

HEISLEY PARK HOA NEWS

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Happy New Year to all! Hopefully, all had a safe and happy holiday and the new year brings greater times for all Heisley Park and Painesville residents.

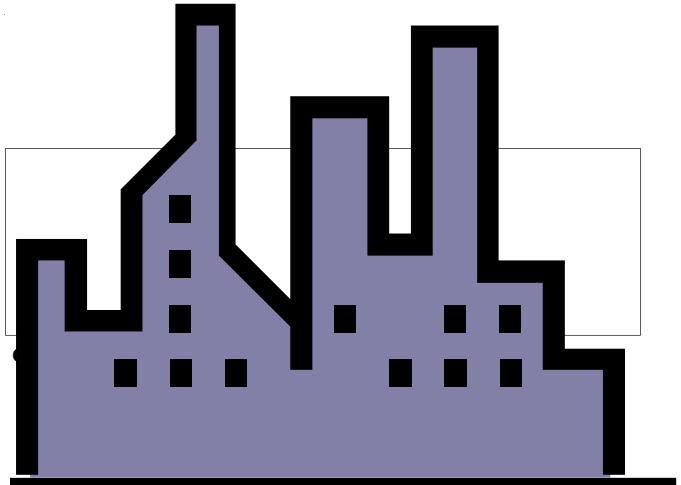
The new year weather has really come in very strong so far. And, we were doing so well. The weather had been better than anticipated. But, now it appears that the good weather is over for at least a while. It would have been nice for it to continue. Having it helped the city by minimizing the amount of effort the city had to expend plowing and salting the roads. It was also good for residents. Up to now, there hasn't been a lot of potholes because of the small number of free/thaw cycles. But, all that has changed since the new year. It shouldn't be a surprise since we all have come to know Cleveland winters. So, we urge you to be safe when driving in this weather both in and out of the development..

As for the holidays, there were many Christmas light decorations here in Heisley Park. Several residents even placed high in Painesville's annual Christmas lighting program. A house on Poplar won 1st Place and a house on Elderberry won 3rd Place in our ward, Ward 4.

With the winter slowdown, there isn't much news in the neighborhood to report. There were some city items of interest (see the City Beat Column below.)

Again, if you have a story or an item or issue of interest to share with us, let us know. You can contact us heisley-park@ameritech.net.

The editor



Water Sump Pump Issue & City/Developer/Builder Meetings

Things are looking up when it comes to the water/sump pump issues here in Heisley Park. It appears that the builder and developer are working diligently with the remaining homeowners who are still experiencing sump pumps that run more frequently than every five (5) minutes. There only remains about 7 residents whose problems are still being worked on. The builder ; the developer and the city have agreed to meet with the individual homeowners to address the issues and propose an individual solution tailored to meet the resident's problem.

While some of the proposed solutions may not seem fundamental or green in nature and may include additional pumps, if they meet the individual homeowner requirements; prevent flooding of basements; and, each resident is satisfied with the solution, they may be implemented. We want to thank the city for at least helping the builder/developer to see how important it was/and continues to be to find a solution to the water/sump pump issues for these residents and the community in general. After all, we all want to maintain our home values and fixing the problem is in the best interest of the entire community. And, while this issue is not over for these remaining seven (7) residents, the problems have been recognized and are finally being addressed.

We will continue to report on this item until the problems for residents in Heisley Park are totally resolved and have been approved by the City.

Heisley Park Home Owner Association Items—Update

HOA Budget Approved - The HOA budget has been approved and residents should get a letter regarding dues if you have not already. The board is pleased to report that there will be no increase in annual homeowner association dues.

Tot Lot – Status -- No Change as of 1/1/2010 - On November 23, 2009, the HOA Board members met once again with the developer about all pending issues that are currently impacting Heisley Park including the tot lot. The developer, Mike Mortell, has asked that the HOA Board work directly with Bob Zames (a board member and Painesville resident) on this item. Alternative locations are

still being explored while a surveyor is staking the area near the current tot lot to determine if there is enough space to maintain and expand the current location.

According to the developer, Mike Mortell, the City is also encouraging/requesting that a second "gathering area" be added to the development. There is talk of a second tot lot, picnic area and perhaps a ball field.

Another important issue with the relocation of the tot lot is cost. The HOA budget is tight because of foreclosures and delinquencies. As such, we will likely need the developer to split the costs of re-location. Otherwise, it may not happen until 2011.

Resident Committees - Scott Lepa still has indicated that committee meetings will be postponed until sometime after the holidays. He is still planning to have an initial meeting that will be introductory in nature to introduce committee members and vaguely establishing guidelines for each committee.

Scott also indicates that the association is still interested in soliciting additional committee volunteers. Anyone interested in a social committee, architectural design committee or landscape/maintenance committee is encouraged to contact Scott Lepa via the website at heisleyparkhoa.com.

“HOA Items update

City of Painesville Items

There were several items that were discussed during the last several council meetings:

Hospital News: The new Tri-Pointe Hospital in Concord has increased the amount of time it takes for Fire emergency squads to get from/to it. The result is that the run times have increased. The city is going to look at ways to address the increased run time issue. This may require additional personnel staffing, etc.

Budget Approved: The city has approved the new budget for next fiscal year (2010). Per the City Manager’s report of December 21, 2009, “The FY 2010 Budget proposal represents the conclusion of almost six months of preparation. This legislation recommends \$77,443,233 budget expenditure

for FY 2010 across all funds. This budget amount represents a 10.9% decrease from the 2009 original budget. Total revenues across all funds are estimated at \$72,500,204 or 14.9% decrease. This year’s budget strives to maintain the level of service established in the 2009 budget while reducing overall expenditures. Operating expenses have been reduced by 11.8% through reductions in material and supplies, bringing additional services in house and reallocating expense to other funds when possible.

EMS Charges – The city on January 4, 2010 approved the charges associated with transporting residents to Tri-Point hospital via EMS ambulance. The charges for this year are \$905

per call and \$13.61 per mile for transport.

Fire hydrant Safety/City Parking Snow Ban- Those residents who have fire hydrants in their yard are requested by the city to keep the snow clear of the fire hydrants when it snows. In addition, if it snows over 2 inches, there is an automatic parking snow ban in effect in the city. Vehicles can be ticketed and towed if left on the street during the snow ban.

Stop Signs on Birchwood/Greenfield - With safety in mind, the city installed new stop signs on the corners of Greenfield and Birchwood Lanes. This is intended to make the area safer as the Greenfield road extension is now open.

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Items “*

Planning Items

Of all the residents that responded to the planning items, it appears that the majority of individuals are in favor of a light at Jackson and Elizabeth. However, they want the

light to be triggered only when traffic is exiting the development at peak times. In addition, most want entrances to any new development to our south to have a

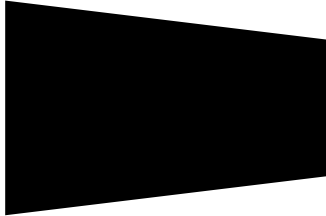
separate entrance and have a landscape buffering. These items will be presented to council at the next meeting.

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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. This original purpose has since 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 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 cooperatively 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..

SIGN UP FOR AN E-COPY OF NEWSLETTER

Sign up for copies the newsletter by sending an e-mail to: 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.

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

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