



Board Talk

A Hearthstone Community at Hillsborough Publication



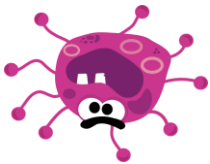
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IMPORTANT DATES:

All activities and meetings are cancelled for now
NO Open Meeting in September
November 11 (Wed) Annual meeting/Board Elections

Community Board 2020

Ron Newsom	President
Joyce Eldridge-Howard	Vice President
Don Andersen	Treasurer
Jim Vonderhorst	Secretary
Bob Rolando	Trustee
Nancy Capella	MEM Property Mgmt



From the President:

Thank you for supporting Health

Yes, we continue to live with the virus and it looks like not much will change through the end of the year. Nancy and the Board of Trustees appreciate the way you have continued to practice your social distancing, face masks and washing of hands. This has gone a long way to keep Hearthstone safe from the virus and our residents healthy. Also continue to say "hi" or wave to your neighbors. These days are tough for everyone and you never know when a smile and a wave will make a difficult day better.

Unfortunately, we must also continue the shut down of the Clubhouse and facility. Nothing has changed on that end since we are not able to have any inside activity. Hopefully things will change for the better before the end of the year so we can provide some of the activities we once did and have some get togethers. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Landscaping (Joyce Eldridge-Howard)

Joyce has kept a close watch on the landscaping and worked closely with Rob of Custom Landscape Systems. We have had an abundance of rain as well as some unrelenting heat, but they have kept the lawns green and trimmed. WATERING is the key to keeping the lawns from burning



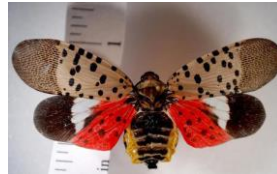
out. Please continue to water your lawns frequently to keep them fresh.

We will continue to review the root systems of trees that may be creating an issue with some of the homes in the community. Joyce reviews the situation with the Board and takes the appropriate action. We have been budgeting money each year to deal with the issue.

We remind you that the landscaping workers are following the guidelines for safety. Please do not engage them while they are working on the property. This is for your safety as well as for their safety.

You may be seeing a few weeds sprouting up on the lawns. This is a result of the rain followed by a lot of heat. The landscapers are dealing with it with as much as they can.

Spotted Lanternfly



This has been spotted within the community. The Board members, Landscapers and Arborist have been made aware and will be taking steps to prevent possible damage.

If you see one -- KILL IT. Then follow the instructions below.

Please check out the link below for important information.

<https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/spottedlanternfly.html>

Building and Grounds (Don Andersen/Bob Rolando)

Our new Pergola has been finished and it looks great. Has a roof and well built. We have added some lights and even a flood light for the Bocce Ball court. Unfortunately, we are not able to use it due to the club house closure. We look forward to the day we can all sit under our new structure and enjoy some fun filled conversation with each other face to face.





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Power washing

Power washing of the town homes and Condos was completed in August. There has been some damage to some of the vents on the townhomes. Most of these vents were brittle and broke easily under the pressure of the water.

Any damage will be taken care of as soon as possible. Cert Pro is the contractor. Single Family homes power washing as well as deck or patio power washing for SFH or Townhomes that signed up and paid to have the extra work done, should be complete by now. The Board will be discussing if we should set a more frequent schedule in the future. We will review the cost and how much needs to be allocated to deferred maintenance going forward.

Crack sealing repair completed

All the cracks are sealed and **for those that signed up to have their drives sealed will have that work begin in September.** Thank you for working with us by moving your cars to make this work done as efficient as possible. The Board will be reviewing the next major step of road repair which is the capital item of milling and paving all the streets. We still have a few years to go on the item.

Board Elections ...November 11, 2020

Board Elections will be held at the November 11, 2020 at the Annual meeting. At the moment, it appears that we will need to vote by ballot that will be distributed and returned. Please keep in mind that we require a quorum to validate the election by ballot. As you exercise your right and duty to vote in the upcoming election on Nov. 3rd, it is important that you have a say in the choice of the makeup of the Board that represents you and acts on your behalf. Two seats are up this year. Nancy will be distributing information as to how the process works very soon. By the way, for the national election you need to request a ballot early. Check with the Hillsborough Municipality for details.

