

Turtle Talk

June 2021

A Newsletter for Pickawillany Condominium Residents
www.littleturtle.org



NOTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held May 26 in perfect outdoor weather. 53 owners were in attendance. The minutes from the annual meeting 2020 were approved. The financials were reviewed by Marvin Blank. He noted that delinquencies at the end of 2019 were \$16,268 vs. at the end of 2020 \$ 17,636. This reflects an increase of \$1368.

Becky Halteman, co-chair of the Social Committee, announced the social events coming up. See column 2.

Danny Vaughn of Kaycan Vinyl Siding, broker for KWP Siding Products, presented information on engineered wood siding and Tye Lange of Muth Installation addressed questions regarding installation.

KWP Siding has 40 years in the industry and offers a 50 year substrate warranty and 25 year stain warranty. Samples of the siding were presented. KWP's website is:
<https://www.kwpproducts.com>

KWP's engineered wood siding painting process allows for a number of colors of stain with low maintenance. They use 100% recycled wood making them ecologically conscious. Heavy duty 1/2" , resist termite damage and will not rot, crack or split. Engineered wood is pre-primed to hold paint and backs its finish with a 25 year finish limited-warranty vs. traditional wood siding must be stained frequently as we are aware.

Samples of their products and literature were available to the residents.

Couple of points to clarify information.

1. Chippewill did not buy their siding from Kaycan Vinyl although it is a KWP Siding Product; Muth did not do the installation work. They were, therefore, unable to address questions about what happened with the project in Chippewill.

2. The Board has been investigating siding products as an alternative to maintaining our cedar siding since the cost has increased dramatically along with the costs of maintaining the siding and labor. The Board has not made any decisions at this time.

Elections for four positions on the Board of Directors resulted in these four residents being elected: **Hildegard Jones, Keith Shibana, Linda Garlinger and Steve Larson**. The 2021-2022 Board of Directors are President - **Hildegard Jones**, Vice-President - **Linda Rowell**, Treasurer - **Marvin Blank** and Secretary - **Linda Garlinger**, Directors - **Steve Larson, Keith Shibana and Eric Murphy**. 15 proxies and 66 ballots were counted. Thanks to Becky Halteman and Cheryl Hill for collecting and counting the ballots.

Thanks to Linda Garlinger for arranging the sound system for the meeting.

WELCOME BACK, SOCIAL COMMITTEE!

The social committee is finally able to get back into the action. Following is the list of events planned so far for 2021.

Happy Hour, Saturday, July 24, 6:30-8:30 PM

Clubhouse deck, BYO adult beverage if desired, pizza, soft drinks and water will be provided by Garber Connect. RSVP to PickCondos@gmail.com by Thursday 7/22 to advise number of adults and children who will be attending.

The following events are planned for the future. More information will be available soon from the Social Committee.

- Bingo, July 27, July 25, and August 29
- Annual Picnic - August 21
- September or October - OSU Game Night
- Cookie Decorating - December

SHOUT OUT FOR OUR GARDENS

Many of our residents have been very busy producing the beautiful gardens in our community. There are beautiful - lilies, hostas, ferns, peonies, irises, hibiscus, begonias, etc. Lots of hard work, pained backs, and tons of rain all worked together to bring us this beauty.

*Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint
and the soil and the sun as canvas.*

-Elizabeth Murray

CLUBHOUSE OPENING FOR SOCIAL EVENTS

With the relaxed COVID restrictions, the Board has decided to open the clubhouse again for private parties (up to 35 people). If you are interested, submit the signed rental agreement (p. 34 of the Resident's Manual) with a check payable to PCUOA for a refundable deposit of \$150 to Kathi Horvath at Case Bowen. The deposit will be refunded provided there are no damages to pool, pool deck, clubhouse, equipment or furniture, etc. It is expected that the clubhouse will be restored to the same condition when the event is completed. (See the Clubhouse Cleaning Check List, p. 35 of the Resident's Manual.)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our 2021 Annual Meeting had such a wonderful turnout. It was great to see many new owners attend as well as many of our long term owners. I would like to thank the owners who re-elected me for your vote of confidence; I will do my best to serve you well. I would like to congratulate Linda Garlinger and Keith Shiban for their run and re-election to the Board, and I am sure that they are already getting ready for more hard work ahead. I would like to welcome Steve Larson to the Board, and I believe he will be an asset to our Board; I look forward to working alongside him. I would like to thank Chet Durham for his service to the Board; we wish him continued success in his endeavors. I would like to welcome all of our new owners to the Community; we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood.

