

Craneridge

Spring Newsletter

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Craneridge Critters (Photos by Shannon Carlin-Menter)

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President's Message

Hello Neighbors!

Well, these are strange times indeed and here in our corner of the world we appear to be safe. Me, well I gained 10 pounds, grew a beard and need a haircut badly! If those remain my only problems, I can rejoice soon. As a community we look forward to a pool with continued improvements, gatherings of family and friends, and social interaction that truly is Craneridge.



From the business side, our garbage collection will change at the end of June. There is a letter that will be sent directly to you, but in the meantime the important points are as follows:

- If you are a current garbage participant in the Craneridge Program, your service will end on June 25th.
- If you have use for the “blue container” make sure that you indicate on the can that you intend to keep it.
- There is no charge to retain the container but, they will be destroyed without your indication.
- A list will be provided so that you can make plans going forward. Currently there is availability of service with MRC, Waste Management and Modern. You will need to independently arrange for service after the end of June.

Contained in this newsletter are details regarding the Annual Meeting. At this moment, we do not know what the restrictions will be and if we will be able to hold a meeting at the June date. If not, other plans will be made and announcements will follow.

I thank our Board of Directors and Committees for all their work during these difficult times. The last two meetings have been held in an online format. These meetings have worked (with glitches) but, have been long, due to the longer format required. Your representatives have clearly stepped up to work on your behalf in a accountable, transparent and thorough manner. We appreciate your indulgence and hope to be back to normal soon. I thank everyone so much and look forward to seeing all of you soon. Please consider joining a committee, as they can use your help!

Jeff Randall

President,

Craneridge HOA Board

Vice President's Report on Pool Updates by Chuck Dickhut

During the “off season” the pool Steering Committee has been hard at work planning for the swimming season this summer. If you have been at the pool lately you have seen the construction/repairs which were sorely needed. When complete, the pool will look like brand new. We have plans to replace the old pool furniture this year but the current Covid-19 restrictions may delay our plans.

Mary Kemsley has graciously agreed to be responsible for the lifeguards as Co-Chairman. Payroll, scheduling and day to day lifeguard activities will be Marty’s responsibility. Amy Shaul did an outstanding job maintaining the water quality last year and we are excited that she will continue to insure the water quality again this year as Co-Chairman. Other members of the Steering Committee are Jackie Wells, Jen Parsons, Dave Spillman, and Kelly Campbell.

Our plan is to open the pool on Memorial Day weekend, but that too is subject to the Covid-19 regulations. The Committee is always looking for more help. It need not be a season long commitment. There are plenty of opportunities which can be done in one day or a couple of days If you would like to help at the pool simply contact either Marty or Amy or (Chuck Dickhut who is the liaison from the Pool Committee to the Board of Directors). The two contests, pick the tile color & guess the number of tiles required were fun & I hope everyone who participated enjoyed them. Look for more contests coming soon!



Woodlands Committee Updates

The woodland committee has been active yet, restricted. We have secured a number of seedlings from the ECS&W Conservation District. A normal distribution would have already taken place. That said, we have had to wait due to restrictions. If restrictions are not modified soon, we will have a different type of distribution that allows for proper protocol. Stay tuned because these plants need to get in the ground!

We have been approved for the DEC program “buffer in a bag” that supplies plants for stream bed stabilization. Initially, we will not get much product in the first season. As our relationship with the DEC continues, we can count on further product in the future. We have identified an area for initial planting but, please let us know your stabilization plans and we will work with you going forward.



The tree care companies have only until recently been allowed to anything more than emergency removals. They will continue business as normal shortly. We have been working with the Concord Street Department on a coordinated effort of removal. For residents, there is a form on the Craneridge Website to report any tree concerns. That completed form and a survey of your property is needed for success: <https://craneridge.org/for-residents/woodlands-online-submission-form>

Please contact Jeff Randall (913-6507) to help oversee the maintenance of the Common Ground woodlands. Remember to contact the Woodlands Committee if you are planning any tree removals. Please go to the website at www.craneridge.org to get submission forms and review the guidelines.



The Craneridge Safe Cheer Parade!

Living under the Covid contagion has certainly impacted the way we live and interact in Craneridge. On April 11, 2020 Craneridge residents came together for a "safe" parade. It was a great way to spread community cheer and welcome new residents. Thank you to all neighbors who joined the parade!

*Pics from
the Parade!*



*Our
Neighbors
Rock!*



In the past year, our community has added approximately 15 new families. There has not been a formal welcome committee in Craneridge for quite some time. Jan Freeman, Marilyn Dickhut and Natalie Rinaldi have recently joined forces to ensure that new residents receive a warm Craneridge welcome.

