

HEISLEY PARK HOA NEWS

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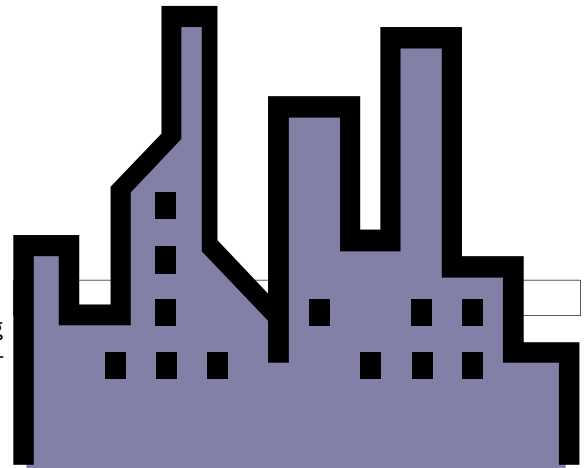
Well, spring is now here! Soon all of the snow will be gone until next year. Thank goodness! And, very shortly, outside activities will begin to pick up. This winter has seen a great deal of crazy weather. We've had very large snow falls and a lot of ice and rain. That hasn't boded well for basements here in Heisley Park or for that matter anywhere in the city or surrounding areas. Those affected by the water or a non-working sump-pump may want to check out the maintenance corner article that we've reprinted.

A great deal of things has also occurred in the city relative to legislation that should benefit residents who live in the city, including us here in Heisley Park. Check out the city items section.

Finally, with spring now here, an increase in outside activity in the development can be expected. And with that increase in activity comes in increase in children outside playing. So 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. 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).

The editor



Heisley Park Homeowner Association Items

Resident Committees – Still no activity or firm commitment by the HOA board on Heisley Park HOA Committees. These committees have been “under consideration and development” for over two years. As I said before, it doesn't look like committees will be formed by the board any time soon. This is a very disappointing. Hopefully, our resident board members will soon provide more information to all residents about where they are in the process of creating resident committees. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions, please share them with the board members directly. You can also send a copy to the editor for publication of your suggestion if you so desire. If your comments/suggestions pertain to city (snow plowing, etc) you can contact our City Councilman, Paul Hach or the service department and you can also copy us here at heisleypart@ameritech.net.

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. We need to be able to suggest changes and get the Builder/Developer controlled board to approve the changes that residents may propose. This cannot effectively happen until we get the committees up and working.

Heisley Park Homeowner Association News Items (Cont'd)

You can also send your comments about the current rules directly to the resident board members (Pat Mullin and Scott Lepa). You can also ask them directly as to the status of committees.

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Neighborhood News

Snow Removal – During the last snow storm, it was clear that the City Maintenance department personnel could have done a better job of clearing the snow before it turned to ice. The result of the poor job was that the streets were pretty bad. Also, in speaking with the Service Director, I'm told that the service department main number will be transferred to a live person after business hours for emergency calls. Your editor contacted our councilman about the issue and the City Manager promised they would do a better job Residents. I complement her on being open in her response about the situation and the expectations she has about her people doing better. Excerpts from her e-mail are included below.

“Hello Ray, Councilman Hach has asked me to respond to your email related to snow removal. Let me first say that we did not do the type or quality of a job that we should have. On Friday February 25th we realized that the event was going to be bigger than just the personnel in Public Works were going to be able to handle. Therefore we called into service additional personnel from our Water Division to assist with the plowing. They were sent out on the smaller one ton trucks to plow Heisley Park, other cul-de-sac streets and Liberty Greens. While these employees have been trained they had not been used at all this season. They were not familiar with the development and failed to plow close enough to the curb to push the snow back. When the Public Service crews finally got out there with the larger trucks a layer of ice had developed and made it difficult to push the snow back further.

We have learned several lessons. Not to put inexperienced drivers alone in a plowing situation, particularly during a major snow event. We should have had an experienced driver with them. We also should have used more salt on all the roads once the ice layer developed to melt the ice and snow and allow a better plowing during the clean up phase.

Ray, the long and short of it is we tried to be proactive and get more people on the road and it did not result in better service. It showed us short comings in our emergency response system which we are working on correcting. Yes we can do better and will do better in the future.”

If you have specific comments on the quality of service from the city, I encourage each resident to register those comments with the city. Sometimes it takes more than one voice to effect improvements within a city. Each resident is encouraged to be active in the community and how it is governed.

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.

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City of Painesville Items

Aesthetic/Noise Improvements – The Painesville City Council has passed an ordinance requiring builders in new developments/phases of developments to install natural sound barriers (mounds/trees, etc.) adjacent to railroad tracks and non-residential roadways. This legislation is not retroactive. But, it will be applicable to all new phases of Heisley Park and the surrounding areas adjacent to the railroad tracks. This legislation was seen as improving the aesthetics and reducing train noise in any new development(s) near tracks or highways (e.g., Route 44 and would include the area near the tracks where CSX continues to park those unsightly freight cars).

Water Table Studies – New Developments – The Painesville City Council also passed legislation that 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. Developers would be forced to plan ahead for eliminating any potential ground water issues before installing basements. (See the home center corner for our re-published article on sump pump maintenance)

City to have Curbside Recycling – Starting sometime later this summer, Painesville residents will

have curbside recycling. Residents will be asked to split their trash into regular garbage and recyclable items. Garbage will continue to go into the green garbage cans. Residents will be provided additional green cans with yellow covers for recyclable items. The city will have at least 10 routes for recyclable collections. These collections for residents will be every other week rather than every week. Regular garbage will be collected weekly.

Rental Property Owner Requirements – The Painesville City Council passed legislation recently that requires any owner of a rental property register the property and take a city provided training class on how to minimize rental issues. Failure to obtain the training or register with the city will result in a minimal fine.

The City Budget – As we indicated last time, Painesville has approved a budget for 2011. It commits to spending based on anticipated income this year. If the economy improves, the better things will be for the budget. However, there is still concern that the state will be limiting funds to the city such that anticipated revenue from the state will fall putting a crimp on spending for road and other city improvements. As of this writing, the budget has been unveiled by the Governor. Time will tell what the details of the budget cuts reveals. Stay tuned!

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Items”*

Home Maintenance Corner

This article is being republished as a reminder because of the recent water issues within the city. But, beware, as a homeowner you must perform adequate sump pump maintenance. If you have and flooding still occurs, then this article may apply.

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

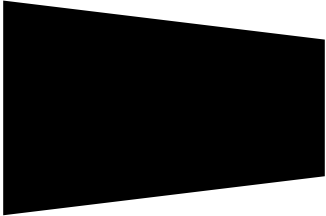
run a great deal. Thus, they need maintenance given that the water in this area contains a lot of iron. Iron clogs up pumps and the drain tiles around the house. So, home owners must be diligent about the maintenance and cleaning of the pumps; pump crocks; and the supporting external drain tiles. Otherwise, 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 further. 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>

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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 NEWS-LETTER.