



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Board has set Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, for our annual garage sale.

Turn old treasures into new cash. We can use this opportunity to clean out our garages and attics and let someone else appreciate our goodies.

The Association will place an advertisement in the Herald and put up directional signs to help folks find us and our unwanted valuables.

WEBSITE MOVE

Our former neighbor, Pete Griffin, has been our webmaster for many years. Pete has notified the Board he no longer wishes to maintain the website.

The Board has wrestled with what should be done. Possibilities have included abandoning the practice of having a website or trying to find another way to provide one. We are aware that realtors often use it to help show prospective buyers what a wonderful neighborhood we have. We also know that our neighbors use it to read Board minutes and to stay updated on other neighborhood news. Further, we are legally required to maintain annual meeting minutes and for the last dozen or so years they've been maintained on the website. For these and other reasons, the Board has concluded we need a website.

The Board's Vice President, Jordan Maddux, has been getting operational details and bids from

companies who offer websites to communities such as ours. The Board will select a company that offers us specifications that meet our needs while still offering an affordable price. We need to be aware, though, that Pete maintained our website for years as an act of love, and received very little remuneration for his efforts. The cost of a new website will be significantly higher than we've been paying.

Pete has indicated he would like to be through with our current website by June 30. It is our hope to have a new website up and running before that date so that we can offer a transition announcement with the new web address before we leave our old one.

We all owe Pete a huge thanks for all the years he has maintained our website.

FURRY FRIENDS

Dog Waste: Is it possible that people who don't live in our neighborhood are bringing their dogs through our neighborhood park? It's hard to believe our neighbors would leave dog waste all over the park, but clearly that is happening to a great degree. Our landscape company, who must mow the park's grass, has complained about all the dog piles they encounter in the park, which is an unfair hazard and burden for them.

Loose Dogs: There have been a number of occasions in which dogs are seen running free in the park. Our neighborhood park is not an off-leash park. A leashed dog encountering an unleashed dog can be dangerous for both.

Herding Cats: Some neighbors have expressed unhappiness with cats that use their flower beds as litter boxes. It can be a bit disconcerting to be digging in one's garden only to encounter evidence of a cat's visit. Other neighbors have reported cats running along the tops of their fences, taunting their dogs into barking. This, of course, makes those nearby displeased with the noise from the dogs. We all love our pets, but it's good to be aware of how they may be impacting our neighbors.

To keep cats out of a garden, plant potent-smelling plants, such as lavender, rue, geranium, absinthe, lemon thyme, thorny roses, or coleus canina, or scatter dried herbs or scented oils with those aromas. If you cannot find these herbs or oils, you can achieve a similar effect by sprinkling cayenne pepper in the same way that you would dried herbs. Or scatter citrus peels around the garden. Most cats hate the smell of citrus. Try coffee grounds or pipe tobacco. Much like citrus, the smells of coffee and tobacco are disgusting to most cats. More tips can be found at <http://www.wikihow.com/Keep-Cats-Out-of-a-Garden>.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Board really doesn't like to be in the business of handing out correction notices and appreciates the fact that it usually doesn't need to do so.

Please check the CCRs, or contact the Board, if you intend to make any major changes. We'd rather prevent problems than correct them later. Thanks for your help in this.