The plan going forward is to greet new residents soon after their arrival and to put a packet in their hands containing important community information, pointing them toward all the valuable resource material on the website, and giving them an immediate opportunity to ask questions of an established resident. The packet will also contain a handful of gift certificates and discount coupons from generous local businesses. The committee hopes to conduct one or two new resident “meet and greet” events a year, allowing the new folks to meet each other as well as some board and committee members.

Of course, the current pandemic situation has temporarily squashed plans for any face to face interaction. Still, the committee plans to distribute packets in the next two weeks to those who have moved in in the last year or so.

New folks, we would love to contact you personally, but don’t have your phone numbers. If you would like a phone call or we can help you in any way, feel free to contact committee chair, Jan Freeman at 592-3923 or jmfdvm22@gmail.com.

Especially in these challenging times, we hope that ALL Craneridge residents act as members of the Welcoming Committee. Please continue to reach out to your neighbors: the new ones to see if they need any help transitioning to life in our community, and the existing ones to see if they need any assistance meeting the life challenges the Covid situation presents.

Nominees for the Open Board Positions:



Rich Barber* ** indicates incumbent*

Cory Bowen*

Kelly Campbell

Dennis Donner

David Spillman*

ASSESSMENT & BUDGET UPDATES!!



The Craneridge Board of Directors has approved a budget and set the Annual Assessment for fiscal 2020/21 at \$460. Invoices will be mailed in early June and be due July 1, 2020.

As of April 30, 2020 the Association had \$51,678.98 in the Operating Accounts and \$60,378.41 in the Reserve Account. Detailed Financial Reports are available on the website at <https://craneridge.org>

The budget was developed based on input from community planning session, committee level operating and expenditure plans, review of current and prior period spending, plus a detailed inventory of community assets requiring replacement and/or maintenance. Details of the budget will be presented and discussed at the Annual Meeting. The Board is not recommending an increase in the maximum assessment beyond the existing \$500 for the next three years. Therefore, owners will not be required to vote on an increase in the maximum 3-year assessment.

If you have questions or have a financial hardship impacting your ability to pay the annual assessment, please contact the Treasurer, Rich Barber (716-913-9169).

TENATIVE ANNUAL MEETING DATE:

Saturday, June 13th – 10 am @ Pool Shelter

This meeting provides you with the opportunity to hear updates on the activities of the Association as well as elect new Board Members. There will be (4) Board positions open. To VOTE, please attend the Annual Meeting @ the Pool Shelter (or by Proxy). You can download a generic Proxy form here (give to member who will be attending the meeting):

<https://craneridge.files.wordpress.com/2013/12/general-proxy.pdf>

NOTE: The Annual Meeting date is contingent on the governmental recommendations and social distancing guidelines. If the Board determines that we need to reschedule the Annual Meeting, it will be posted on the Craneridge Website Blog and announced on Nextdoor.

Common Properties Rules of Use

Common Properties are areas of land intended to be devoted to the common use and enjoyment of the owners and members of Craneridge Association. These areas include but are not limited to the pool and playground area, the meadow, and property owned by Craneridge Association.

The following Rules of Use were adopted unanimously by the Craneridge Board of Directors on March 6, 2017:

1. Members must be in good standing with Craneridge Association financially and not in violation of the By-laws and Covenants to use the common properties.
2. No unauthorized vehicles are allowed. This includes but is not limited to golf carts, ATVs, and dirt bikes.
3. No smoking is permitted.
4. No overnight camping is permitted.
5. Quiet hours are from dusk to dawn. Care should be given to not disturb neighbors.
6. Care should be given to not cause reckless damage to the common properties.

Per Article III Section 3.03 of the Craneridge Association By-laws, violation of these rules may result in suspension of rights to enjoy the common properties for up to 30 days at the discretion of the Craneridge Directors



Neighbors & Noise Considerations

With the arrival of milder temperatures and the sun, people are out doing home repairs, cutting grass and having outdoor parties.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep the noise to a minimum especially during the hours of 11 pm to 8 am.



Craneridge is a small community that is entirely run by volunteers.

We'd like to thank the following community members:

Architectural Committee Members: Debbie Dietrich, Paul Bartholomy, Jim Belford, Adam Wichlacz (Chair: Jennifer Parsons | 592-0170)

Maintenance Committee Members: Ted Welch, Jim Belford (Chair: Eric Twichell | 794-3056)

Social Committee Members: Amanda Bowen, Jessica Ogburn (Chair: Tara Beaudoin | 848-0303)

Pool Committee Members: Chuck Dickhut, Jackie Wells, Jen Parsons, Dave Spillman, Kelly Campbell (Co-Chairs: Amy Shaul | 628-3642 & Marty Kemsley 592-4542)

Woodlands Committee Members: Cory Bowen, Alan Miano (Chair: Jeff Randall | 913-6507)

Finance Committee Members: Jeff Randall, Chuck Dickhut, Kaila Hager, Dennis Donner, Shannon Carlin-Menter (Chair: Rich Barber | 913-9169)

