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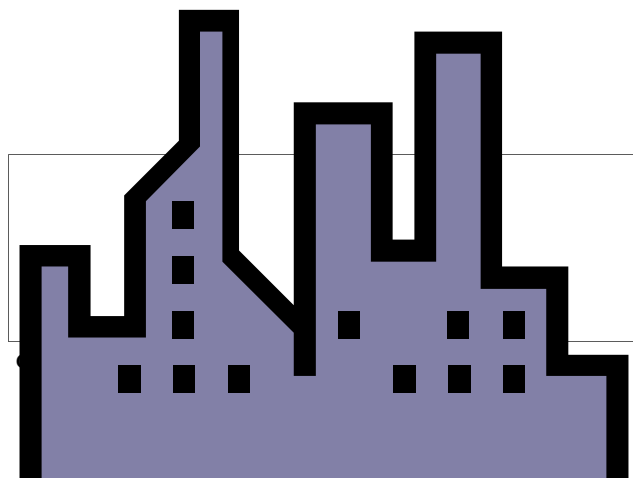
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EDITORIAL

Happy New Year!

This is our second newsletter and already some very important things have happened since our first one. First, we received some great complements from the Heisley Park Homeowners Association, Inc. board on our first newsletter (see Newsletter Kudos). They even asked whether they could place a copy of our newsletter onto their website. Of course we said OK. Another change is with our name. In the letter giving us great accolades for the stories etc, a Heisley Park Homeowner Association, Inc. board member indicated that they were concerned with the use of the Heisley Park in our name. Rather than contend the issue, we decided to change the name from the Heisley Park Gazette and our HeisleyPark@ameritech.net e-mail address to something more generic. Clearly we are not Heisley Park Home Owners Association, Inc. nor are we associated with Heisley Park Homeowners Association, Inc. or their website. Our mission is to continue to focus on keeping our readership informed about our attending Council Meetings and what generally is going on in the neighborhood. So, our new name effective with this publication is The Heisley Gazette and our new e-mail will be HeisleyGazette@ameritech.net. Also, on the last page of this newsletter we have also informed our readers that we are not the Heisley Park HOA, Inc. They are a separate incorporated entity governed under homeowner association rules. We are merely a group of citizens exercising our free speech and second amendment rights. The Editor



SUMP PUMP ISSUES— UPDATE

We have been informed that the Painesville City Engineer met recently with Ryan Homes and their consultant, Mannik and Smith, who, as we understand it, will be contracted to perform the hydro-geologic study at Heisley Park. During the meeting a plan to conduct an investigation was presented, discussed and approved in principle. The investigation will be done in two phases, the first phase concentrating on the currently developed area, the next phase concentrating on the undeveloped land to the west. Field work is scheduled to begin for the first phase within the first two weeks of January. A preliminary report is due by the end of February. Mannik and Smith stated that Pride One has also hired a firm to perform an investigation on their site to the south. M&S will contact Pride One to request data from their study for review. Ryan indicated during the meeting that they will be contacting the Heisley Park Homeowners Association to inform them of the upcoming field work. Ground borings may be required within the right-of-way. The city engineer requested that they be done within the tree lawn if possible and that a formal request be made of the City Engineer's office for review and approval. A subsequent meeting was planned for Friday, January 23, 2009 between the city and involved parties.

To sum it up, work is progressing on getting information as to where the water is coming from before implementing a solution.

Newsletter Kudos

We recently received a letter from Mr. Scott Lepa, a Heisley Park Homeowner Association, Inc. board member stating:

"Your newsletter would be a welcomed addition to the 'current news' section or our community web page. I'm not

sure how often you plan on releasing updates, but if you'd let us know, we'd be happy to work with you regarding the newsletter."

A complete copy of Mr. Lepa's letter is included in this copy of the newsletter.

