

HEISLEY PARK HOA NEWS

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Happy New Year! It's 2011! Wow! Let's hope that 2011 brings great health and prosperity to all. The holidays are now over and winter in full swing. While we've had our share already of snow and cold already, we didn't get hit like the East Coast did during the holidays. I don't know about everyone else, but I'm looking for warmer weather and soon.

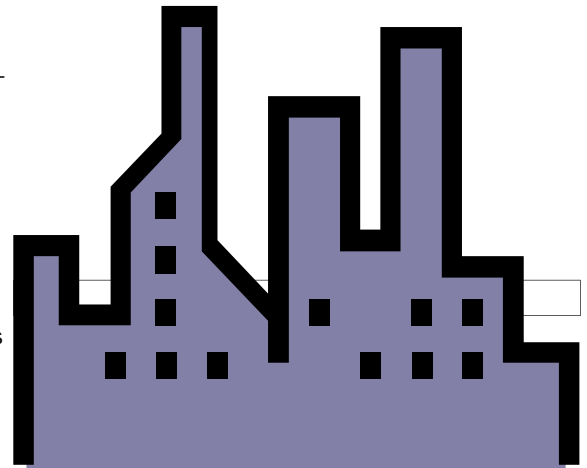
As one can imagine, construction with all this cold weather has slowed within the development immensely. As I said previously, we need the houses built so that control of the HOA board control can pass from the Builder/Developer and the current board to one that is controlled by the residents. Hopefully, construction and the economy will indeed pick up soon.

As for what's going on in the city? Well, the, the city in December passed the 2011 budget. We can expect budget to change with the anticipated loss of funding coming from Columbus this coming year. My take is that the city will be looking for additional revenues to meet expected budget deficits in the coming years. This leads me to point out that if you want to avoid a parking ticket in Heisley Park, then you may want to read the Illegal Parking article in this edition.

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The editor



Heisley Park Homeowner Association Items

HOA Budget Development - As we said in the last issue, the HOA board members have finalized and approved the budget for 2011. For the first time since association's inception, dues have been increased from \$250 annually to \$300 annually. Payments will be invoiced twice per year with one payment of \$150 will be due January, 2011 year and an additional \$150 due around June, 2011.

As can be seen from the budget information provided by Barnett Management, a significant amount of the increase was due to creating a reserve fund for possible expenditures. No longer was it possible, given the new state law, to fund a reserve when possible but rather a reserve fund must be funded to meet a defined level without exception.

Also, we've been told, the board has been taking more action against delinquent homeowners. They have been filing liens against the property owners (minor costs). And, they are now proceeding in some cases to initiate the full legal process of foreclosure against residents whose dues are in arrears (higher costs). Unfortunately, part of the budget increase is also for a fund that will be needed to cover these higher costs of pursuing foreclosure of these delinquent residents.

Resident Committees – Committees are still being considered by the board. There is not a firm date as to when

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any of the committees will meet which is very disappointing. The previously anticipated target date of Saturday, December 4, 2010 for a meeting didn't materialize. And, it doesn't look like committees will be formed by the board any time soon. This is a very disappointing situation. Hopefully, our resident board members will provide more information to all residents via direct correspondence about where they are in the process of creating resident committees. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions, please share them with the editor and if they pertain to city items. We can push any concerns to the city via the regular city council meetings as we have. If they pertain to HOA controlled items, we can forward them to the resident HOA board members for action.

You can still attempt to sign up for the proposed committees by going to the www.HeisleyParkHOA.com website. Let's hope they get going soon because as residents, if we want to be able to craft or change any board guidelines, then we must have active committees that can come up with the suggested changes and get the Builder/Developer controlled board to approve the changes that residents may propose. It appears that this cannot effectively happen until we get the committees up and working and have a resident controlled board in place. You can also send your comments about the current rules created by the developer controlled board to the resident board members (Pat Mullin and Scott Lepa) and ask them directly as to the

status of committees. Check out the article about politics and ask yourself whether it might be applicable to our developer controlled HOA?