Bylaws Committee Members: Debbie Dietrich, Amanda Bowen, Cory Bowen, Paul Bartholomy (Chair: Peter Sobota | 592-2259)

Communications Committee Members: Rich Barber, Chuck Dickhut, Cory Bowen, Ashley Jacobson (Chair: Shannon Carlin-Menter | 432-4778)

Welcoming Committee Members: Marilyn Dickhut, Natalie Rinaldi (Chair: Jan Freeman | 592-3923)

Dog Poop Station Clean-up Volunteers: Shirley Skinner, Ina Randall, Shannon Carlin-Menter, Kathy McDonnell, Pricilla Dale, David Reese, David Spillman, Sharon Burganowski (Organizer: Jan Freeman | 592-3923)

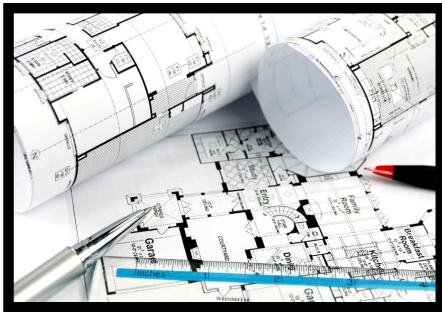
To Volunteer: Contact the Chair of each committee above or e-mail:
craneridgeassociationinc@gmail.com

Architectural Committee News:

Are you planning on adding to your home this summer? Changing the paint or stain color? New windows or doors? If so, please send an Architectural Approval form to the Committee before you begin work. The form is available on the Craneridge website:

<https://craneridge.org/architectural-online-submission-form>

The Committee has 30 days in which to approve or deny permission to move forward with your project; so be sure to submit the form while you are in the planning stage or finding a contractor. The Committee will work with you if there are issues with your submittal to ensure that your home is a credit to you and the neighborhood. Minor maintenance projects will not need an approval form. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any committee member, or email the chair of the Committee, Jennifer Parsons: jennifer.parsons@rocketmail.com



Maintenance Committee News:

The Maintenance Committee has had new gravel laid at the Pool Center parking lot and is currently replacing the road sign for Woodstock at the intersection of Woodstock and Deer Run (closest to the meadow). We are tentatively planning for an Earth Day with social distancing. More info. to follow.

EARTH DAY Clean-up is POSTPONED

Each spring we get together for one morning to spruce up the common property of Craneridge. Neighbors pitch in to clean up the Pool Center, Mail Center and Meadow as needed. This year, because of the quarantine restrictions due to COVID-19, we have postponed the Community Clean-up Day until the restrictions are lifted later this summer. If you have questions or suggestions, feel free to contact **Eric Twichell at 716-327-1956**. We look forward to seeing you when restrictions are lifted!

Poetic Prose in times of the Pandemic:

*"One day this will be
over and we will be
grateful for life in
ways we never felt
possible before."*
- Matt Haig

*"Nothing in life is to
be feared, it is only to
be understood. Now
is the time to
understand more, so
that we may fear
less."* - Marie Curie

*"In the midst of
chaos, there is also
opportunity."*
- Sun Tzu

*"Home is a shelter
from storms — all
sorts of storms."*
- William Bennett

*"Alone we can do so
little; together we
can do so much."*
- Helen Keller

*"Some people look
for a beautiful place.
Others make a place
beautiful."*
– Hazrat Inayat Khan

*"There's a great big
beautiful tomorrow,
shining at the end of
every day."* - The
Sherman Brothers

Craneridge - Board of Directors

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*We'd like to
WELCOME the
following New
Residents to
Craneridge!*



Ashley & Jared Jacobson @ 5 Crane
Jerry & Sandra Grawe @ 20 Ridge
Kerrie Proper & Eric Sentz @ 23 Ridge
Bradley Brookes @ 29B Ridge
Samuel Lewandowski & Alissa Czyz @ 29C Ridge
Rodger Wilkes & Sandy Parkinson @ 30 Ridge
Michael & Sherry Filighera @ 41 Ridge
Rodney Montgomery & Amanda Courteau @ 53 Tarn
Michael Korchynski & Leslie Homung @ 67 Hardwood
Alan Miano @ 17 Ridge
Tim Wilson @ 127 Deer Run
Ashly Place @ 124 Deer Run
Laci Turgeon @ 22 Woodstock
Ronald & Vlanka Krasnek @ 50 Tarn
Chad Beers @ 36 Edelweiss

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account billings! Also, add your e-mail to our new member's only
online directory by going to:

<https://craneridge.org/signup>

Resident Directory Available Online!

The Craneridge Resident Directory is available for download within the
Owners Only Page:

<https://craneridge.org/for-residents/craneridge-owners-only>

Ask a Board member for the password to the Owners Only Page.