We encourage all of our readers to read it thoroughly as it contains some very interesting information about the workings of the HOA, including their website where our first newsletter is posted

The Editor

"Your newsletter would be a welcomed addition to the 'current news' section"

City Passes 2009 Budget

At the last council meeting, Painesville city council passed their 2009 budget. The city says this is a flexible document that if need be can be adjusted given changes to expected city revenues. The budget calls for monies to improve the water infrastructure and fire depart-

ment/safety needs given the planned move of Lake County East Hospital from Painesville to a new Concord location several miles away. The fire chief has said there will be additional costs and personnel changes because of the increased mileage to/from

the hospitals. In the budget are monies for an ambulance and paramedic team. There are also funds allocated for a new rescue vehicle purchase and a replacement chase vehicle.

"City Passes 2009 Budget"

Lake Hospital Plans

During several of the Painesville Council Meetings, it was been explained that Lake East Hospital will be moving from downtown Painesville to a location in Concord off of Route 44 sometime by the end of 2009. It had been assumed by many

that the hospital would keep the emergency room open. However, that is likely not going to occur given the latest plans discussed with the city. The city has been told that Lake Hospital system will however place an Emergency Care Center in the

city prior to the Lake East closing. When the hospital closes, the travel time for city ambulances will increase and an additional unit is expected to be needed (see related budget story).

"Lake East Hospital will be moving from downtown Painesville"

No Outlet Sign on Birchwood Lane

At a recent City Council Meeting, a request to install a No Outlet sign on Birchwood Lane was made by residents of Birchwood and Elderberry Lanes to make motorists aware that there is no ac-

cess to Jackson Street via Birchwood Lane. Residents have been experiencing cars coming down the street only to turn around and speed back down the street in search of an exit out of the development. The city

was very responsive in this matter and installed the sign the following week.. That isn't to say that the sign is a fix all. Drivers will need to pay attention to them and sometimes they don't.

"No Outlet sign installed on Birchwood Lane"

SNOW REMOVAL

At recent Painesville Council Meetings the city has said that they are implementing a new snow removal plan, including using less salt due to cost and availability. They are striving to keep city streets clean and safe during the

snow storms with emphasis on major road. Secondary streets such as those in our development will be cleaned as they can get to them. Kevin Lynch, Director of Public Service has said that they will do their utmost to clear the streets in a timely manner. If

you have comments or concerns about the snow removal on your street, let us know and we can pass those comments or concerns on to Kevin or give him a call direct at 440-392-9591

"City implementing new snow removal plan."

PAINESVILLE POWER FAILURES

If you haven't noticed recently, we've had at least three power outages within the last week. During the Painesville City Council meeting of January 20, 2009 we asked the City Manager, Ms. Rita McMahon, for further information on the issue. She informed us that the issue was on the CEI side of the

power station and that the problem was with a relay that was supposed to have been upgraded and maintained by First Energy. Our request was whether the administration was in contact with CEI in order to achieve some accountability as to the quality of service being provided to the residents. Ms. McMahon

stated, "The recent events have been a result of problems at the substation which are on the First Energy side of the system. We are working closely with First Energy to implement a permanent solution"

Three Power Outages over the past week

ELIZABETH-JACKSON TRAFFIC STUDY

In our discussion with Mr. Doug Lewis about the traffic study planned for the intersection of Jackson & Elizabeth, he said that it is being discussed with the developer of the property adjacent to Heisley Park as part of a development requirement. Eliza-

beth is expected to be extended into the undeveloped land adjacent to Heisley Park and before that happens the need for improving the traffic flows in and out of the development would be considered and funding that work would be the developer's responsi-

bility. We were told the builder is working on the development plans at this time. However, no timeline for this effort was currently available.

"Elizabeth is expected to be extended . . . Traffic flows into and out of development would be considered"

CITY PASSES RESOLUTION ON JACKSON STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

At the January 20, 2009, City Council Meeting, the City Council passed a resolution authorizing bids for the Jackson Street Waterline Replacement project. The project, when completed will replace a

6 inch water line with a standard 8 inch water line between Richmond Street and Newell Street. The city will receive federal grants and monies from the Ohio Public Works fund to offset

some of the costs of the project. This work is in the 2009 budget and this resolution allows the project to go up for bid.