Illegal Parkers to be Ticketed – It should come as no surprise that parking within Heisley Park is at a premium. It's been noticed that over the holidays cars have been observed parked on both sides of the street thus restricting traffic at time. If they haven't been ticketed, they've just been lucky. Parking on both sides of the street causes the city some concern especially if an ambulance and/or fire truck is unable to get through to a home within the development during an emergency. That and the upcoming city deficit could mean big fines when it comes to being illegally parked in Heisley Park. The sign upon entering the development says, "No Park Hydrant Side". Admittedly that might be enough in any other development. But, in Heisley Park it's rather hard for residents to determine which side of the street the hydrants are on because most of them are at the corner of each street. This article should help clear that up. And, maybe the city will consider better signage to help in the future. But, based on communications from the city administration it was determined that the Chiefs of Fire and Police "agreed that the street the hydrant was on would be determined by the street the steamer connection (large connection) faces". Thus, there is no parking on the Steamer Connection (large connection) side of the street. So, while the city may need the revenue, the question is how much you; your neighbors; friends or relatives are willing to contribute to the city by knowing where not to park.

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Neighborhood News

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). If you haven't signed up for them, please do.

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

get a copy.

Greenfield Extension (Phase XII) Development –Some of the sidewalks are in and hopefully the city will be putting in lights on Greenfield shortly.

Development Roadwork – The developer is working on additional roads off of Greenfield extension.

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City of Painesville Items

Aesthetic/Noise Improvements – My suggestion that went to the Painesville Planning Commission; the Administration; and, members of City Council asking them to consider requiring natural sound barriers (mounds/trees, etc.) adjacent to railroad tracks and non-residential roadways was recently acted on by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission members discussed the issue and were in agreement that it was a good idea. They even suggested improvements to the actual legislation that the city brought to them. The city indicated that they would be satisfied with fencing/mounds, etc. up to 8 feet. The committee indicated they wanted it raised to 12 feet. The Planning Commission will review the language of the regulation next meeting. I'm optimistic that mounds/trees will ultimately be a required addition for any new developments that are adjacent to railroad tracks or highways. This would improve the aesthetics and reduce train noise in any new development. And, it would also benefit Heisley Park. For example, that requirement would include the area near the tracks where CSX continues to park those unsightly freight cars and near the undeveloped land to the south of Heisley Park adjacent to the southerly railroad tracks. Residents can voice their opinion on this topic by

sending their own letters to your councilman, Mr. Paul Hach or the City Manager, Ms. Rita McMahon, or by coming to the city council meetings on either the first and third Mondays of the month and speaking to directly to them and supporting this proposed planning committee request.

Water Table Studies – New Developments – The city also put a suggesting to the Planning Commission that it would require, when necessary, that developers must perform a water table analysis to determine whether basements can be put into any development or whether some additional developmental work is required before approving basements (e.g., French (diversion) drains, etc.) to minimize any basement flooding issues in a development. That resolution was approved unanimously by the Planning Committee and sent to City Council for approval.

Snow Parking Ban – It should be noted that the city has an ordinance that says when the snow exceeds two (2) inches, cars should be removed from the street so that they can be plowed. Cars that are not moved from the street can be ticketed and towed.

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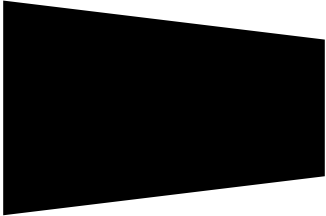
New York Times Article - Politics

“A recent New York Times article about a new book by two professors carried a paragraph that captured my attention. It stated, "...that politics is largely about organized combat. It's a form of warfare. It's a contest between those who are organized, who can really monitor what government is doing in a very complicated world and bring pressure effectively to bear on politicians. Voters in that kind of system are at a disadvantage when there aren't reliable, organized groups representing them that have clout and can effectively communicate to them what is going on.”

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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.

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