Our Communications Committee has become invaluable during this tumultuous time. The committee, chaired by **B.J. Underwood**, continues to inform owners of Pickawillany through the *Turtle Talk* newsletter, and our Webmaster, **Gerry Underwood**, through our website. They work together to keep our community up-to-date by adding bulletins and sending email blasts. Thank you to all the volunteers on the Communication Committee. (Remember - if you provide our communications committee chair B.J. Underwood your email address, you will never be left out of the information loop). Our ARC & Grounds Committee, chaired by **Linda Garlinger**, continues to review architectural requests submitted and work with the owners to follow guidelines and then make recommendations to the Board. Thank you to all the volunteers on the ARC & Grounds Committee. Our Social/Welcoming Committee, co-chaired by **Lynda Nelson** and **Becky Halteman**, was severely hindered by the pandemic is going to be holding events again this year. We are excited that they have lined up four events that will begin with a "Happy Hour" event. Thank you to all the volunteers on the Social/Welcoming Committee. I would also like to thank those who have signed up to be pool volunteers for this year. We have a great maintenance team that consists of two full time employees **Ronier Fernandez**, Maintenance Supervisor, **Michael Garcia**, and **Fred Hoezel**, as our part-time maintenance tech guru.

As we look to the future and decide which direction we would like to travel there are many things to consider: railroad ties - finding alternatives to their use; concrete - determining areas to target first; ravine cleanup -do we pay more in landscaping or utilize volunteers; siding; do we complete the last nine buildings in the stain and seal project or move towards an engineered wood product. How the Board makes these decisions are usually pretty straightforward, but some take more time to work out and can be altered as time goes on, or issues such as foundation problems arise.

During our Annual Meeting we had the representative from KWP (engineered wood siding material) and the representative from Muth Roofing (installer) discuss the product and what would be involved with the installation as well as a projected cost. This project has been discussed for the past three years, and the Board wanted to share what product we are focusing on. The Board has not made any decisions other than if we

chose to go this route, KWP would be the product we would want to use since it will keep the appearance of the community the same.

- Hildegard Jones

Jesus loves you, but I'm his favorite.



SHIRLEY WILSON'S PROTEST ON SCHEDULED ROADWORK FOR LITTLE TURTLE

Our own Shirley Wilson, in anti-bellum costume, appeared at the Little Turtle Garage Sale in protest of the scheduled removal of the "Civil War" oak tree in the center of Little Turtle Way. She said: "Many residents of Little Turtle refer to this stately and grand tree as "The Civil War Tree." We are not celebrating the Civil War; we are calling attention to a prevailing system of the architects, planners and financiers who place commerce and profit above the conservation of our communities natural resources."



AIR CONDITIONER UNITS.

Remember to have your HVAC unit inspected. Before you call for service, here are a few things to check.

- Check the batteries on the thermostat. Replace if necessary
- Check the blower - you should be able to see and hear it if the fan is on.
- Check the drain line. Look for liquid that couldn't come from another source - the line is likely leaking refrigerant. A professional inspector is warranted.
- Check your air filter which should be changed periodically as required by your individual usage.
- If your unit is not working, check the breaker before contacting a pro.

SUMMER GRILLING

Charcoal burners and other open flame cooking devices are permitted in the community with a minimum safe distance of not less than 10 feet from any combustible surface or overhang. **Do not grill in the garage.** Natural gas, propane or butane devices are permitted as provided by local fire codes or ordinances pertaining to the community. **All such devices shall be attended at all times while being operated and a fire extinguisher present.**

- When grilling, place the grill 10' away from the siding and fencing.
- Don't leave the grill unattended.
- Make sure the charcoals are completely extinguished or gas turned off when grilling is completed.

- Any damage incurred to the unit, surrounding units, common or limited common elements due to operation of an open flame device is the unit owner's responsibility.

BULK PICK UP

Some large items cannot be thrown away because they are too large to fit in your trash container - such as old torn furniture, carpeting, mattresses, oil chairs, etc. Residents should contact the City's 311 Customer Service to schedule a bulk pick up or on line at <http://311.columbus.gov>.

