Allenbach Acres North Wall Gets New Look

If you haven’t already noticed, the bushes along the brick wall north of West Union have been removed. The change was prompted after a survey found that many sprinkler heads installed to water the bushes were actually watering bare rock. After AAHA Board approval, the bushes were removed and the sprinkler system capped off. North entrance sprinkler heads were retained to water decorative plants. Planting vegetation along the brick walls has always been a problem due to the shallow soil covering concrete footings that extend to the sidewalk. Removal of the bushes and capping of the sprinkler system will save irrigation costs and make both north and south walls consistent in appearance. Funding for the project came from the reserve account, which will have no effect on homeowner dues.

Report Graffiti

After a two year hiatus, Allenbach Acres was the target of brick wall graffiti. The graffiti, or “tagging,” was noticed by an AAHA Board member several days after the incident; no homeowner had reported it. Graffiti tagging is a problem that can lower property values, encourage more tagging, and lead to other crimes. It suggests the neighborhood doesn’t care. Reporting and quick removal discourages taggers. Allenbach Acres reports all such incidents to the Washington County Sheriff’s Office and has tagging removed as soon as possible. Please don’t let taggers degrade our community. Contact an AAHA Board member immediately when graffiti is observed.

Reminders

With Spring and Summer come weeds and lawn maintenance. Homeowners are reminded to keep their lawns weed free and mowed. The recent rough winters, along with aging, have taken a toll on front yard trees. The CC&R’s require approval for removal of trees greater than a six inch base. They also call for placement of at least two deciduous trees of two inches in diameter at the base. So if a tree is removed, another should be planted with at least a two inch base. Other reminders include Board approval for paint colors, roofing, and siding, and keeping trash containers from street view after trash collection.
Website Improvements
www.allenbachacres.org

WP Strategy, a Portland company, has been hired to update and repair the AAHA website. Two new topics have been added; the year-end financial statements and AAHA Board minutes. Only 2016 Board minutes are now available as minutes are not approved until the next Board meeting. For 2017, this will be sometime on October. The Board will be considering an expedited process for minutes approval so the most recent minutes can be published. After complaints that the AAHA e-mail site was not working properly, a new e-mail program has been instituted. Preliminary tests show it is now working. Please don’t hesitate to contact the Board via this e-mail site if you have questions, need approval or need to bring something to the Board’s attention. The AAHA website provides a wealth of information and homeowners are encouraged to access it to research CC&R requirements, Board policies, Bylaws, Board member names and contact information, and numerous other topics of interest to homeowners. The AAHA website is at www.allenbachacres.org.

P.G.E. Powerline Construction

P.G.E. sent all Allenbach Acre residents a notification of pending powerline construction. Included was a map showing part of the AAHA south brick wall area was to be part of the construction. Since this could impact the grass, trees and sprinkler system, the Board contacted P.G.E. to insure these items would not be damaged. The manager in charge of the construction informed the Board that the map was in error and that no work would be done near Allenbach Acres.

AAHA Board Changes

The AAHA Board is pleased to announce that the vacancy left by Karen Locke (see 2017 Newsletter on AAHA website) has been graciously filled by Ryan DeJong. Ryan and his family moved to Allenbach Acres from Stoller Farms. Ryan is a real estate agent and was involved with the Stoller Farms HOA and part of the ACC. Another plus is that Terri Valley has agreed to assume the Treasurer position vacated by Karen. Terri is a professional Bookkeeper and has a stellar past history as a volunteer with the AAHA Board. AAHA is also pleased to have Dyneen Polluconi on board to assist in preparing the Newsletter. The format and contributions to this letter are in large part due to her efforts. The AAHA welcomes these newcomers and thanks them for helping to make our community special.