

To All CHA Members

Fall 2021

As fall arrives in CHA and Thanksgiving is around the corner, I would be remiss if I did not take time to THANK all the volunteers and members who make CHA a special place! So, let me take a few moments to recognize some of our members.

Dennis Keefe has worked hard all summer to maintain our flowers and shrubs at the entrance sign area. He has fought a hard battle keeping the deer from demolishing all of our greenery and appears to be winning! Dennis has planted the beautiful flowers and shrubs all by himself and kept things trimmed and neat!

Kevin Sauvage made several new kayak racks in the spring, along with numerous other repairs to CHA property and has more plans for next year.

Jerry Gerbig, Mike Shiley, Greg Stratton, Trevor Jones, and Jeff Ellsworth have kept the parks mowed, the scrub cut on the roadsides, and in general maintained the appearance of our CHA.

Colleen & Steve Larson and Judith Warren (with the help of some other volunteers) painted the beautiful mural on the tennis court warm-up wall. It is a spectacular colorful statement of joy to everyone who passes by! (Special thanks to Gerald Lippert who loaned scaffolding to the painting crews.)

Bob Ransom created and maintains our wonderful CHA website and handles the Zoom communications for all our meetings, basically functioning as our IT department of one!

Chuck Whetsel has, for many, many, many, many..... years, maintained the association's books and continues to do an excellent job, along with handling the clubhouse passcode system.

Chairperson Mary Helen & John Maynard, Melissa VanDam, Patty Noftz, and Trevor Jones, as the Election Committee, clarified our annual voting process and have made it transparent and fair for all members. (They, along with volunteer Mary Beth Acosta, are now attempting to create a Board of Directors procedures guide.)

Melanie Rogers as Chairperson with Pat Burdo, John Maynard, Tom Wellman, and Kevin Sauvage make up our current all-volunteer Architectural Control Committee, working hard to keep new structures within CHA beautiful and in accordance with our governing documents.

Kent Van Empst and Steve Shank are the trail volunteers who always show up with chain saws and tools when trees come down or floods threaten. They regularly patrol our trail system to ensure all is well. Thanks also goes out to John Rademacher for assisting in the Far North Trail bridge repairs.

Keith Beduhn has volunteered as our clubhouse manager and is keeping things ship shape. He maintains a calendar of events at the clubhouse and on the website for all members.

Holly Norman has volunteered the last few years to keep our membership directory up to date and provided copies of various types to all members.

Patty Noftz is our volunteer who has organized and kept the long-running weekly Mahjong group going in which so many of our members participate.

Trevor Jones has fenced in one of his lots as a joyous and safe place to play off-leash for our four-legged members.

Lynn Livingston and Linda Van Empst are the volunteers who have restarted our post-Covid social life by hosting BBQ Hot Dog night and a Wine-Tasting event. Lynn also volunteers to handle kayak rack assignments every spring.

Greg Stratton, Al Noftz, Kevin Sauvage, Tom Wellman, Mark Babcock, Mike Germain, Karen Schilling, Dennis Sutton, Don Smith, Melissa VanDam, and Tim Ascroft have worked at trench digging, wood dragging, rack repairing, and in general maintaining and reclaiming our parks from Mother Nature for the enjoyment of all our members. Cleaning of the clubhouse by a few of these members allowed the reopening of the clubhouse to all members after the Covid restrictions were lifted. The association was able to hire a weekly cleaning staff to keep up with the summer clubhouse traffic as well.

To my fellow volunteer board members: Tim Claflin, Mike Germain, John Johnson, Sr., Steve Shank, Kevin Sauvage, Melissa VanDam, and Tom Wellman, the efforts and skills you bring and give to our association mostly go unnoticed but that is what allows the association to continue to thrive.

Finally, to the members who donated to the association fund when we were in dire straits, I will not name you because most wished to remain anonymous, but you know who you are as do I and I deeply thank you!

To all our wonderful volunteers THANK YOU and may your neighbors be grateful for your generous hearts as we celebrate our THANKSGIVINGS!

As the association looks ahead to next year, be on the lookout for updates to the clubhouse plumbing, freshening of the clubhouse benches and picnic tables, new outside storage for the shuffleboard equipment, and new, more welcoming signage at the parks. We would love to see some new faces volunteering to assist with these projects, which ultimately make our community one that all members can enjoy.

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