



Sewickley Heights Manor Messenger

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Message from the President

Dear SHMHA Neighbors,

Most of us have lost many things – vacations, visits with friends, dinners out, shopping excursions – to coronavirus. It's been a strange summer. The Board decided to at least postpone the Manor-wide Garage Sale due to the crowds it attracts. We'll revisit this after the first of the year, and perhaps consider a Spring version.

As you know, also due to coronavirus, the restrictions on public gatherings and the fact that public spaces closed to visitors, we were unable to hold our annual meeting/election and seat our new Board of Directors until mid-June. We are meeting only via Zoom, as we are unable to properly social distance in the Manor office, and we're still adjusting to that. If you have a matter for Board consideration, please describe it in writing, mail or deliver to the office, and we'll review it at our next meeting – the September meeting is scheduled for the 9th. Thank you.

As summer winds down, and due to staffing issues, the pool will operate at slightly reduced hours: 12-7 M-F and 11-7 S-S. Labor Day hours are 11-7. Tues., 9/8, through the last day, Sun, 9/13, hours are noon-5 pm.

We are beginning our budget process and considering items for 2021. It's tedious, requiring time and effort, and, of course, it's particularly difficult this year. The Finance Committee endeavors to meet our community's many needs while keeping to a reasonable, conscientious budget. It's always challenging, but committee members generously donate their time and individual talents. We are grateful to them.

It's not too early to start thinking about our next annual meeting and election. It's an educational and also a rewarding experience to serve on our Board of Directors, and so many of you have valuable experience to offer. Please consider running in the next election!

Enjoy the last weeks of summer and, then, savor the beautiful days of fall. #stillsummer

Thanks for being good neighbors,

Sally Shipley
President

Neighborhood News

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is a virtual meeting on September 9 at 3:00 P.M. We are still getting used to the virtual format. If you have a matter you wish to have addressed by them, **please submit it in writing for review.**

Stink Bug Treatment: 4 Seasons Exterminating, Inc. is offering a treatment for the **reduction** of stink bugs. For those interested in the treatment, you may contract with Four Seasons directly at the discounted group cost of \$129+tax for a townhome and \$159+tax for a duplex or single-family home. Attic bombs are \$20 and 2nd and 3rd treatments available for an added \$99 and \$129+tax. A product, Talstar, is applied in early autumn to the exterior of the homes, around windows, door frames, attic and dryer vents, seams of soffit and fascia and all other areas that a stink bug may enter. **You may wish to delay cleaning your windows until after the treatment.** Although this treatment offers a significant reduction in stink bugs, they cannot guarantee that bugs will be completely eradicated. **If you wish to contract this service, please call 4 Seasons at 412-364-3235.**

Committees

Architectural Control - Tim Miller, Chair: We have reviewed and approved over 30 projects for our neighbors so far this year - new windows and doors, garage doors and other improvements that continue to make our neighborhood a beautiful place. If you wish to do work on your home, please obtain the architectural request form at the office or on the website. You need to submit the form, proof that your contractor has liability insurance and worker's comp., drawings or pictures of what will be installed, including colors and estimated date for complete. The committee will review these items and may have additional questions or require modifications before approval.

Finance – Norm Diebold, Treasurer: The Finance Committee will be meeting soon to continue with the budgeting process. Various bids have already been solicited for committee review, and board members and staff have done some preliminary work.

The next quarterly fee, the last for the year, is due October 1.

Manor Landscape – Laura Kennedy, Chair: Sarver will continue with grass cutting and will also make two passes of leaf cleanup when the leaves begin to fall more consistently. Bob and the crew rented a lift that was used for tree removal of many diseased trees or trees in areas that are in a dangerous location. Soon we will have the stumps ground out.

The Manor has solicited bids for the year 2021 lawn maintenance program.

All comments or concerns about landscaping in the Ridge or Manor should be e-mailed to the SHMHA office.

Manor Maintenance - Len Kinter, Sally Shipley, Co-Chairs: Fall gutter cleaning for Manor homes will start once the leaves have finished falling. If you have a gutter-related problem prior to your building's gutters being cleaned, or any maintenance issue, please call the Manor Office. Beginning Sept. 14 roof replacement at 201-211 Sewickley Heights Drive will be completed by Penn-Ohio Roofing. This building will be the second to have Leaf Filter installed on the gutters. Residents will be notified prior to the work starting.

