

May Newsletter

Board News

The May AHHA Board meeting scheduled for May 12 will be delayed a week until May 19. The meeting will be at 5:00 PM at 645 Shelokum Drive and all members are welcome to attend. An agenda for the meeting along with financial reports for April can be accessed by following the links at the end of the newsletter.

The rainy weather has caused the grass and weeds to grow extremely fast this spring and it has delayed some of the intended work for the Commons. Eventually the wood park benches are going to be refurbished, barkdust will be added to the beds, two new picnic tables will be placed in the second pavilion, and beds will be cleaned up. The pond is in serious need of some cattail removal but that is expensive unless the community wants to do a little work. The seemingly most useful effort to upgrade the pond would be to remove as much dead vegetation from the pond as possible. The dead cattails eventually sink to the bottom of the pond and become organic material (food) for the algae. All the runoff from the rain has also added organic material to the pond and it is going to be a difficult summer to control the algae.

The Board was very pleased and gratified at the community effort last year to build the two pavilions and it is hoped that community involvement can be counted on this spring/summer.

The Board has been working with the City to get speed bumps placed on portions of the roadways in Abiqua Heights. The City will not approve the easy install speed bumps the Board was considering but would probably accept permanent speed bumps built into the roadways. Permanent asphalt speed bumps are much more expensive but once installed the cost is done. If you have thoughts about speed bumps, please let your thoughts be known to the Board.

Committees

Springtime brings on the desire for landscape projects, yard improvements, house painting, and re-roofing so please remember to contact the ARC (arc@abiquaheight.com) before you start your projects. The ARC is extremely

quick at getting back to you about your requests. Thanks to all the members of the ARC for timely work.

The Welcoming Committee has started making in home visits again and their work is only going to increase with the number of new families moving into the community. Thank you to the members of the Welcoming Committee.

The Commons and Special Use Events

Last year's ice storm was particularly hard on the Commons but after a lot of work it has rebounded probably better than was hoped. Some desired work for the area might have to wait a year or two as the Board wants to work within the current budget. As with most everything maintenance costs have increased as have all the projects the Board is considering.

As spring roles into summer members may want to hold events in the Commons for their families or friends. If you wish to use the Commons for an event, please use the Special Use of the Commons form on the website. It is a first come, first serve area and May 28 has already been reserved for the Silverton Tennis Teams BBQ social. At this point all other dates are available, but please make your requests as soon as possible.

And a lost dog was found!

Watching TV in their home, Maurie and Judi Thomas heard a knock at the door. A woman asked them to help find the owner of a little brown dog she had in her arms. "Be careful," she said. "He snapped at me." She couldn't find anyone in the neighborhood who owned the dog. Unfortunately, the dog had no collar tag. The Thomas' put the dog in their truck, after calling the dog pound in Salem, which had not received a call about the dog.

They took the dog to the local veterinarian and had it checked for an implanted chip – none. "What should we do next?" they asked themselves.

They decided to go home and put a sign out in their front yard – LOST DOG. Shortly thereafter a woman, with a little baby in her arms, showed up and claimed the dog. They asked her if she had called the dog pound and she said, "No, I just saw the sign."

That is just what good neighbors do!

The Board works for you and will respond to any inquiry or comment seeking a response. Please email the Board at board@abiquaheights.com.

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