

# HEISLEY PARK HOA NEWS

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Summer is almost over and the kids will soon be back in school. As we look back, I'll bet all will wonder where summer has gone.

This summer we've been pretty warm and had our share of rain at times. Soon these days will give way to the fall.

This has been a rather busy summer in the city. There has been legislation that has been passed on water infrastructure improvements; on the budget; curbside recycling project; and, how to begin handling the reduction in tax revenues that the city gets from the State of Ohio. Council is currently discussing means of dealing with the issue of road improvement and other budget issues.

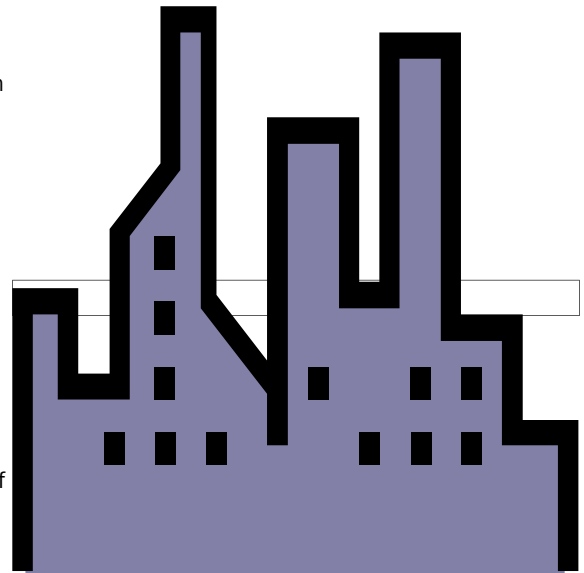
They have also had to deal with some residential water issues in other parts of the town. Painesville also had the party in the park recently. We've also seen our share of construction work in the city and surrounding areas.

There has been some excitement here in Heisley Park too. We've had the HOA meeting where we learned that there will be an election of 5 (new?) board members. And, soon that election will take place. (See our article below). In addition, there is a great deal of construction going on even in these bad economic times. We are seeing a lot of new homes in the development being built.

Other than that, this summer has been rather quiet. Finally, even though the summer is coming to a close, kids will be outside playing until it becomes too cold. So, let's all be very be careful when driving.

If you have a story or an item or issue of interest to share with us, let us know. You can contact us [heisleypark@ameritech.net](mailto:heisleypark@ameritech.net). If you want to sign up for the newsletter, you can now sign up by sending an e-mail to the Homeowner Association e-mail address ([news@heisleyparkhoa.com](mailto:news@heisleyparkhoa.com)).

The editor



## Heisley Park Homeowner Association News Items

**Home Owner Association Director Election and Meeting –** It is official. We will be voting for new HOA Board members the month of August. Everyone should have received their ballots in the mail. These ballots can be returned to Barnett Management as was directed. The official meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2011. If you haven't already filled in and mailed your ballots, you will be able to cast them there. Or, you can provide your proxy to have someone you appoint cast a vote on your behalf at the meeting. During the meeting the election of new board members will be certified and winners identified. There are four Heisley Park residents running for a board seat. The developer (Mortell) also has three potential candidates running, one being himself. The meeting will be held in the Painesville Riverside Lecture Room at 7:00PM on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Those who cannot attend can send their ballots into Barnett Management.

As to the vote and meeting itself, hopefully all homeowners will vote their ballots or show up and be represented. The outcome of this vote will decide whether residents will control the HOA or whether it will continue to be controlled by the developer. Only residents by casting their vote (or non-vote) will be able to decide the outcome. I hope to see you all there.

## Heisley Park Homeowner Association News (Cont'd)

**Resident Committees** – Given that the new board will be sworn into office on August 18, 2011, one of their first questions or items on the agenda I believe should be is to address the need to finally

create the Heisley Park HOA Committees. These committees had been “under consideration and development” for more than two years. And, the time has come for them to be actually created and begin working. The committees that have been suggested by the soon to be previous board were: The Family & Civic Engagement Committee; the [Covenants] Interpretation & Rules Committee; and, The Architectural & Aesthetic Design Committee.

*“Resident  
Committees*

## Heisley Park Neighborhood News

### Heisley Park Public Service Announcement - Painesville Schools

As a result of the recent failure of the school levy, the Riverside School district has reverted to “State Minimum Busing” as a cost cutting measure. This means that all students who live within a 2 mile radius of the school and all high school students regardless of living distance from the school will not have busing available. This leaves a lot of Riverside School District parents scrambling to arrange personal transportation to get their kids to school safely.

Joanna Blaha, a resident of Heisley Park, is attempting to open a dialogue with other parents like her who are in need of establishing transportation throughout the school year.

If there are any parents willing to discuss the issue please contact Joanna. Also, any student who is driving to Riverside High School and might be willing to assist (parking pass paid for and a nominal, negotiable wage is involved) should also contact Joanna.

