

HEATHERWOOD NEWS

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Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Parks



Another summer over and it was a hot one! Hope everyone kept pleasantly cool. I don't know about you, but I am hoping for a mild winter.

I am retired from the Board of Trustees. I want to thank those I served with: Gary Belotti, Rose Mary Colombo, Kathy Logan and Jim Sherry. It was a privilege to serve on the BOT and to be the President this last year.

I wish the best of luck to our new BOT, and I know they will keep our Heatherwood Community as beautiful as ever.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you these past several years.

I do want to remind everyone of a major project being turned over to the new BOT. An email on behalf of the BOT was sent to all homeowners at the end of September, and I believe it is important enough to repeat here in print:

“Dear Residents of Heatherwood,
Over the years, the Board of Trustees has completed many projects to address the safety of homeowners and the aesthetics of Heatherwood. The Board is planning a project to address the Chew Lane Berm.

The trees in that area are either encroaching on homeowner property or are dead or dying. This is an enormous project which will stretch from the three properties on Pleasant Valley Drive to the houses on the east side of Chew Lane.

Action on this project by the Board started in June 2025. Unfortunately, forward action has been delayed by the difficulty of finding professional advice to address this project in totality. We continue to work on hiring the best contractors to

remove the trees, prepare the grounds, and then plant low maintenance trees and shrubs that will last for an extended period of time. Since there is no irrigation in that area, we must be sure plantings will be drought resistant.

The Board will also be seeking multiple bids to ensure that we obtain the most competitive cost for this project. This project will be financed by the Capital Reserve Account. Over the next months, there will be Board members and various contractors inspecting the common areas on the Chew Lane Berm to obtain quotes for the project.

Once decisions have been made on how to proceed with this enormous task, we hope to begin clearing the area in early winter, with a goal of replanting the area in early Spring. These targeted dates may be adjusted based on weather conditions and the availability of contractors.”

MAIL COMMUNICATIONS TO FIRSTSERVICE RESIDENTIAL

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

Please take special note of the address for mailing **all written correspondence** to FirstService Residential as noted in the box in the lower left corner of the first page of this newsletter:

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TREASURER’S REPORT

Jim Sherry, Treasurer



The current Financial Brief as of August 2025 is included later in this newsletter.

Residents are also reminded that complete financial reports are posted on the Heatherwood website, www.heatherwoodnj.com, each month, where they can be viewed by all Heatherwood homeowners who have requested the password.

OPEN MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2025

Kathy Logan, Former Vice President



Following the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the April 24, 2025, Open Meeting Minutes, Treasurer Jim Sherry reviewed the most current financial report, followed by details regarding the 2026 Budget which, after many years of no increases, necessitates an increase in Heatherwood’s Association fee to \$125 per month.

There followed approval of numerous Resolutions involving expenditures since the last Open Meeting. While an official roll call vote for each item is required at the Open Meeting, all have previously been discussed at length and approved by the Board during monthly Work Sessions.

Board of Trustees Election



Bill Taggart, Chairperson of the Election Committee, announced that a quorum of qualified ballots had not been received, which resulted in the seating of current members Jim Sherry and Gary

Bellotti, who then chose to appoint the remaining candidates, Nick DiMatteo, Lynn Borucki and Lori Seminara. Due to lack of a quorum, all seats will again be open for next year's Election.

Gary Bellotti thanked Rose Mary Colombo and Kathy Logan for the many years each has served on the Board of Trustees at Heatherwood, as did numerous others following the meeting.

Committee Reports



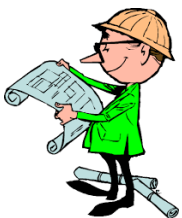
Social Committee
Chairperson Charleen Orzechowski reported that the September Yard Sale had 23 participants. She hopes to increase activities

and has contacted a bus company for various trips, with 45-48 participants necessary.



Welcome Committee
Chairperson Rose Mary Colombo advised there have been five new homeowners in 2025. The Committee has

completed one Welcome visit, with a second one scheduled for November 5 and two pending. One homeowner declined a visit.



Architectural Review Board {ARB} Chairperson Jim Sherry reported this year's inspection had gone reasonably well, with fewer violations than in previous years. He

reminded homeowners to make sure they submit ARB Applications required for certain improvements such as roof replacement or landscaping changes.