NO BULK ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED UNLESS THE RESIDENT SCHEDULES A COLLECTION.

Do not place items by the street until the day of the arranged bulk pick up.

WAX AND WATER DO NOT MIX - WHO KNEW?

Wax and water make fire. Who knew? Enjoy your candles, but watch this video for caution.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl30ZnePn60>

Contributed by Kathi Horvath

When I offer to wash your back in the shower, all you have to say is yes or no. Not all this "who are you and how did you get in here" nonsense.

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HOME ELECTRICAL FIRES

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI), home electrical fires account for an average of 51,000 fires, 500 deaths, 1,400 injuries, and \$1.3 billion in property damage each year. Homeowners can avoid many of these fires if they follow some simple safety precautions. Below are some common causes of electrical fires. Share this information with clients and friends so they know how to avoid fires in their homes.

1. Using high wattage appliances in outlets that do not support that wattage.

Before plugging an appliance into an outlet or extension cord, the user should ensure that it does not exceed the permissible wattage. In addition, they should use only light bulbs with the correct wattage for your lamps or light fixtures. Modern light fixtures usually specify the maximum allowed wattage.

2. Outdated wiring and breaker boxes in the home.

If outlets spark or make a buzzing sound when things are plugged in, a home's wiring may have faults. The homeowner should hire an experienced electrician to inspect the wiring and breaker boxes and replace them. Copper wiring should replace aluminum wiring where possible, which is a lot safer.

3. Plugging too many appliances into one extension cord.

Too many appliances may cause them to overheat and cause sparks that can start a fire. Use extension cords only temporarily and plug major appliances directly into outlets (but not too many at once). Alternatively, use power strips with internal overload protection that shut off automatically when they are overloaded.

4. Using old and overused appliances.

Older appliances use more power than most outlets can support, which can cause them to overheat and start a fire. In addition, be aware of any cords that look worn or tattered. Running cords under rugs can also start a fire.

5. Placing coiled space heaters near flammable objects.

Keep space heaters away from materials such as paper, sheets, draperies, rugs, or towels. Coiled space heaters should be placed at least 3 feet away from objects that can easily ignite. Better yet, use heaters that don't have visible electrical coils.

*PuroClean and Dryer Vent Wizard
Contributed by Kathi Horvath*

THE BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCE TO PICKAWILLANY

The beautifully landscaped entrance to our community is the work of **Dotty Beach**, a long time resident of Wintersong Lane. Many who live near or walk along the end of Wintersong are familiar with Dotty's gardening expertise.

This was a volunteer effort on Dotty's part. On planting day, some kind residents offered their help - **Darlene Slater, Fred Hoelzel and Chris Willmore**.

Dotty also planted the large pots at the pool and as summer goes on they will beautify the pool area.

My thanks to Dotty for her generous contribution of her time and talent. I would also like to thank Hildegard Jones for her fierce determination to remove the trees and weeds that had taken up residence in the pots over the last two years.

- Linda Garlinger, Chairperson of the ARC/Grounds Committee

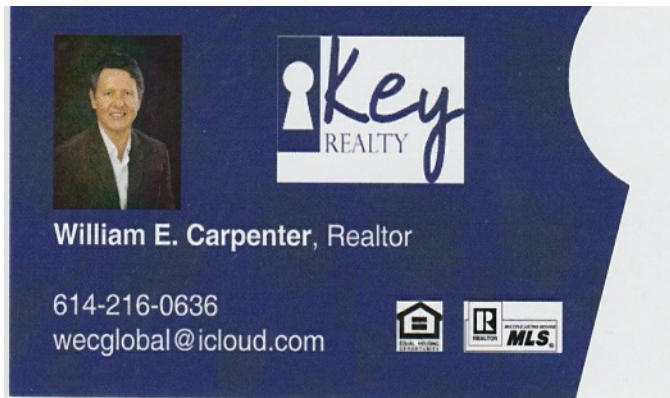
Photos by Linda Garlinger



Dotty Beach by the front entrance sign with her plantings.



Volunteers shown working on planting "Dotty's garden" are Chris Willmore, Darlene Slater, Dotty Beach and Fred Hoelzel.