"Jackson Street Water Line Replacement Project"

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BIDS FOR FIRE TECHNICAL RESCUE VEHICLE HAS 1ST READING.

At the January 20, 2009, City Council Meeting,, City Council discussed the merits of authorizing a bid for a fire technical rescue vehicle. This vehicle would replace an existing city pickup truck that currently exists and that is used to haul specialized fire rescue equipment when

needed on an emergency scene over and above the equipment normally carried on a fire truck. Council members plan to vote on this resolution at the next meeting in order to give some members of council more time to review the proposal and the condition of the existing truck be-

fore authorizing the expenditure. The fire chief has expressed the need for this replacement vehicle and it currently is in the City's 2009 budget view.

Letter from Scott Lepa—Heisley Park Homeowners Association, Inc. Board Member

From: Scott M. Lepa [slepa@mgo-inc.com]

Sent: Monday, December 15, 2008 2:07 PM

To: heisleypark@ameritech.net

Cc: Pat Mullin; Barry Barnett

Subject: The Heisley Park Gazette

Good afternoon, Ray-

I recently received a copy of The Heisley Park Gazette from one of our neighbors on Birchwood Lane. It's encouraging to see that residents such as yourself have taken the initiative to inform/educate neighbors on issues that effect us all.

I'm not sure if you are aware (an announcement mailing is forthcoming) but the HOA board has established a website for residents that can be utilized as a medium to distribute information and newsletters such as this to all residents in Heisley Park. The website address is www.heisleyparkhoa.com, please take a look at it when you get the opportunity.

Your newsletter would be a welcomed addition to the 'current news' section or our community web page. I'm not sure how often you plan on releasing updates, but if you'd let us know, we'd be happy to work with you regarding the newsletter.

Keep in mind that newsletters such as this should follow proper distribution channels. As such, submitting the newsletter to the board for review and distribution would be the proper course in getting the information to residents. Formal submission of articles and news issues to the board assures that facts are being disseminated to residents, which is in everyone's best interest.

Be aware the use of the Heisley Park name (in the e-mail address and on the newsletter) is prohibited without prior board approval for the protection of all residents.

Thanks again for taking the initiative to put a newsletter letter together, you're an asset to the community! If you'd like to send me this first edition, I'll make sure that it gets posted on the website in a timely manner and save you the trouble of driving around the neighborhood distributing them! The board just asks that you submit future editions to us prior to distribution so that they may be posted to the website and facts can be verified.

Happy Holidays!

Scott Lepa

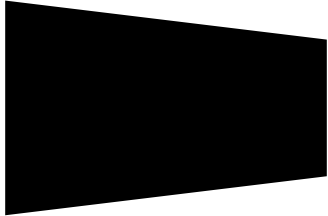
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OUR PURPOSE

The residents of Birchwood Lane have come together because of a common concern. That initial concern is to see what can and should be done for homeowners whose sump pumps run constantly; whose sump pumps have failed; and, whose basements have flooded. It is also our goal that by creating this newsletter to communicate information about our community to other homeowners who may benefit from our concerns and efforts. We intend to work cooperatively with the City and the builder so that we do not negatively impact home values within the development further given the state of the real estate market. In doing so we also want to ensure that any future costs incurred by the city and taxes to support the community are well spent. We hope to see all of you attend the Painesville City Council meetings held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month to remain informed about what is happening in our city and community.

SIGN UP FOR AN E-COPY OF NEWSLETTER

Sign up for subsequent issues of the newsletter by sending an e-mail to: the Editor—Heisley Park Gazette at: heisleygazette@ameritech.net. Given the cost of providing paper copies, this will likely be our last hard copy version.

SUBMIT ARTICLES

Articles may be submitted at any time for consideration. Please e-mail articles in a word document and include your name, address, contact number so that if we have questions about the article we can contact you. Articles should be of interest to the homeowners here in Heisley Park or Painesville Residents in general..
Thanks. The Editor

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