All comments or concerns about Manor maintenance contracting should be e-mailed to the SHMHA office.

Recreation - Hope Harris, Chair: Please always remember that only household residents may register for pool use, and any resident may be required to furnish a valid ID which is a current PA driver's license with the household address located within the Manor. The committee will review any registration being questioned or if another form of proof of identification may be needed. If you falsify your registration, you could be subject to suspension of attending the pool for a determined period of time.

Due to some pool attendants going back to school, our hours may be shorter. We will do the best we can to remain open as long as possible. Reminder to please treat the attendants with respect. Our employees don't make the rules but are only asked to abide by and enforce them.

Another reminder which pertains to **any** issue that you may be experiencing: ALL communications must go through the Manor Office. The Office Manager forwards the communications to the appropriate committee, the directors, or both. If the communication goes through the office, there is a record of the comment, complaint, or request making it better for everyone. Thanks for your understanding and consideration.

We've contracted with Altsman to fill cracks and resurface the double tennis court located by the pool. The work has already begun. One court is lined for pickle ball.

Ridge Landscape - Tim Miller, Chair: Fellow Ridge residents - this is a reminder that all landscape work you wish to perform around your home should be submitted for review before work is started. Also, you are responsible for any costs associated with landscape and tree work around your property. The Ridge landscape budget covers ground maintenance, bush trimming and mulch. It also covers removal of trees that might fall and damage the home. It doesn't cover the trimming of trees that are too near your house. This year we did work on many of the areas between homes on Rockledge to reduce ground maintenance issues and will continue that work each year on other locations.

Sarver continues grass cutting and will be starting leaf removal as leaves fall.

Did You Know?

Quarterly Association Assessments are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. The SHMHA grace period is generous, allowing for payment by the end of the month in which it's due. In the event any Assessment or any portion thereof is not paid in full by the last day of the month in which it is due, a late fee in the amount of \$50.00 per month shall be assessed. Remember, late payment is applied first to interest; second, to late charges; third, to handling charges, returned check fees and collection costs incurred by the Association; fourth, to attorney's fees and related costs advanced by counsel for and on behalf of the Association; fifth, to delinquent Assessments; last, to current Assessments.

FYI

Garage Sale: Saturday, September 19, 9 am - 1 pm, 1008 SHD.

Found: what looks like two mailbox keys, found by Timber Lane several weeks ago; a baseball hat found on Trailside; a grill cover found some time ago on Timber Lane.

Looking for a seamstress, someone capable of hemming a few pair of dress pants. Please call 724-417-2288.

Free: Piano. Call 412-741-6848, if interested.

Feeding deer does more harm than good. Did you know that:

- Gathering large numbers of deer into small areas creates a **serious risk for spreading terminal diseases** such as chronic wasting disease and tuberculosis. The spread of disease within and among species is encouraged by repeated and prolonged contact at feeding sites.
- In winter, deer normally move less and rest more as an adaptation for conserving energy and safeguarding their fat reserves. **Feeding can lure deer away from protected areas** and entice them to move further than they otherwise would, several times a day, often for only a small amount of food or perhaps none at all.
- **The last to feed at sites are the weakest—fawns.**
- Supplemental feeding alters the normal avoidance behavior of deer toward humans and **may make them become aggressive toward people** either in protection of, or in seeking human food sources.
- The rapid exposure to a concentrated grain diet such as corn can cause a fatal disruption of the animal's acid-base balance. **Those that survive the immediate effects often die in the days or weeks that follow due to secondary complications.**

Undesirable critters such as **raccoons, rats, etc. are also attracted to these feeding sites. We ask, please, refrain from the practice of leaving any food product or seed out for animals.**

Staff and Hours of Operation

Robert E. Merriman, Operations Manager
Cameron Connify, Maintenance Assistant
Susan Moran, Office Manager

Monday – Friday 7 AM - 3:30 PM.
Monday - Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Business Hours M, T, Th, F 8 AM - 4:30 PM.