

THE BENA BULLETIN

A quarterly newsletter from the Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association

Fall 2019

Commons Clean-Up Grant

BENA has been approved for a grant from *Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful, Neighborhood Association Grant Program*. This grant will provide reimbursement for expenses incurred during clean-up of the Commons. We will be renting a bobcat to speed up loading brush into a trailer. The bobcat will be helpful to clean grass, algae, and weeds from the flow liner. The grant will also help pay for dump fees and fuel for chainsaws.

Please join us on Saturday, September 21 for this special Commons Clean-Up. We meet at 9:00 A.M. at the corner of Boston Drive and Valley Forge. We are asking for as many volunteers as possible, even your kids can help move small branches to the brush pile. We would also welcome volunteers with trailers and chainsaws. Lunch will be provided to volunteers.

Vandalism Update

BENA has been in contact with the Lancaster County Department of Juvenile Diversion about the graffiti spray painted on

the playground equipment, basketball court, and culverts in April. The three vandals, believed to be 7th graders, were given community service hours to paint over the graffiti spray painted on the culverts and basketball court. They also paid for the paint used to cover it up and supplies used to clean the graffiti off the playground equipment. At the July Board Meeting, two of the three vandals came in front of the Board and apologized for their actions.

Commons Tree Damage

A large portion of BENA's budget goes to Commons and tree maintenance. BENA has been working closely with The Tree Guys this summer on taking out large and problem trees as routine maintenance. Unfortunately, Mother Nature occasionally has a mind of her own, and a tree goes down unexpectedly. Please be aware that per state law, if a fallen tree causes damage on your property, you are responsible for said damage. You are always welcome to contact BENA and we will try to assist you any way we can. We are all neighbors!

Holiday Lights Contest

Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association will once again be sponsoring the annual Holiday Lights Contest in December. Three participants are awarded prizes for having the most festive holiday lights. We hope you'll join in the holiday spirit and decorate your house. Winners will be chosen at the December Board Meeting. Watch for more information online.

Board Meetings

Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are typically held at Goodrich Middle School in the media center (4600 Lewis Avenue, door #18). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Keep In Touch

- Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association board can be reached anytime with questions, comments or concerns at our email address: BicentennialEstates.board@gmail.com.
- Stay up to date on our neighborhood on our website at www.BicentennialEstates.info.
- Like us on Facebook to watch for announcements and event information at [Facebook.com/BicentennialEstatesNeighborhoodAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/BicentennialEstatesNeighborhoodAssociation).

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Treasurer's Report

Date	Description	Check	Deposit	Balance
6/01/19	Balance Forward			58,731.26
6/03/19	Grafton & Associates <i>May Bookkeeping</i>	200.00		
6/18/19	IRS Tax Payment	104.86		
6/21/19	T & D Mowing	1010.00		
6/24/19	Menards <i>Paint to cover graffiti</i>	93.54		
6/24/19	LES	30.81		
6/28/19	Grafton & Associates <i>June Bookkeeping</i>	200.00		
6/30/19	June Deposits		2254.55	
7/03/19	Walmart <i>4th of July</i>	99.10		
7/03/19	Sams Club <i>4th of July</i>	155.00		
7/03/19	USPS	280.85		
7/05/19	Hy-Vee	28.72		
7/08/19	Menards <i>Paint to cover graffiti</i>	159.13		
7/17/19	T & D Mowing	930.00		
7/19/19	Janet Emery <i>4th of July Reimbursement</i>	41.14		
7/22/19	LES	31.07		
7/30/19	Grafton & Associates <i>July Bookkeeping</i>	238.50		
7/31/19	July Deposits		2052.15	
8/20/19	T & D Mowing	1360.00		
8/20/19	Grafton & Associates	250.00		
8/20/19	Anne Pamperl <i>2nd Post Office Box Key</i>	9.00		
8/22/19	LES	31.72		
8/30/19	Lancaster Co. Assessor <i>Lien Filing</i>	122.00		
8/30/19	August Deposits		504.91	
8/30/19	Ending Balance			58,167.43

**Please remember the requirement to keep one year operating expenses of \$36,900 in reserve.*

Meet the Board...

Jacob Hartwig is a newer addition to the Bicentennial Estates neighborhood. He and his fiancé moved to Old Glory Road in 2018 with their two dogs, Hank and Lola. Jacob works full time for the Army National Guard. This is Jacob's first year serving as Vice President of Bicentennial Estates Neighborhood Association Board of Directors.