In addition to the election, the 2021 budget will be presented. The Board and Nancy will be working on a Zoom meeting for the Annual meeting and will send out the notice once we complete the process.



There are no Social Events Planned due to the Clubhouse Closure

Hearthstone Committees Corner

All residents are welcome to join the various committees that our community has to offer. If you would like to know more about the committees in Hearthstone or become a member, please contact Nancy or the following contact numbers:

Committees	Contact
Social Activity	Thelma Emory (908) 359-6223
Knitting	Fran Cavagnaro (908) 359-5282 Ilona O'Sullivan (908) 428-6328
Book Club	Joan Ebersbach (908) 428-4857
<u>Mah Jongg</u>	Contact Clubhouse Office if Interested (908) 359-1102
<u>Bunco</u>	Contact Clubhouse Office if Interested (908) 359-1102
<u>Bridge</u>	Bill Merritt (201) 655-3078
Summer Water Aerobics	Joan kathenes (908) 829-4055
Architectural Review (ARC)	Jim Vonderhorst -Chairman Rich Schaefer Walt Vestea Tom Cavagnaro Bob Bottini
Alternate Dispute	Nancy Capella, Info
MEM Property Management Headquarters: 65 Challenger Road, Suite #320, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 Phone: 201-798-1080 Fax: 201-798-8588 Toll-free (800) 506-3360 Client Services email: clientservices@memproperty.com Web site: www.memproperty.com	

Knitting (crochet, needlepoint, etc.) meets in the Clubhouse. We offer to teach those who want to learn how to knit or crochet. (Call Ilona (908)359-5282 or Fran (908)428-6328).

Bridge meets in the Card Room (Call Bill Merritt (908) 428-6327). Join us Tues. from 7PM to 9PM.

First Thursday of the month at the clubhouse 7PM to 9PM

Book Club Meets via ZOOM - The purpose of the club is to enlighten our members and get them out of their "comfort zone" with their "normal" type of book they read. You'd be surprised how many other types of books you may like. Join us for stimulating discussion about a new book every month. The group, led by Joan Ebersbach, discusses the book we've read during the last month and chooses a new book for the following month.



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Please Obey Speed Limits

The Board asks the residents to obey the posted speed limits in our community. This is for the safety of the Hearthstone Community. Please slow down and watch your speed. Be sure to **STOP** at all stop signs. Running through these signs puts you and your neighbors at risk. Remind your guests of the speed limits.



ARC Committee (Jim Vonderhorst)

If you intend to do any outside work you must submit an ARC form with all the permit information to the ARC committee through Nancy.



Patios, landscaping designs, decks etc. Failure to do so could cost you money to undo your work. The ARC committee will follow up to make sure the work completed was done per the ARC submission. The Committee will provide swift review and get back to you in 30 days or less of request. Currently they are not meeting as a group due to Covid19, but will handle requests via phone and e-mail.

Please Use the Pet Area



When walking your pet, please be considerate of the community and your neighbors. Do not allow your pet to relieve themselves on a resident's property. This causes damage to the grassy areas. If an emergency happens on the way to the Pet Area, have them use the common area between the street and sidewalk and then clean thoroughly. Do not use the resident's yard. This is not a statement that it is ok to use the common area between the street and the sidewalk. It only provides a solution on the way to the Pet Area, and your pet just can't wait.

THE PET AREAS. We have three of them. Do the right thing and respect the community and your neighbor's property. Thank you. keep Social distancing when there are more than one of you at the pet park.

From the Board

Happy Labor Day



CONDO BOARD



Board Members 2020

	President
Kathleen Perl	Vice President
Rob Kenific	Treasurer
Thelma Emory	Secretary
Jan Senese	Trustee

The Condo Board continues to seek leadership to fill the vacancies on the Board. If you are interested, please contact your Board members.

To Our Residents: This is a publication from the Board to strengthen communications with its residents. The mission of the Board is to serve its residents wisely and positively. We hope this will be well received by all of you and look forward to any comments you may have. Please send them to Ron Newsom, Board President at RRnewsom@comcast.net.

More information on the Hearthstone of Hillsborough
Web site: GO TO

<https://www.hearthstoneathillsborough.org>

