

SHADES OF GRAYSDALE



Neighborhood News You Can Use

January 2007

ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULED

Mark your calendar for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10th! At that day and time we will hold our annual Graysdale Homeowners Association meeting. Please plan to attend, as this is your primary way to have input into decisions affecting our neighborhood!! A planned agenda will be sent electronically prior to the meeting. Any suggestions for agenda items should be sent to Barry Bram, our president, at bqb7@yahoo.com.

FINAL DUES REMINDER

If you haven't paid your annual Graysdale Homeowners Association dues, please do so immediately. Dues for the 2007 calendar year were due on December 15th. In the past, dues were to be paid by April 15 of every year. However, the Board's fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 31. This means that the Association was previously operating with borrowed money from January through April. So beginning with 2007, GHA dues will be due no later than December 15. Dues should be paid to our treasurer, Christina Fetzer, using the small black dropbox located near her door at 117 Doubletree Place.

LIGHTEN UP, GRAYSDALE!

A friendly reminder to check your front post light. Now that holiday lights are coming down and darkness is upon us earlier, the neighborhood is noticeably darker! Please make sure your front post light has a working bulb. Many neighbors have found it helpful to invest in the longer-life bulbs that are now available to keep this "chore" to a minimum! If you notice a street light that has gone out, please contact Allegheny Power at 1-800-255-3443. If possible, get the pole number, as this will make it easier for Allegheny to locate the problematic pole.

WATCH THAT WIND! If you are new to the area, you might be surprised by how much wind we get in Graysdale! The wind seems particularly "hungry" during the winter months, when many garbage cans and lids can be seen flying down the street, so use caution when leaving things outside!

WHAT'S WITH THE FLAGS?

You have probably noticed a LOT of little flags along Gray's Woods Boulevard as a result of a "One Call" visit. We wondered what work was headed our way, so we asked the Township Engineer, Brent Brubaker. Here is the official word from Mr. Brubaker:

The construction that will take place along Gray's Woods Boulevard consists of the following:

- RWIS weather station to be located at the intersection of Gray's Woods Boulevard and S. R. 0322 (this weather station has recently been finished and is located inside the fencing near Ghaner Road)
- A message board will be constructed between the realigned Scotia Road and Pin Oak. This message board will alert motorists of the roadway conditions of I-99.
- No work is planned beyond Pin Oak even though utilities have been marked the whole way to Meeks Lane.
- This is also to confirm that the widening of Gray's Woods Boulevard is not being considered at this time.

NEW WEB SITE!!

We have a new Web site, thanks to neighbor Mark Olson! **Check out <http://www.graysdale.com>**. Nothing has been password protected yet (meaning also that the online directory is not available yet. Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox – an e-mail notice will be sent when that is in place! If you have additional ideas for resources that should be on our site, please contact GHA Secretary Ann Taylor at anntaylor@psu.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Park Clean-up Day**

This is a day when community volunteers help clean up Centre County parks like Graysdale Park. More info will be sent closer to the event.

- **Graysdale Neighborhood Garage Sale, Saturday, May 12th**

Get ready for Spring cleaning! The Homeowners Association will take out an ad in the *Centre Daily Times* on behalf of the entire neighborhood...all you have to do is open your garage door and start selling!

- **Bulk Pick-up Day, May 18th**

Conveniently scheduled for the week after the neighborhood garage sale, this is the date when our local trash collectors will take "oversized" items on our regularly scheduled trash pick up day during the week of May 14 to Friday, May 18, 2007. For more information, see http://cog.centreconnect.org/refuse/bulk_waste_collections.htm

- **Graysdale Ice Cream Social, June 10th from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Come celebrate summer! We'll meet at the small pavilion in the park, where the Homeowners Association will provide ice cream and toppings for all to enjoy!

- **Graysdale Picnic, Sunday, August 26th, 5:00-7:00:**

As summer draws to a close, the Homeowners Association will host our annual potluck picnic. More info will be sent closer to the event.

MOVING OUT?

Please remember to complete a "Resale Certificate" with your realtor so that the Association can be notified of the change of property ownership (part of our neighborhood bylaws). If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Christina Fetzer., at christinafetzer@comcast.net

DON'T PUT OFF SHOVELING THIS WINTER!

As some of us found out the hard way last winter, the Township has strict rules about how soon sidewalks must be cleared following a snowfall. Violations result in a fine! Below is an excerpt from the Township Web site:

Parking is prohibited on all streets for 48 hours after 2" of snow has accumulated (Chapter 167, §20). This allows the Road Crew to clear the roads faster and more safely. This ordinance is enforced by the Police Department. Violators are subject to a \$15 fine plus costs (\$24). See parking ordinance for more information.

Township standards are to clear the road from edge-to-edge or curb-to-curb to provide safe traveling conditions and provide storage space for subsequent snow falls. To do this requires multiple passes with the plow to move the snow from the centerline to the edge of the road. This means until the street is completely clear, the plow will come by again. The plow is not lifted at driveways because this would leave snow on the street creating a hazard for drivers.

Residents should be advised to wait as long as possible to shovel or clear out the end of their driveway. Also deposit the snow to the right of your driveway as you face the street. By doing this, when the plow returns it will carry the snow away from the driveway. Snow placed on the left side will probably end up right back in the driveway the next time the plow makes a pass.

...Property owners and/or occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from adjacent sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of a snowfall (Chapter 149, Article VII).

Owners/occupants failing to clear sidewalks may receive a citation, be fined and/or be responsible to reimburse the township for the costs of clearing the sidewalk.

DOGGIE REMINDERS

Please, please, please remember that dogs must be on leash *and cleaned up after* in Patton Township – that includes anywhere in our neighborhood, including Graysdale Park. With so many young children at play in our neighborhood, this is an especially important rule for us to obey!

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