

SHADES OF GRAYSDALE



Neighborhood News You Can Use

October/November 2008

SHED VOTE RESULTS

Thanks for a strong turnout in our recent vote regarding sheds in our neighborhood! We had 82 votes (3 were abstentions). The results are as follows:

54% (44 votes) voted in favor of "A governing body, such as the GHA Board of Directors or a committee of GHA members, shall have the power to approve or deny shed requests, based on a set of official guidelines."

So what's next? We now need to establish a set of official guidelines and procedures regarding the approval of sheds that will be added to the covenants. To reach that goal, the Board will send a follow-up e-mail to the neighborhood, where we will ask you to send us your suggestions for guidelines and procedures. We will then collate that input and present it to a neighborhood-wide meeting. At that meeting, we will work with participants to come as near as possible to a consensus. Following that meeting, the Board will revise the GHA covenants, taking into account the input received, to include the newly establish shed guidelines and procedures. The revised covenants will be reviewed by the HOA legal counsel, notarized, and become part of the official record for our neighborhood.

ASSOCIATION DUES – Due December 15th

Annual Association dues are to be paid by December 15th of each year. Dues paid by December 15, 2008 will be for the 2009 calendar year (i.e., January-December). Annual dues are \$50. Checks can be dropped off to the GHA Treasurer, Ed Wolfe, using the small black GHA box located in front of his house at 145 Forest Glen (Checks can also be mailed to that address). Make checks payable to the "Graysdale Homeowners Association."

RECYCLING PLASTICS

Did you know that we may now recycle even more plastics in our curbside pickup? Acceptable items now include all narrow-neck plastic bottles, such as milk jugs, soda bottles, shampoo bottles, and cleaning bottles. Be sure to rinse bottles and remove lids. No wide-mouth tubs, margarine and yogurt containers, toys, or cups will be accepted. See <http://www.centrecountyrecycles.com/> for more information about how you can help our environment!

CLEANING HOUSE?

If you missed "bulk pick up" day in October and don't want to wait until May when the next pick up happens, keep in mind that any usable furniture may be donated to Interfaith Mission or Centre Peace. Both organizations will gladly pick up the items. They will then mail you a letter listing the donated items so that you can take a tax deduction.

- Interfaith Mission: 234-7731- donates usable furniture to those in need
- Centre Peace: 353-9081- trains prisoners in a half-way program to refurbish items to sell

There is also a local chapter of "Freecycle," an international nonprofit movement of people who are dedicated to keeping things out of our landfills. The Centre County Freecycle consists of a Yahoo mailing list where folks post items they want to donate, for free, to someone else in the community. Participants can post "wanted" requests, too! Check out <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CentreCoPAFreecycle/> for more information!

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, Ed Wolfe, at rewolfel@comcast.net

WANT TO LEARN CPR?

The American Red Cross offers basic and review courses in our area! See http://centre.redcross.org/health_&_safety.htm for more information about upcoming classes.

NEW NEIGHBORS?

Have you just met a new neighbor? Please help us make sure we have them in our records...we want to officially welcome them to the neighborhood! (Plus make sure they are on our e-mail list!) Please send their names, address, and e-mail to GHA Secretary Ann Taylor at anntaylor@psu.edu.

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