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**Neighborhood Solicitors/Suspicious Activity** – This summer some residents have seen persons from outside the neighborhood walking around selling various products. In fact, recently one salesperson was walking around selling an orange cleaner. He had been spraying it on driveways, car windows, kid’s baseball helmets, etc. A resident didn’t trust what he was doing or his purpose in the neighborhood so they called the Painesville Police Department. The police after talking to the person determined that he didn’t have a permit and he then quickly left the neighborhood. The point is this. We should all be vigilant about who is in the neighborhood and who belongs here. When a salesperson comes to your door you can ask and they must show you the permit that they should have obtained from the city. If they look suspicious and do not have a permit, you have the right to call the Painesville Police Department. What police have found out that many times potential burglars will case a neighborhood before they commit a crime. So it is incumbent on all of us to question any suspicious activity by reporting it to the Painesville Police.

*“Painesville School  
Bussing*

*“Neighborhood  
Solicitation/  
Suspicious Activity*

**Heisley Park Neighborhood Newsletter Sign-up** - Residents are reminded that they can sign up for the monthly newsletters on the HOA website ([www.heisleyparkhoa.com](http://www.heisleyparkhoa.com)). If you haven’t signed up for them, please do.

*“Newsletter Sign-  
up”*

Please pass this newsletter on to your neighbor to ensure that all in the development sign up and get a copy.

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## City of Painesville Items

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**The City Budget** – As we continue to indicate, Painesville has approved a budget for 2011. But, there is still concern that the state cuts will limit funds further to the city. As such we can expect the shortfalls to continue to put pressure on spending for road and other city improvements. As a result, City Council has proposed working on

a plan to address putting a levy on for road infrastructure improvements. They are discussing creating a resident advisory committee to help define some alternatives for increasing revenue and/or lowering city costs. Stay tuned!

*“City Budget ”*

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## Home Maintenance Items

**Home Maintenance Corner – Sump Pump Maintenance**

**This article is being re-published as a reminder because of the recent water issues within Painesville and other cities. In fact, over the past several months the city has had several neighborhood meetings about flooding in other parts of the city. The point is to beware. As a homeowner you must perform adequate sump pump maintenance. If you have flooding, then this article may apply.**

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As many of you are aware, there is a very high water table within the development with water gravitating from Jackson Street to the Lake. This requires sump pumps in the development. The builder has in some areas of the development installed French drains that can divert some of this water around parts of the development. In other instances the builder has installed additional external sump pumps to lower the water table when basement flooding and higher than normal pump operation was experienced by a

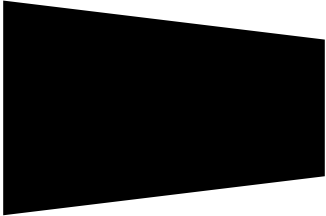
homeowner (pumps running in excess of ever 5 minutes were determined to be the breakpoint) or causing internal pumps to fail excessively. Unfortunately, working sumps in many instances still run a great deal. Thus, they need maintenance given that the water in this area contains a lot of iron. Iron clogs up pumps and the drain tiles around the house. So, home owners must be diligent about the maintenance and cleaning of the pumps; pump crocks; and the supporting external drain tiles. Otherwise, basements could flood as we understand some have already. What should you do if it floods? Call Ryan Homes to see what their take on the problem is and what they would recommend as a solution. If your pump runs more than once every 5 minutes, you might want to contact the city (Rita McMahon or Doug Lewis) as they are very interested in making sure that water problems in the development don't lessen home values. For more information on this subject, you can view our past editions of this newsletter that talk to the subject. They are on the HOA website at: <http://www.heisleyparkhoa.com/newsletters.html>

*“Sump Pump Maintenance ”*

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## ***OUR PURPOSE***

*The original purpose of this newsletter was to address some issues that impacted residents of Birchwood Lane here in Heisley Park. That initial concern was 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 was 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. With the water issue being addressed, our purpose has been expanded to include our joining forces with the Home Owner Association board to allow the newsletter to prosper as a communication tool for the community. We intend to work cooperatively with the City and the builder so that we can continue to improve the community that we live in and ensure 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. As this publication is now part of the HOA it will be our goal to work in cooperation with the HOA board members and encourage them to take action where action is necessary on behalf of the homeowners and to communicate to homeowners what the HOA is doing on their behalf.*

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## **SIGN UP FOR AN E-COPY OF NEWSLETTER**

Sign up for copies the newsletter by sending an e-mail to: [news@heisleyparkhoa.com](mailto:news@heisleyparkhoa.com). We encourage all readers to share this newsletter with residents within the community. You can also view previous issues on the HOA website.

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## **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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**NOTIFICATION: ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEISLEY PARK HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION AS IT'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER.**