Chee were painted and 10 cubic yards of cedar chips were placed in the play area. All of this was done by volunteers and that is why we will once again thank those that worked at the most recent Community Work Day.

The Britton Family

The Budreau Family

The Danskey Family

The Dennis Family

The Ferrell Family

The Garst Family

The Hatteberg Family

The Joste Family

The Pfaff Family

The Tingwall Family

## The Trucke Family

All of the work at the last Community Work Day was finished in well under an hour so no one was overworked and everyone was appreciated. Please consider spending a little time working for the community next year when there will surely be another Work Day.

The Board contacted the City concerning a couple of matters that impact Abiqua Heights. The vegetation that poses a fire hazard to the community behind the houses on Chikamin has been brought to the City's attention and they are working on getting the landowner to bring the area into compliance. The Board will continue to press the City until the vegetation is cut. The second issue concerns the sawing and partial removal of the roadway on Shelokum. Though the rumor was that this was a Ziply cable endeavor, the City informed the Board that the permit was taken out by Astound (formerly Wave) and they would pursue them to finish their work.

Financial reports, draft minutes, and an agenda for the October 20 AHHA Board meeting can be found by using the links at the end of this email.

### **Halloween**

If you are new to the community, we want you to know and be prepared that Halloween is sort of a big deal in Abiqua Heights. Depending on where you are in the community you might expect as many as 200 – 300 Trick-or-Treaters. It might be a little quieter this year because it falls on a Monday but don't count on it.

### **Nuts and Pumpkins**

These are not exactly normal newsletter topics, but here goes. The Board received an email from a concerned parent who has a very young child with a nut allergy about peanuts appearing in their backyard. Apparently, someone near this family is fattening up the squirrels with peanuts and the little creatures are depositing them in an unwelcome area. Now this is an area that the Board has little if any sway over but if a neighbor addresses you about feeding peanuts to the squirrels, please take their concern to heart.

Pumpkin Painting will happen on October 15 from 12 – 2 PM in the Commons. More than forty pumpkins have been purchased for anyone to come and paint.

Pumpkins, paint, and brushes will be furnished all you need is a willingness to paint. More details can be found by using the link below.