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SHADOW WOOD

Homeowners Association Newsletter

April 2014



APRIL FOOLS DAY!

May your pranks be simple and fun! Let us know how you made someone laugh!



April 20th:

Happy Easter!

May your day be plentiful.

April 23: Administrative Professionals Day!

Treat that special someone who does so much

April 28th: Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Remembrance Day



Observed by many Jewish communities in the United States

“A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbors”

• Richard Whatley

“The impersonal hand of a government can never replace the helping hand of a neighbor”

• Hubert H. Humphrey

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Bike Path

Lights

In the past, the branches from the trees were hanging over the light sensors, causing them to stay on all day long.

Ryan Kerner was kind enough to replace the sensors on the light posts. Unfortunately, then we had the opposite problem, they didn't come on at all.

We now know that the fixtures were not only old, but also were not made for outdoor use. So it goes without saying, these fixtures need to be completely replaced.

Please use caution while using the bike path at night. Thank you to Ryan for making our neighborhood a safer place to walk!

Sidewalk

Approval for the replacement of the Bike Path sidewalk happened in February. You will notice, at some point, a new sidewalk being put in. We are currently in the process of getting quotes. I will keep you updated on this issue.

CC&R Sub-Committee Formed

Shadow Wood Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R) are the governing documents that dictate how homeowners association operates and what rules homeowners, their tenants, and guests, must obey. Our goal is to have one CC&R that covers all of Shadow Wood and update issues that apply to today. Also, when these were first written, there were different Washington County Laws in place and our current CC&R's have a few that are not in compliance with the laws of 2014. And lastly, lets just face it. Times are different than when these were written in the early '70's. It is simply time for updating to the current decade.

What Needs to Happen

Once the Sub-Committee gets together and arranges the CC&R's to bring it into modern times, the Board of Directors will approve the changes. Then comes the really big part! Every single member of Shadow Wood will have their opportunity to approve or disapprove the new CC&R's. This is a HUGE undertaking, and may take up to a year to complete. When the approval voting meets the minimum requirements by law, our Lawyer will draw it up and file it with Washington County.

How Can I Help

The Sub-Committee will present the revised document to the full Board of Directors. Then the document is ratified, we will hold a "Town Hall" type meeting to invite homeowners input. The next step will be to have the document vetted by the Associations lawyers. Finally, our goal is to have the updated CC&R's voted upon by all homeowners. Goal date: Pool Party 2015!

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1: Pool Maintenance
- 10: HOA Meeting
- 30: Logo Contest Due

MAY

- 8: HOA Meeting
- 12-16: Spring Debris Pickup
- 24: Pool Opening

JUNE

- 7: Pool Party
- 12: Annual HOA & Board Elections

JULY

- 10: HOA Meeting
- 12-13 Garage Sale



Grass before spring treatment

5 Steps to Spring Lawn Care

ONE: Cleaning and repairing your lawn in the spring.

If you have already done a good job in maintaining your lawn, a good raking will help out a great deal. Rake up dead grass, thatch, and moss on a regular basis early on will make the rest of the summer much easier. Be sure to have your soil tested to be sure the pH level will sustain a healthy grass.

TWO: Planting Grass Seed in the Spring.

First try to address the soil conditions that prevented grass from growing in the past. Soil testing is an important factor; this will tell you what nutrients your lawn is lacking. Once you've corrected your soil composition, aerate the ground to avoid any problems with soil compaction.

Fill in bare areas by loosening the soil and adding new topsoil or seed starter. It is a seed and fertilizer in one. **When to Plant:** Grass seeds germinate at soil temperatures around 65 degrees Fahrenheit (18 degrees Celsius). Try to seed your lawn as soon as the spring days consistently warm to this level [source: [Agnew](#)].

THREE: Fertilizing Grass in the Spring.

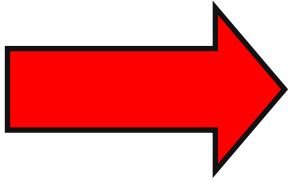
Once your grass is well-established, you can encourage its growth and discourage weeds by applying a combination of fertilizers and herbicides. When you should apply these substances and how much you should apply depends on several factors, like where you live and the extent of your weed problem. Applying it incorrectly, can do irreversible damage, so be sure to understand your fertilizer.

FOUR: Mow Your Grass.

Mowing your grass too short can actually be harmful and allow excess nutrients to be depleted. Typically you do not want to mow off more than 1/3 of the blade. And for Fescue they recommend keeping it at a length of 2—3.5".

FIVE: Maintain your equipment.

A little bit of service and preventative maintenance can save you money in the long run.



Logo Contest

I have looked back at Newsletters over several years and one thing I've noticed is there is no distinct Logo for Shadow Wood. Free domain clip art gets used a lot, but nothing to call our own, like a family crest. A new logo would look fantastic at the top of this newsletter.

What do I need to do

Simply think of a design that can represent our neighborhood. It should have our name or abbreviation letter (SWHOA, SHA) in it which are also the letters to our website. Be as creative as you like, but please note that while the email will be color, it will be printed in black and white, so it needs to have contrast and highlight. All entries need to be in by May 1, 2014 and the winner will be announced at the Pool Party June 7th. However, the winner will recognize their artwork when it is printed on the new POOL PARTY BANNER!! (pending board approval for the banner). Send your artwork in with your name, address and phone contact to moserdeni@gmail.com Denise Moser.

\$50 Home Depot Gift Card to the Winner!

I will ask the Board of Directors to pick the top five, and then put it to a community-wide vote! If your artwork is chosen, you will win a \$50 Gift Card for Home Depot, plus have your creation printed on the Newsletter each month, and a Banner (pending board approval) that will advertise our pool party. Plus many other items. And bragging rights for years to come!



ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING - ELECTIONS in JUNE

This year, the Annual Homeowners Meeting has been moved to Thursday, June 12, 2014. The Pool Party precedes this date with hopes of getting more involvement in the election process. Combining two great events will help bring us closer together.

We decided this would be a great place for homeowners to ask questions about the election process, bring in their nominations, and get a better understanding of how the Board of Directors operate and what to expect at the meeting the following Thursday.

Fill in the attached forms and bring them with you to the Pool Party! Expect Burgers and Hotdogs with a nice cold beverage. Feel free to bring along a potluck dish to add to the feast!

(Extra Ballots will be put in the community brochure box at the three dog bag stations)

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