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THE HERON

HERON RIVER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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A NOTE FROM THE HERON RIVER PRESIDENT

 **click the link** 

FIVE EASY WAYS TO WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

1. Wrap your water heater with an insulated water heater blanket.
2. Clean out rain gutters to allow proper drainage.
3. Call HVAC provider to perform annual maintenance on furnace + drain hot water heater.
4. Seal drafty windows by caulking and weatherproofing.
5. Close outside vents to reduce the chance of freezing pipes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Coffee+Chat with the Board



Join us for a coffee chat with the board the first Saturday of each month at the Clubhouse. The next Coffee + Chat will take place on **December 5 from 9 - 11AM.**

Decorating Contest

Heron River will be having the **FIRST ANNUAL** neighborhood decorating contest. Please have your decorations up by **December 12**. Voting will be open from December 13-19, 2020.

For more information, please see **HOLIDAY CONTEST, PAGE 5**

For information about these and any other events or to add an event to a future newsletter please reach out to **heronriverhoa@gmail.com.**

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP 2020



The Heron River CleanUp took place on Oct 24, 2020 and was very successful.

Thanks to all who came out to make our neighborhood a beautiful place.



Neighborhood Watch

Carol Fleischman, Neighborhood Watch Chair

Hello from Heron River Neighborhood Watch!

The City of Star is growing. With that growth comes more potential for crime in our neighborhood.

Heron River has seen an increase in petty crimes, mainly theft and vandalism. *I would like to boost our Neighborhood Watch with the addition of new **block captains**.* Being a block captain mainly means being the "eyes and ears" for our area. Ideally, having one block captain per block would be great.

It doesn't take much time to become involved. When safety allows, we will start up our watch meetings with the Star Police again.

Hopefully, we will be able to have meetings for all neighbors interested before too long.

If you are interested in helping please email me at 911carol@fleischermail.com.



Appreciation Corner

Homeowner Associations (HOA) are complex and intricate systems that require many moving parts to run smoothly.

VOLUNTEERS are a necessary part of any HOA.

Tom Haigh is one of our steadfast volunteers with a span of over 5 years of community service. Tom has contributed countless hours to numerous projects and committees of Heron River. He has served as an on-call and daily maintenance volunteer for the community center, pool and monitor of the parking area.

This required countless trips to check on uninvited and suspect night cars at the community center, fixing and replacing lights, checking batteries on the Ring cameras (now hard-wired) and so much more. During the irrigation season, he served and helped with the clearing of the ditch. In the summer months, he assisted with the opening and closing of the pool (on the pool committee), and most recently, he served as the contact for the resurfacing and painting of the tennis/pickleball courts. This particular project required numerous meetings and trips to and from the courts, phone calls, trouble -shooting, and being the go-to person during this project.

Thank you Tom for your service and the countless volunteer hours on behalf of our Heron River neighborhood! You are appreciated!

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FUN ON THE COURTS

Courts Get Facelift

Pickle-ball has become one of the fastest growing sports nationwide and will soon be featured at the Olympics. Heron River residents of all ages and skill levels take to the courts most every day of the week to play.

This past month, the tennis/pickle-ball courts were resurfaced and painted to make the experience more fun for all. (The refinish has a 2-year guarantee and a 28-day cure time.) The project will improve the playing surface as well as add two additional pickle-ball courts for a total of six. The additional two courts will increase the number of players to 24 at capacity.

While our season is coming to a close, if you are interested in learning more about pickle-ball in Heron River, residents may contact Tana Crance at tana.crance@gmail.com to join in the fun.

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Marie Pavey, Newsletter Writer

Heron River is home to multi-faceted groups of working families and retired people. **Stacey Camara** falls into the retired category but not so you could tell. Stacey is an exceptionally active and giving addition to our community.



Stacey grew up in Southern California and went to college to be a Marine Biologist, three years in she changed her mind and joined the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) in 1986. After four years she realized the traffic and smog was going to kill her so moved to Northern California and joined the Santa Rosa Police Department, a town about the size of Boise approximately 60 miles north of San Francisco. Stacey met her husband, Jim who was also an officer, and they have been together for 26 years. They have a son, Will, who is 23 years old and recently completed his 4 years in the Army. Will is currently working for Albertsons and looking forward to starting school in the Fall. Stacey and Jim and are both retired from careers in Law Enforcement. Stacey worked a variety of assignments including, accident investigation, training officer, school resource officer, detective in sex crimes/child abuse and driver training officer.

Outside of work, Stacey is an avid golfer and has competed in the United States Golf Association (USGA) Women's Mid-Amateur and Senior events across the country. Note to self, don't get lulled into a side bet on a friendly golf game with Stacey!

Stacey and her husband have traveled across the country several times in their RV looking for a place to retire. Their love of hiking, camping, golfing and exploring treasures in farmer markets made Idaho the perfect fit.

The Heron River community is fortunate to have attracted Stacey who is always front and center when the call goes out for volunteers. Stacey jumped in with both feet as part of the social committee in planning and setting up the Christmas Gathering in the Community Center last December. She followed up with taking on and chairing the work-horse Landscape Committee which is a never-ending list of projects requiring coordinating, hands on, hard work and the ability to relate to a diverse skill level of volunteers.

As most of you may already know, Stacey stepped in to fill a vacancy on the Board last term and this past election, placed her name on the ballot to serve for another term.

She has again, taken the forefront and lead by serving as President of our HOA for another term. I have no doubt her law enforcement training in listening, negotiating and relating to the community serves her well as a productive member of Heron River. Stacey truly reflects her law enforcement background of fairness, commitment, respect, professionalism and most apparent...lead by example.

If you or a neighbor would like to be spotlighted for our newsletter, please contact Jessica Ostojka at heronriverhoa@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY CONTEST

Kathy Brown, Social Committee Chair

Greetings fellow Heron River neighbors! Are you getting in the holiday spirit now that the weather is turning colder and the leaves are changing color? I know I sure am! I love all the beautiful colors of fall and the gentle reminder that Christmas is right around the corner.

To help end our year on a high note, we are hoping to show our holiday spirit by decorating our homes for Christmas. We will even have a little friendly contest with prizes going out to first, second and third place! We ask that your decorations be up by December 12, 2020. This will allow enough time for everyone to drive through the neighborhood and vote for their favorite address. Voting will be done via an online service. An email will go out with further details on how to cast your vote

Voting will be open from December 13-19, 2020

Don't be a Grinch, Let your heart grow two sizes bigger, Join in the fun and community spirit by decorating your home for Christmas! Let our neighborhood be a shining "star" for the city of Star.



GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved in the Heron River Community.

If you would like to get more involved or need information on any of the committees below, please send an email to heronriverhoa@gmail.com.

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