Please refer to the Governing Documents, Exhibit F, Architectural Guidelines, to determine specific items that do or do not require approval. Certain things, such as door and shutter colors, cannot be changed, and when replacing a roof, the new shingles must be a similar color to the original. He emphasized ARB Applications are required to be submitted BEFORE commencement of any contractor work.



The Resident Forum followed, with discussion on topics ranging from the Chew Lane berm project, the last planned mowing, ruts on our property along County House Road, the possibility of a Community Shuttle Bus, the policy of the Board of Trustees to not recommend local contractors, and singular email difficulties of one homeowner.

The meeting was adjourned following the Resident Forum.

VETERANS DAY

Kathy Logan, Former Vice President



Sadly, we continue to lose many of our beloved veterans due to age, disabilities, and/or lingering war-related issues.

Special thanks to Rose Mary Colombo, who faithfully seeks volunteers on Memorial Day, July 4th weekend and Veterans Day in order to continue Heatherwood's long tradition of placing our American flags along the Caserta Drive entrance, giving us all a poignant reminder to pause for several moments during our busy days in honor of all who have served. The volunteers who have

given of their time to place the flags are greatly appreciated.

SNOW REMOVAL DETAILS FOR WINTER 2025-2026



Winter will soon be upon us. The following information is for the benefit of our newest homeowners, as well as a reminder to all regarding this important part of meeting the challenges of snowfalls:

Snow will be removed from all sidewalks, driveways, driveway aprons, walkways to front doors, front door landing, mailboxes, and fire hydrants after the snow has reached a level of more than two inches and the Township has plowed the streets. On occasion, the amount that has fallen is in question and can vary from one location to another in Heatherwood. Such circumstances always present a difficult decision for the Board of Trustees and homeowners may be assured a great deal of care and concern goes into reaching them.

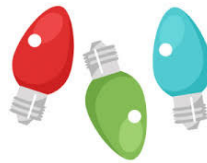
Please **stock up on your ice melt, as ice removal is the homeowner's responsibility**. The Board **MAY**, by a two-thirds vote, direct Marksmen to be prepared to spread ice melt on the common area sidewalks and street sidewalks just before or in the early stages of an ice storm, but this does not absolve the homeowner of responsibility when ice occurs. You should be aware that such a decision would incur substantial additional expense not covered in our snow removal contract and would seriously impact our snow budget.

Plantings located near driveways and front entrances should be protected to minimize any snow clearing damage.

Any issues regarding snow removal are to be called in to FirstService Residential Customer Care Center at 800-870-0010.

Please do not contact BOT members or Marksmen Landscaping directly, nor should you email the Heatherwood Website. All notices sent to those on our email list are intended as a courtesy and should not be used as a vehicle for complaints. Your anticipated cooperation in these matters is appreciated.

HOME HOLIDAY DECORATIONS REMINDERS



Our Governing Documents include the following guidelines for winter holiday decorations:

Lights, both blinking and steady, white or multicolored, are permitted on homes, garages, flowerbed shrubs, and trees. Spotlights to highlight ornaments are permitted on the lawn. Colored lights in garage lights are permitted during this season.

Decorations are permitted on front doors, porches or front door landings, patios, garages, lawns, mailboxes, in flower and tree mulch beds. All types of decorations are permitted, although discretion should be used to ensure the high standards of Heatherwood's aesthetics. All decorations should be properly secured. Decorations are permitted to go up one week prior to Thanksgiving but must be removed by January 31. The definition of winter holidays includes Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa.

OUR HEATHERWOOD WEBSITE

Kathy Logan, Former Vice President



While FirstService Residential provides a website for Heatherwood, our own Heatherwood website, www.heatherwoodnj.com, continues to offer a wealth of information that is not only useful, but easily acquired.

In addition to our Governing Documents, it contains details regarding important matters relating to Heatherwood, an up-to-date Bulletin Board of pending events, including Township and County events, and many useful links to items of interest.

HEATHERWOOD WEBSITE

Bill Taggart, Webmaster



If anyone has any suggestions on adding any new content to the Heatherwood website that you feel would be beneficial to our residents

or if you have any questions on the website or suggestions on how I can make the website more useful to you, please contact me.

The **email address** that you should use if you need to contact me on any **website related** issue is heatherwoodnj@comcast.net

Please also be aware that much of what is reported or referenced in this, and other Heatherwood Newsletters can be found on the Heatherwood website.

CONDOLENCES



Our deep condolences go out to the families of the following longtime Heatherwood residents who passed away since our Spring/Summer 2025 Newsletter:

Joe Brennan
Mary Ellen Lynch