

HEATHERWOOD NEWS

2016

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kathy Logan

Following our unpredictable spring weather, we can only hope that a great summer is just around the corner. Planning began early in 2016 to address the cleaning of our beautiful white vinyl fences. With the availability of water for power washing nonexistent, we were able to engage Chris's Power Wash, a local contractor who provides his own water for such work. His company completed the job in three days and we have received numerous compliments on the quality of the work. It is our intention to recommend to future Boards that in two years half of the fences should be cleaned again, with the other half to be cleaned two years following that.

Also power washed were all sidewalks in the common areas. Inasmuch as homeowners are required to keep their sidewalks free of mold and dirt through power washing or other means, the Homeowners' Association has a responsibility to do the same in the common areas. These were major projects, but they ensure that

Heatherwood's reputation as the most beautiful Over 55 community in the area will continue unabated.

An additional project will be the clearing of underbrush and dead or dying trees at the corner of Mount Pleasant and County House Roads, with replacement of some with a better quality of trees than those planted there by the builder. This may have been accomplished by the time the Newsletter has reached you.

Wishing everyone a great summer.

A MAJOR THANK YOU

Kathy Logan



For many years, Ruth Gutleber played an instrumental role in the preparation of our Newsletter. Along with our Website, the Newsletter is vital to keeping homeowners up to date and well informed regarding what is happening in our Heatherwood community. Each edition Ruth formatted and graced with graphics and photographs somehow became even better than the previous one, and it is impossible to thank her enough for all her work on behalf of Heatherwood. Although Ruth will not be continuing in this role, the Board of Trustees wishes to express great appreciation for her contributions. Ruth also spent many years as a member of the Board of Trustees and she can proudly say she is one homeowner who has "paid her dues." Ruth, we salute you!

Bill Taggart has kindly agreed to step up and take on the duties of formatting the Newsletters and enhancing them with special graphics and/or photos. He already works very closely with the Board on Heatherwood's website and we are looking forward to proceeding with him in all efforts to keep homeowners informed.

ANOTHER THANK YOU IN ORDER

Kathy Logan

When our previous Secretary, Dottie Giannotti, found it necessary to step down from her position as Secretary of the Heatherwood Homeowners' Association recently, Rose Marie Stortini graciously answered the appeal made to homeowners to serve in this position. We welcome Rose Marie and thank her for taking on this work on behalf of Heatherwood.



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FROM THE TREASURER*Rose Mary Colombo*

Please refer to the attached Financial Report.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION*Kathy Logan, BOT Contact*

Although it seems way too early to be addressing our next Election, time is flying and there will not be another Newsletter before we must begin thinking about this extremely important issue. It is even more crucial than ever this year, as there will be four terms coming to a close...namely, Kathy Logan as President, Joe Lynch as Vice President, Rose Marie Stortini as Secretary, and Rose Mary Colombo as Treasurer. I have addressed this issue previously and do not intend to simply repeat what everyone already knows and understands. I can only appeal to each homeowner to "Take a Turn." No one is asking for a lifetime commitment, but there does come a time when those who care about Heatherwood and its future stability should step up and lend a hand. When that Election communication inevitably arrives at your door this year, please take a moment to ask yourself if it is indeed time for **you** to "Take a Turn."

HEATHERWOOD HOMES FOR SALE

For those homeowners who are presently selling their homes and are interested in listing the information on the Heatherwood website, please send an email to Bill Taggart at heatherwoodnj@comcast.net with the address of the home, contact person, contact number, and specifics about the home.

SIGNAGE ON LAWNS

You are reminded that "For Sale" signs posted on lawns need to be removed on lawn cutting days. Heatherwood's landscaping company, TLC, is not responsible for any damage that may occur to signs left out on the lawn.

You are also reminded that contractors who have been working on your home may not place their signs in front

of your home, either while work is in progress or after completion.

Regarding security alarm signs, one may be placed in front and one in back of a home. The sign in front of the home is to be placed in the flowerbed or attached to the mailbox post. The sign in the rear of the home is to be placed in the flowerbed.

TOWNSHIP WATERING RULES

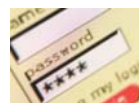
Heatherwood follows the "ODD DAYS" schedule for watering.

Beginning May 1, there will be a Washington Township Municipal Services Authority (WTMUA) ban in effect on non-essential outdoor uses of water by residential and commercial customers between the hours of 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Non-essential use includes sprinkling lawns and washing cars. Outside use of water may take place before 11:00 AM and from 6:00 PM through 12 Midnight based on an odd/even calendar day system. This ban ends as of September 15.

