



Sewickley Heights Manor Messenger

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Manor-Wide Garage Sale Saturday September 14 9 AM – 2 PM

How do I participate?	Just send or drop off your \$10 check payable to SHMHA.
Deadline:	Firm deadline is Friday, September 6
What does my \$10 cover:	Inclusion on the map that is given to the shoppers and for advertising in all local newspapers and online
Refreshments:	Yes, you can sell them
Additional signs?	Yes, you can make additional signs, use balloons, etc., to call attention to your home.
Questions?	Call the Manor Office.

Envelopes with maps and a garage poster will be distributed to all participants by Friday, September 13.

Bonnie Blackburn is the chairperson for this event.

Message from the President

End of August! How is that possible? I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

The Board of Directors has developed and approved a memorial tree program for Sewickley Heights Manor. The program will allow residents to purchase a tree that will stand in memory or in honor of a loved one. These trees will also help to beautify our neighborhood with desirable trees, as many of our existing trees are becoming unsafe, diseased or simply past their prime. The cost of the tree and a memorial plaque, as well as watering, will be the responsibility of the homeowner, and the Manor staff will position, plant and mulch. More details about the program are available in the office and on the website.

As is always the case, we've had requests to keep the pool open past Labor Day. Nobody wants to let go of summer, including us, but we can't make that happen this year. Here's why: the pool pumps were, of course, lost in the maintenance building fire and were replaced via the insurance claim. Unfortunately, we've had serious problems with the new pumps, and they are not functioning properly. Of course, they are under warranty, but we must send them back to the manufacturer as soon as possible to assure they are repaired properly.

Speaking of the fire: it's almost a year since our maintenance building was lost. You will have noticed that the building rebuild is complete, and no, it's really not that much bigger! While we did add three feet to the front of the building to accommodate storing our trucks with snowplows attached, the overall size of the building is only nominally larger than the original; the steeper roof pitch and the fact that it's painted white make it look bigger than the old brown building that blended in with the trees. We invite everyone to stop by and check out the rebuilt maintenance building Monday, September 23, from 2:30-4:30 pm.

Enjoy the last month of summer and then, the beautiful days of fall. **#stillsummer**

Sally Shipley
President

Neighborhood News

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019, 6:00 PM, at the Manor Office. If you have a matter you wish to discuss with the Board, the first 15 minutes of the meeting are devoted to residents' input, provided the resident has notified the Association Office in writing, including subject matter, at least a week in advance of the meeting.

The Board has accepted the resignation of KC Hastings. KC was the Board liaison for the Recreation Chairperson, Tom Corbett. KC and her husband, Tim, are moving from the area; thanks to KC for her service on the Board and we wish them the best. The Board has appointed Sandra Crapis, 305 Timber Lane, to fill this vacancy and chair the Recreation Committee until the March election.

Caution: We've had reports of items stolen from outdoor spaces in the neighborhood. Please be cautious and aware, and please report any missing items to the Ohio Township Police.

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 4 Seasons directly at the discounted group rate 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. The work involves spraying the exterior of the units in early autumn with a product called Talstar that is applied heavily around windows, door frames, attic & dryer vents, seams of soffit & fascia and all other areas that a stink bug may enter. *You may wish to delay window cleaning until after the treatment.* Although this treatment offers a significant reduction in stink bugs, 4 Seasons cannot guarantee it. **If you wish to contract this service, please call 4 Seasons at 412-364-3235 to make arrangements.**

Committees

Architectural Control - Tim Miller, Chair: All exterior changes (Manor and Ridge) must be approved in advance of starting any work. Architectural Control forms are available from the office or the website. Please include proof of the contractor's liability insurance with the request.

Communications – Sally Shipley: The newsletter is available on our website, www.sewickleyheightsmanor.com, in the mailbox near the Little Free Library, and in the Manor office. A new issue is available when the sign is displayed at the Manor entrance. If you take a copy from the newsletter mailbox, please be sure to close the lid so that the remaining newsletters will stay dry. Thank you!

Finance – Judy Haluka, Treasurer: The Finance Committee will be soon working on the 2020 budget. We have sent out bid requests for work scheduled for next year. Once all bids are received from the various contractors, the Committee can begin the budgeting process.

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

Manor Landscape - Peter Cady, Chair: Sarver continues to mow our lawns on Wednesday and Thursday and is contracted for one or two complete leaf removals at the end of the season; this work is aided by our staff.

All landscape changes must be submitted on a landscape request form. Questions, please call the office.

The staff rented a lift to complete tree trimming throughout the Manor. Graham Tree Service removed two large trees at 611 SHD and in the Ridge.

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

Manor Maintenance - Len Kinter, Chair: Nether Asphalt completed sealing 80 driveways in the Manor. Arena Painting completed the 2019 painting contract and McCoy Builders completed the 2019 deck contract. The Manor is accepting bids for roof replacement of the building at 201-211 Forest Edge.

Recreation – Sandra Crapis, Chair: The last day the pool will be open is Monday, September 2. Some have asked if we will extend the date, but we are sorry we can't. We have been experiencing problems with the two new pool motors we purchased after last year's fire and both need to be sent back to the manufacturer.

The Ridge tennis court was power washed, cracks sealed and resurfaced by Lutz Tennis and will be ready for play Thursday August 29. The courts by the pool are available to use until this court is ready.

FYI

Helper Wanted: SHMHA is seeking a worker to help with landscape chores and leaf removal. The job is available until mid-December or until the weather deteriorates. Rate of pay is \$16/hour, working hours are 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, and applicants must have a valid driver's license and pass a drug screening. Please contact the Manor office if interested.

Cleaning: My name is Paula. I am a resident and have room in my schedule to clean two homes. I have six years of cleaning experience. References and background checks provided upon request. Text--412-951-1164 for a free estimate.

Who needs a car ride? Please call Sam @ 412-551-8326. Thank you.

Did You Know?

All roads in Sewickley Heights Manor are privately owned by our association **EXCEPT:** Sewickley Heights Drive, Sewickley Ridge Drive, Sewickley Ridge Circle, and Sewickley Ridge Court. These four roads are owned and maintained by Aleppo Township, and the Township is responsible for plowing them when the snow falls.

Article V of SHMHA Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions requires members of the Association, homeowners, to carry homeowner's insurance 'sufficient to cover the full cost of repairing or replacing' the home in case of loss or damage. Article V also requires homeowners to provide proof of insurance to the Association and to designate SHMHA as additional insured. If you have questions, please contact the Manor office.

<h3><i>Staff and Hours of Operation</i></h3>
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Robert E. Merriman, Operations Manager
Cameron Connifey, 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.