MAINTENANCE TIP

I love Kerbler & Co. (Don't confuse them with Keebler, the cookie company). Kerbler does glass replacement, screen repair and both easy and hard to find window replacement parts. If you are into DIY and extending the life of our original windows and sliders, Kerbler is a great resource. I have replaced my rollers to help all of my large, heavy patio sliders to slide smoothly. Same with the patio door lock mechanisms and the small catches to lock the screen doors. Even though they are familiar with Little Turtle it is best to take a photo what you are working with so they have a visual. They don't do house calls but can guide you through the process. Kerblerglassreplacement.com 614-884-5387. 6491 Proprietors Rd., Worthington OH 43085. 8-4:40 M-F-9-12PM Sat. Head West on Shrock Rd., past Huntley Blvd. and soon as you cross the railroad tracks to left or South on Proprietors Rd. Watch for the small sign on the right about halfway down. They are in a small warehouse behind the Piano Store.

William Carpenter

PAINT COLORS FOR FRONT DOORS

The ARC and the Board of Director have selected six colors by Sherwin William and Behr for the front doors. The information is in your residents manual:

<http://www.littleturtle.org/Resident's%20Manual%20Rev%202009.16.2020.pdf>

The ARC selections are from Sherwin Williams and Behr, but you may purchase the paint manufacturers of your choice simply by matching the color chip from your choice of color.

It's never too late to start the day over.

- Unknown (Contributed by Victoria Frisch)

GOING ON SUMMER VACATION?

If you are planning to be away from your home for an extended period of time, please review these security tips before you leave.

- Call your local post office to stop mail delivery until you get back, or have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail.
- Leave a key with a neighbor or the building captain for emergency access.

- Leave your entrance key in your lock box. Be sure your lock box is registered so 911 can advise the fire or police departments your code to access your unit to avoid your door being damaged by being forced open.
- Use timers for lights, televisions, and sound systems to turn them on and off at different times of the day/night, giving your home a lived in look while you are away.

12 TOP RATED HIKING TRAILS NEAR COLUMBUS OH

Interested in going for a walk or a hike? Check out these hiking trails.

<https://www.planetware.com/ohio/top-rated-hiking-trails-near-columbus-oh-us-oh-260.htm>

I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.

Albert Einstein

IN PERSON BOARD MEETINGS

The board has voted to hold in-person board meeting again starting with the June 23 meeting. Owners wanting to address the Board should submit a request to Kathi Horvath to be placed on the agenda.

REMINDERS

- If there is any activity at the pool, no money can be exchanged per our By-Laws.
- Window air -conditions are not allowed in the Association.
- Please update your contact information so we have current emails, phone number and more importantly an **"Emergency Contact."**
- Please continue to enter work orders in Caliber so you can monitor the order under notes.



Turtle Talk is a community newsletter for and by Pickawillany residents. Suggestions and comments are always welcome - send to B.J. Underwood at 614.818.1596 or bjund02@gmail.com. *Turtle Talk* is available via email, our website or in the TT mailbox by the clubhouse door. **If you are not receiving *Turtle Talk* via email, please send B.J. your email address.**

IMPORTANT DATES

6/14 - Flag Day
6/20 - Father's Day
6/21 - First Day of Summer
6/23 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Check website bulletin board
7/4 - Independence Day
7/20 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Check website bulletin board

Garbage Pick up: Tuesdays 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29
Wednesdays 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4.

Recycling and Yard Waste: Saturday 6/5, Fridays 6/18, 7/2, 7/26, 7/30, 8/13

Please have trash containers, recycling containers and yard waste (in yard waste bags) out by 6:00 A.M. in front of your unit.

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Fire or Police	9-1-1
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Caliber Portal	https://caliber.cloud/CaliberWeb2_CaseBowenCo
Case Bowen - Kathi Horvath	614.799.9800
Email: khorvath@casebowen.co	Fax: 614-799-8338
Emergency after hours:	614.265-1746 or 614.799.9800 #4
City of Columbus Service Center	3-1-1
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Columbus Police Department	614.221.2345
Columbia Gas Hotline	800.282.0157
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Garber Connect (After Hours)	614.212.7900 #2
Secure-A-Key (Lockboxes)	937-408-8761

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THROUGH CALIBER (PREFERRED)
OR CASE BOWEN (KATHI HORVATH)**

COVID IS STILL AROUND - GET THE VACCINE - BE SAFE