You may use water on **ODD NUMBERED CALENDAR DAYS**. We do know that in the past, WTMUA representatives have made spot checks in our community to determine if there are any deviations from the prescribed watering times.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

If you would like to add your email address to Heatherwood's distribution list, please send an email to the Heatherwood Secretary at heatherwoodrm@comcast.net requesting her to do so. Email bulletins include such items as lawn cutting schedule changes, maintenance project commencements or status, etc. When a bulletin is sent out, the email addresses are kept confidential. For homeowners already on the list, should you change your email address, do not forget to inform the Heatherwood Secretary.

HEATHERWOOD WEBSITE PASSWORD

The password for the Financial and Open Meeting sections of the Heatherwood website can be obtained by sending an email to the Secretary at heatherwoodrm@comcast.net.

PREVENTING LAWN DAMAGE

- Avoid watering your lawns on scheduled lawn cutting days.
- Lawns should be watered early in the morning.
- Avoid watering lawns at night, which promotes fungus.
- Spray zones on the sides of your homes where the swales are located should be carefully monitored to avoid over saturation. This is especially relevant due to the proximity of homes to each other, creating watering overlaps.
- If your swale is too saturated and you do not want the area to be cut, mark the swale area with flags to signify a "No Cut." Flags are available for sale at local hardware stores.

LANDSCAPING ISSUES

Any issues regarding the landscaping company's work are to be called in to Target Management (see phone and email information on page one) for proper tracking and follow-up. Board of Trustees members or the landscaping company, TLC, should not be contacted.

SEMIANNUAL REMINDERS

Now that the lawn cutting season has arrived some protection such as a mulch bed should be provided around the backflow preventers and other cables and pipes near your home's foundation, as well as mailbox posts. These are particularly vulnerable to weed whackers and failure to protect them results in complaints and damage which could easily be avoided if some distance is maintained between the grass and these areas.



Homeowners are reminded not to blow or sweep leaves or other debris into the storm drains or leave in the gutters or street. It should be placed in trash cans, clear plastic bags or biodegradable bags and placed out with other trash for pickup by the Township.



TLC has once again requested that homeowners be aware the company does not

condone tipping or any other payments to its employees. Please refrain from interacting with TLC's employees as they go about their work.



The removal and/or replacement of street trees (those originally planted by the builder in the front and/or side lawns) require Architectural Review Board approval prior to any action being taken. For guidance regarding trees, please refer to Exhibit F, Architectural Guidelines, Section R – Landscaping.



It has come to the attention of the Board of Trustees that there have been dog feces left in the common areas and near the gazebo on Caserta Drive. This is a gentle reminder to please pick up after your dog and always maintain your dog on a leash.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Dona McKenney, Homeowner



The Heatherwood Book Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7 p.m. If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Dona McKenney, 40 Caserta Drive, 410-382-7441, or donamckenney@comcast.net.

HEATHERWOOD COMMITTEES**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB)**

Paul Rose



Happy Spring from your Architectural Review Board! We trust you are enjoying the sunshine and warmth of the season. By the time you read this we will be well into the annual Spring ARB inspections. This year we have sent to all homes a checklist that is being used in the home inspections. It is the hope of your ARB that you will use this checklist to see if any work needs to be done around the exterior of your home.

As a note to any newer residents who may not be familiar with the procedure, each spring, the Architectural Review Board conducts an annual inspection of all the homes in Heatherwood as required by the Governing Documents. This inspection has one main goal...to keep our community as beautiful as possible for the residents. This also helps to maintain the value of our properties. The beauty and reputation of Heatherwood is surely a big reason many of us have moved here.

As we conduct these inspections, we want you to know that the members of the ARB are fellow residents of Heatherwood. The ARB inspectors will have ID badges to identify them. We will need to walk around your property during our inspection and we certainly appreciate your cooperation in this procedure. If, on inspection, we find there is work or repairs that need to be done, you will receive a notice about these repairs. We will be as specific as possible about what needs to be completed. Please remember that any work done to the exterior has to be approved by the ARB. An application for ARB approval needs to be filed through Target Management.

We recommend that you provide as much detail as you can about the work. The application and information on filing it can be found on the Heatherwood Website www.heatherwoodnj.com. Click on Forms and then Architectural Review Board Application. The easiest way to find out what needs prior ARB approval is to check out the shorter list of what DOES NOT need approval. On the website click on Governing Documents and go to Exhibit "F" - Architectural Guidelines Addendum F-1, Items for Which ARB Approval Is Not Required. Enjoy the nice weather this season and we look forward to seeing everyone out and about in the community.

CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Kathy Logan, BOT Contact



Thanks in advance to Joe Brennan and Jeff Parker, who will be making their annual inspection of the common areas of Heatherwood in order to give the Board of Trustees an update on issues of concern. This is quite a large community with many assets to be maintained on a regular basis and this inspection is of considerable assistance to the Board. Their efforts each year are very much appreciated.

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairperson



The Garden Committee will be planting the spring flowers in early May. At the advice of various landscapers, we will again be planting begonias. While there are sprinklers at the front entrance, other flowers require frequent and direct watering during the growing season and the hot summer months. Begonias do not require this intensive watering.

Our members (and their husbands) are very dedicated individuals, but we can always use additional volunteers. None of us is getting any younger so the extra hands will make the planting go faster and easier on our backs!

We hope you will consider joining these dedicated individuals to make the Heatherwood entrance beautiful for everyone to admire.

MAILING COMMITTEE

Joe Lynch, Chairman



How fortunate our community is to have a dedicated group of people who have volunteered to distribute the goings-on of Heatherwood. Not only helping out, but they have been there from the beginning with wonderful support from their spouses. Thank you to the following:

Harriet Baccare – (Moe)
 Marlene Horowitz – (Irv)
 Renee' Blasko – (Paul)
 Madeline Lentine- (Bob)
 Joe Brennan – (Marilyn)
 Glenn Henson – (Esther)
 Joyce Whalen – (Bob)
 Verna Spiegel – (Mel)

Newcomers

George Colombo - (Rose Mary)
 Terry Kurko – (John)
 Dottie Wojtylak – Our latest recruit, the 6th (wo)man off the bench, a basketball term, who fills in when we are shorthanded.

Sadly, we lost Verna from our original group, but her husband Mel has continued her fine service.

Not only has the Mailing Committee kept our neighbors informed, but is saving all of us \$\$\$ by our deliveries.

A special thanks to Mary Ellen Lynch, who keeps our operation going, counting out each route, bagging, labeling, and dispensing to all the volunteers. She also substitutes when someone is not available to make deliveries.

Again, thank you to all our volunteers for keeping Heatherwood a wonderful community in which to live.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

Rose Mary Colombo, Chairperson



In 2015, the Welcome Committee made a total of eight visits to new homeowners with the last two visits occurring in November and December 2015. We have a very special Committee, who generously provide a baked item and volunteer their time to visit these new homeowners and give them an overview of the lovely community in which we live. *First impressions are lasting* and our volunteers certainly create a wonderful first impression.

There are several homes for sale and we anticipate a busy spring as new homeowners move into this lovely community.

HEATHERWOOD'S COPELAND COURT

Kathy Logan



Washington Township's Historian Joan Michael has been kind enough to share with me some interesting information regarding some of Heatherwood's street names. At the time our community was built, she was asked to suggest names for some of the streets and chose a number of old family names from Washington Township's history (Morgan, Stiles, Chew, Sickler, and Copeland). I learned about one of the most fascinating when I attended a lecture by Mrs. Michael at the Township Library some years ago. The following is the result of much research she has conducted over the years. Other examples of her voluminous work can be found in the Washington Township Library, and she was instrumental in providing numerous photographs from the Washington Township Historical Society that were included in the *Images of America, Washington Township, Gloucester County* book published by Arcadia Publishing in 2009. Should you be interested, the book is available for sale at the Library.

Heatherwood's Copeland Court is named for the family of William Henry and Hester Copeland, who were either freed slaves or had escaped from slavery. Their great-great-great grandchildren still live on the original property, although the original house is gone now. Mrs. Michael believes this family holds the record for living on the same land for more time than any other family in Washington Township. While other families may have been here longer, those families do not occupy their original land. The Copelands were here in 1850 and are still here 166 years later!

William Henry went to work for the Turner family and he and his wife and eldest son William were permitted to rent a house owned by the Turners on the land in question. By the time of the Census of 1860, they had purchased the house and some land surrounding it. William Henry was still working for the Turners at that time.

An interesting tidbit is that there was a ferry boat accident on the Delaware River between Camden and Philadelphia and William Henry and their son William were among the passengers who were rescued. Several people were thrown or jumped into the river to escape the fire and they were drowned. A list of the survivors was published in a Philadelphia newspaper.

You undoubtedly have seen this property, as it is located at the intersection of Egg Harbor Road and Mount Pleasant Road a very short distance from Heatherwood. There is a white two-story home with a partial brick front on that corner and a small ranch home next to it. Thanks to Township Historian Joan Michael, the name Copeland will always be remembered for its long history in Washington Township.



CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to the families of David Rambo and Sue Cataldo, who recently passed away.

If you would like to post a note in future newsletters, please send your message to Bill Taggart at heatherwoodnj@comcast.net

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