

Welcome to the July issue of News & Connections!

Mark your calendars!

JULY

- BUNCO: Wendy Ackley's @ 7pm on Thur. July 26th

AUGUST

- Brewers Game: Saturday, August 18th
- BUNCO: Ann Harrington's @ 7pm on Thur. August 16th



Independence Summer Picnic

On July 7th we had our 2nd Annual Independence Picnic. Overall we had approximately 120-150 people attend. The kids beat the heat utilizing the dunk tank and a sprinkler. They also enjoyed homemade ice cream and Sprecher root beer. A bounce house was so popular it needed monitoring to control its use.

Many men donated their time to grill chicken breasts, hamburgers and hot dogs while neighbors provided salads and desserts for the meal which started at approximately 5:30. Our new addition of a band this year was a huge hit. Man Down played music that finally pulled the crowd onto the dance floor. We look forward to hopefully using them again next year as they were fantastic. Lastly, the fireworks were awesome. The guys put together a terrific show that everyone enjoyed. It will be hard for them to top it next year. If you have any suggestions for next year let someone on the social committee know.

Thanks to all who helped!

Wendy & Kris Ackley, Ron & Stacy Bader, Cathy & Brian Cass, Mike Dorau, Tracy Ferrito, Anne & Tom Frentzel, Bill Futoransky, Ann & Phil Harrington, Bob & Cathy Jacobson, Jeff Kubik, John & Courtney Lanza, Heidi & Nick Roberts, Ben & Julie Rocco, Mike & Sharon Pilgrim, Jon Thiel

Bridge Staining

June 30th at 7:00 am, 18 volunteers from the Park and the Hill got together to stain the bridges. A difficult job on the Hill bridge was made easier by the help of many willing neighbors. The bridge in the Park was finished in 50 minutes which again was to the thanks of many motivated neighbors.

Anyone who has walked the bridges understands the necessity of keeping them stained every year especially in their infancy. Donuts, coffee, water and juice were provided as a thank you to those who gave up their valuable time for this community effort. We are all very busy but when a little is given by many it goes a long way!

The money we saved by doing it ourselves is being used to help lower the cost of the Independence Picnic on July 7th as well as lowering the cost of a budgeted association item. This is a win/win situation for the subdivision.

Much thanks again to our volunteers:

Kris & Wendy Ackley, Ron & Stacy Bader, Brian & Cathy Cass, Mike Dorau, Mike Fischer, Ann Harrington, Jeff Kubik, Paul Lenz, Mike Pilgrim, Nick Roberts, Mark Slicer, Mike Strong, Craig Swinehart, Jon Thiel, Dave Varhol



Reminder:

The Board would like to remind everyone to be watchful for vandalism and damage to our common area. It is every lot owner's responsibility to care for the common area as well as monuments and fixtures. Recently graffiti was spray painted on the monument located at the Rybeck Road entrance. This senseless vandalism is expensive to rectify not to mention time consuming to take care for. We also had a sign pole damaged near a home under construction. We believe the person responsible will cover the costs but it is a reminder of the potential costs we could incur without alert and timely reporting of an incident. If you see damage of any type occurring to our association property, please obtain information on the responsible party and notify the authorities, committee members or the Board immediately. The Board would like to add a special thanks to Mike Stong for taking the initiative to clean up the monument at Dorn Road. Mike was able to put his power washer to good use on behalf of the development.

If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, please let us know!

News & Connection

News & Connection is a monthly publication brought to you by the Social Committee of Mary Hill & Mary Hill Park Subdivisions. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of news, events, contacts, neighborhood accomplishments, and whatever fun things we want to add!

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From the Landscape Committee

Thanks to all vacant lot owners who arranged to have their lots mowed in accordance with the noxious weed ordinance. There are still a few delinquent lot owners and their names have been submitted to the authorities who will proceed to enforce the ordinance.

As we enter the 'dry season' we ask all homeowners to tend to the watering and insect control for any community trees/shrubs that are on your property, particularly those bordering our streets.

This is also the season where, based on lack of rain, we will skip the mowing of certain areas to reduce our overall mowing expenses. A total of six (6) 'skips' have been figured into the overall mowing contract.

Once again we also ask homeowners who have contractor damage to common areas to please arrange for restoration. Any damaged areas that have not been repaired will be evaluated for action to be taken by the Homeowners Association. Possible consequences include a penalty assessment to the homeowner to cover cost of proper restoration. If anyone suspects that their property falls into this category, please contact Committee Chairman Terry Machut (367-4575). The August newsletter will show a list of the properties that are in question.

Enjoy our beautiful grounds this Summer!



From the Board

ACC Reminder:

Please be reminded that "landscape plans" like "new home plans" must be reviewed and approved by the ACC. Three sets of plans are required to be submitted for any pool, driveway, gazebo, tennis court, deck, children's play set, play ground equipment, light post, and any landscape plans or alterations. Approved plans will be stamped and two sets returned to the lot owner as evidence of approval. Material changes to previously submitted plans must be resubmitted to the ACC revised approval. For more information on governing requirements, see article #5 "Architectural Control" in the Deed Restriction posted on our web-site. For additional information on the ACC Committee, click on the "ACC link" in the calendar section of our web site.



Budget update:

We are please to report we are tracking slightly under budget year to date as we head into what is typically more costly months ahead. The late installation of the fountains and late commissioning of the wells is likely the cost saving factor. The fountain installation was delayed this year to convert all fountains located in the "Hill" section to a "horizontal" suction. The conversion was necessary due to the shallow depths of our ponds and the irregular fill levels. This conversion will improve the reliability of our fountains and reduce the likelihood of premature failure of the pumps. The Board will post the budget through June on the Members Only section of the web site. Further updates are planned for the end of September and in November prior to our Annual Meeting.