



The Hearth

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Hearthstone Board

Spring 2017

631 Water Meade Place (NOTE: This is a mailbox ONLY)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hearthstone will once again participate in the annual Great American Cleanup on **Saturday, May 20th** and are in need of about 25-30 volunteers to help beautify our neighborhood. This nationally held event will only require about 3 or 4 hours of your time and you will be outfitted with a T-shirt and gloves. We will begin the cleanup at **8 AM near the entrance to the Hearthstone Park and common area located adjacent to 726 Fox Orchard Run**. We will conclude this effort by providing lunch to our hard-working volunteers consisting of pizza and soft drinks in the park. In addition to volunteers, we also need pickup trucks and trailers to help pick up debris and take it to the City provided dumpster. Please bring rakes, loppers, tree saws or any other tools you may have available for trimming brush and overgrowth. If you are interested in volunteering or need additional information, please contact Wes Downing at 489-9912 after 6 pm. **We appreciate your help in making Hearthstone one of the best Fort Wayne neighborhoods to live in.**
~ Wes Downing, Maintenance Director

Trash Cans

As a reminder to our residents, trash cans may only be on the street from **noon the day before pickup to noon the day after**. Trash cans put out too early or left out late are subject to fines from the city. Taking care of your trash cans in a timely manner also helps to keep our association looking tidy and clean!

HEARTHSTONE SUMMER PICNIC!

One of the best ways to keep our neighborhood safe and bolster a sense of community is to get to know your neighbors. As your association board, one of our goals is to foster such community through social events. This year we will be enjoying our beautiful **association park** with a picnic in the park! The association will be providing food, drinks, and table service. The event will be held on **July 22, 2017 from late afternoon to early evening** with a rain date of **July 23, 2017**. If you have any questions about this event, please contact your district director.

Hearthstone Garage Sale

The Hearthstone garage sale will be held on May 4-6 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. every day. Signs will be posted and a newspaper ad will run prior to that date. We are coordinating these dates with Millstone to increase traffic to both sales!

Hearthstone Board of Directors

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SAVE THE DATES!

One of the most important goals of this newsletter is to get YOU the latest information on upcoming community events! So here are the important upcoming dates for the Hearthstone Community! This would be a great list to **pin on your refrigerator** so you don't miss any of these important dates!

- **April 24:** Monthly Association Meeting
 - o 7:00 P.M. @ 1001 W Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825
- **May 4-6:** Hearthstone Association Spring Garage Sale
- **May 20:** Great American Cleanup
 - o 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- **May 29:** Monthly Association Meeting
 - o 7:00 P.M. @ 1001 W Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825
- **June 26:** Yearly Association Meeting/Election of Board
 - o 7:00 P.M. @ 1001 W Wallen Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825
- **July 22 (see announcement on first page)**
 - o Hearthstone Summer Social Event



Tree Planting

In December the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation planted twenty-two trees in area between the street and property lines. These trees were placed on Hunters Knoll Run and Fox Orchard. This was a joint participation between property owners who wished to participate, the Board of Park Commissioners and Hearthstone Community Association. Most trees have a **two inch diameter trunk** and may be **eight to fourteen feet tall** depending upon the variety. The trees are considered good neighbor trees as they have deep root systems that reach deep and do not invade the sewer systems or cause sidewalk problems. The Park Department will replace the tree if it dies and they are **notified by Sept 1, 2017**. However as part of the agreement **each property owner is expected to water the trees** during the **spring and summer** during the first year.

Architectural

As summer approaches and you consider work to the outside of your home, keep in mind that you must **submit an architectural request to the board before doing any outdoor changes** to your property. A few examples are roofing, siding, major landscaping, pools, fences, and many other items as well. The architectural form can be found on the website at hvcafw.org. If you need a physical copy, please print out the form online or contact your district representative.



City Cost Sharing Program

The City of Fort Wayne is continuing to make needed improvements in our neighborhoods - including upgrades to our streets, sidewalks, curbs and alleys. While our Public Works staff is working with City Council representatives to prioritize major neighborhood projects for 2017 and 2018, we would also like to raise awareness about our Cost Sharing Program, which allows homeowners to work with us to make smaller repairs. As you know, our Cost Share Program enables property owners to partner with the City to have repairs made on sidewalks, alleys and street lights adjacent to their property, or on their block. We are asking that you distribute information about the 50-50 Cost Share Sidewalk Repair Program - which is our most popular cost sharing program -- to neighborhood association presidents in your area. For more information about our Cost Share Programs, go to www.cityoffortwayne.org/costshare