

HARVARD ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Hi Neighbors!

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. In the past year, we've faced a lot of hardships as a community during the pandemic. One silver lining has been the sense of community that has evolved in our neighborhood during these trying times.

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the neighborhood, welcome to 2021! As you may already know, HA has a Homeowners Association that is run by a voluntary Social Committee. Each year, the Social Committee collects dues that are 100% elective. We are happy to receive more or less based on personal means. These dues are used to pay for taxes, insurance, and maintenance on the common land and tennis courts on Conant Dr, while the surplus is used to host and promote social events through the year, like the ice cream truck we were able to hire last year in lieu of our annual picnic.

We are asking you to donate \$50 per household this year. This money will ensure that our communal areas are pristine and safe for use. Some initiatives we'd like to tackle in 2021 are the removal of extra brush and small trees surrounding the tennis courts, mulching, and clear signage for the tennis courts. We are also saving for necessary repair work to resurface the tennis courts in the near future.

Please send your 2021 payment to **HAHA 361 Harvard Road** or use the PayPal link at **harvardacres.com**

Thank you for paying dues!

New to the Neighborhood?

This newsletter is sent out once a year, so please join our mailing list to receive updates on neighborhood events. Visit **www.harvardacres.com**, and click the 'Join our Mailing List' link. While you're there, you can find the links to our Facebook page, Google discussion group, and Nextdoor.

Looking for the yearly treasurer's report?

Visit harvardacres.com for that and more information, including the social committee members and the most up to date listing of events and information.

email us at **socialcommittee@harvardacres.com**

Events

In light of public health events we are continuing to suspend social events until further notice. If we can hold events in the Fall, we will send further communication.

We Need Your Help!

All HAHA activities are run by volunteers. Can you spare time to support our community?

New ideas are always welcome! Email us!

Calling HAHA high schoolers! Are you looking for community service hours? We are looking for some folks with strong backs, arms, ideas, and work ethics! Please email socialcommittee@harvardacres.com if you are interested in planning any of the following:

- Spring Clean Up of the common area on Conant
- Fall Clean Up of the common area on Conant
- Neighborhood wide scavenger hunt
- Other community service project of your making

Group Septic Buy

The time has come again for septic pumping! HAHA is organizing a group buy for the neighborhood. If you did the group buy with HAHA last time, then it's been almost exactly 2 years and it's time to pump again! HAHA is working with RM Ratta (www.rmratia.com) once again. Once we have the final count, we will schedule a 2 day time period for them to come, probably around the end of June.

To secure a spot, please email Tara so she can send you a questionnaire to fill out. If you are unsure of where to find your cover or the size of your tank, no problem! They can help you with that.

They are giving HA a \$40 discount off their normal listed prices. If interested, e-mail Tara Natanson at tara@natanson.net



Kids Tennis & Basketball Lessons

This year we have instructors for both tennis and basketball! Sign up for either or both at harvardacres.com

1-hour lessons will be held at the tennis courts on Conant from 9:00—12:00. Once kids have registered, lessons will be organized by grade level. Children must be entering first grade.

\$35/week for the first child, \$25 for additional children in the family.

Please email Rebecca Solomon to sign up for tennis lessons: Harvardacrestennis@gmail.com

Please email Ryan Sweeney to sign up for basketball lessons: Pennybsweeney@yahoo.com

PFAS by Marie Rudiman

With the focus on PFAS in drinking water, you may not realize that PFAS is present in many household items, including food packaging, Teflon and other non-stick cookware, carpeting and furniture, water repellant clothing, stain-resistant work shirts, Oral B Glide dental floss, drier sheets with "stain-resistance", ski wax, automotive wax used to wash your car, bike chain lubricant, some types of mattress pads, some types of personal care products...The more you look for PFAS, the more you will find them in everyday household items.

There is no way to eliminate your exposures to PFAS, but there are ways to limit exposures. Try to choose products that don't contain PFAS whenever possible.

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