

HEISLEY PARK HOA NEWS

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Very shortly it will be summer! The snow is gone and the spring rains are in full force. Let the outside activities begin. We are now all be outside cutting the lawns and sprinkling the flowers.

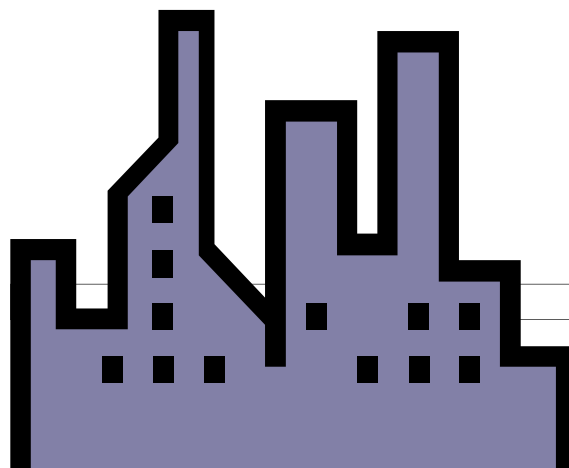
There has been a lot going on in the city and within Heisley Park. The best news is that there may be the potential to vote in an all resident Heisley Park Board. (see article)

There has been some very good legislation that has been passed by City Council this year. They include: aesthetic and noise improvement legislation; legislation requiring builders to perform water table studies in new developments to avoid ground water issues; prohibiting oversized trucks from being parked in yards; registration of vacant houses; and, requiring that rental owners register and take courses provided by the city about owning rental property in the city. As I said previously in this newsletter, this year the City budget and infrastructure funding requirements will need to be addressed by Council. Little did I know how they would address the budget/funding issue! I had hoped they would ask for resident input. But, to date, that hasn't happened. In fact, most recently in a Council work session, members of council proposed to add a \$10 monthly charge to every water customer in the city. The first reading of this legislation was at the April 17, 2011 council meeting. For more information on this proposed rate increase check out the city items section.

Again, with summer weather coming closer every day, more kids will be outside playing. 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. 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

Home Owner Association Meeting – We have been told that the annual homeowner association meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011. All should have received an official notification via the US Mail from Barnett Management on behalf of the HOA board. In fact, you should have received a second notice indicating that all 5 board seats are up for election. This is a rather new and exciting development.

Hopefully all homeowners will show up and be represented by themselves rather giving their proxy to the developer. This time around it appears that the local residents can elect ALL board members rather than having them appointed by the developer. But, to do that you need to retain your proxy and come to the meeting. Let's take the time to get involved. Talk to your neighbor, have them attend also. You can't complain about the makeup of the board or what they are doing if you aren't ACTIVELY involved. The other alternative is to do nothing, tear up the proxy; give your vote to Mr. Mortell (Barnett) and hope that the developer elected board slate will meet your expectations. Remember you live in the development. Three of the current developer appointed members do not. Who do you want to represent your interests? It's all up to you!

Resident Committees – Still no activity or firm commitment by the HOA board on the Heisley Park HOA Commit-

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tees. These committees continue to be "under consideration and development" now for more than two years.

You can still attempt to sign up for the proposed committees by going to the www.HeisleyParkHOA.com website. Hopefully, they will take off soon because as I've said before, 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.

You can 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.

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Neighborhood News

Replacement Trees – If you haven't noticed, the city has begun replacing some of the trees that didn't make it through the winter last year. As we've been told, the city was given about \$40 per house for at least one tree in your yard. There isn't much that you can get for \$40 these days given the costs of a tree. So, that is why some of the corner lots have trees only in the front of their houses and not the sides. The city will be adding trees but only up to the funds that they receive. They will be doing their best to add additional trees

on these corner lots.

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

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 to the city. As such we can expect the short-falls to put pressure on spending for road and other city improvements. Time will tell what the details of the budget cuts reveals and how Council will address the anticipated additional funding problems. (See water infrastructure "solution" below") Stay tuned!

City to have Curbside Recycling – We are reminding all readers that later this summer (probably June/July) Painesville residents will get 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 also 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.

Water Bills to Increase - If City Council gets their way, water rates will increase by \$10 per month for every homeowner (water customer). At the last council meeting, City Council proposed passing an ordinance - ORDINANCE: ENACTING SECTION 933.191 RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FEE. This ordinance **will not be based on usage** but a flat fee per account. So, every homeowner and business (e.g., factories; apartment building owners) will incur a \$10 a month (\$120 per year) increase in their water bill. In some instances, a resident will be hit with a \$20 a month (\$240 per year) increase if they have a meter for their sprinkler system. This planned increase will result in about \$1.2 Million dollars for city infrastructure improvements for the city. There is no doubt that the city needs to fund its water delivery infrastructure improvement. But, some of the residents at the April 17, 2011 meeting questioned whether this was the fairest way to obtain the necessary funding. Why shouldn't it be based on usage? Wouldn't that cause the cost to be borne on who used the most water? Wouldn't it allow apartment dwellers in the city to share in the cost of improvements for the water they use? And, why shouldn't businesses

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(factories and restaurants) provide more funding based on usage and their ability to spread the cost over their client and product base?

What is striking to this reporter is that members of council didn't seek resident input prior to proposing this legislation. Mr. Angelo Cimaglio who addressed council at the meeting pointed out that they appeared to take the easy approach to solving this issue rather than come up with the best solution for residents.

There will be a subsequent discussion at the next council meeting on this issue with the planned second reading. Hopefully, all residents who have a concern about this issue will attend the next council meeting.

City Approves Windmill Estates Plat Plans – The city approved developer plans for a new development (Windmill Estates) for the area adjacent to and north of Heisley Park. The new development will have approximately 144 single family homes. The developer will also have to provide at least a 12 foot buffer adjacent to the railroad tracks and perform testing of the water table before base-ments can be put in.

The city will be monitoring development to ensure that infrastructure changed do not negatively impact the water table within Heisley Park that might cause issues with neighborhood base-ments..

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Home Maintenance Corner

Home Maintenance Corner – Yard Preparation

With spring here now is the time to begin work on that lawn, flower gardens and trees in your yard. It's time for a fertilizer with a weed preventer. After the winter months the grass needs to be fed and needs help in keeping itself free of weeds and insects. Several other applications of weed-n-feed are recommended over the summer. Also, flowers in the garden should be fed with a fertilizer to

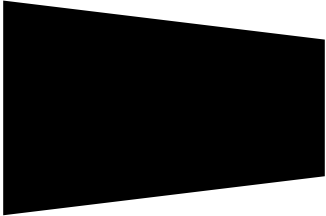
make sure they really take root and look good for the rest of the year. That's our suggestion from the Home Maintenance Corner. If anyone needs some technical assistance on plants, there are a lot of our neighbors who are very skilled in flower management.

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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.