

Holiday Celebration for High Point



SANTA ARRIVES



Sunday, December 19 at 2:00 pm

High Point residents with young children and grandchildren are invited to join in the Holiday Fun as we celebrate the season. Our traditional Holiday Celebration will feature that jolly old guy in the red suit. Santa Claus will be at High Point to greet his friends at the High Point club house on **Sunday, December 19**. Our family entertainment will begin promptly at 2:00 pm. We usually have a big crowd and so we encourage families to arrive on time, as kids especially appreciate the family show.

Santa will arrive soon after we start and there will be cookies and punch. We will design wonderful fashion creations with balloons for kids to take home. (Reservations are not necessary.) **Mark your calendar now!!!!** This event takes place no matter what the weather, so please plan to join us at the High Point clubhouse on Sunday, December 19. (This event is only open to High Point residents.)

If your child or grandchild needs to see Santa to communicate last minute requests or updates, put this party on your calendar. Avoid long lines at the mall and visit the real Santa here at High Point.

Photos with Santa will be provided to all children attending (or bring your camera). A parent must accompany any child who attends (*this event is designed for children 10 years old and younger*).



Annual Meeting January 20



Association trustees announce the annual association meeting will be **Thursday, January 20** at 8:00 pm at the clubhouse. In addition to the election of trustees, there will be information about projects in the association. All residents are invited to attend. *A Welcome to High Point for new residents will take place prior to the meeting at 7:30 pm. No reservations are necessary to attend.*

Association Dues Required in January

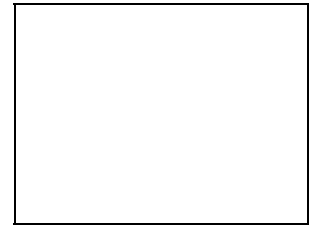
High Point dues for 2011 will again remain at \$330 per residential lot. These are due January 1st. Invoices will be sent to each homeowner at the end of the year. Dues payments received after January 31 will be assessed late fees. ***We appreciate residents who pay their dues on time.***

Trustee Positions Available

Three trustee positions expire in January. There are five trustees, each elected for a two-year term. Bob Campobenedetto and Ken Evans were elected in January of 2010 to new two-year terms. David Knowles, Jack Schneider and Mark Skalak are completing their current two-year term. Interested candidates should call Bob Campobenedetto (238-3013) or Ken Evans (572-3292) before December 22. A January newsletter will include a trustee ballot. It is anticipated the three current trustee's whose term expires will be candidates for re-election. High Point, like other businesses, is governed by a board that makes financial and operational decisions regarding corporate day-to-day activities. This

requires a significant time commitment of time on the part of those who volunteer their talents.

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HIGH POINT NEWSLETTER

Pesky Questions in this Issue

Have a question about High Point? You might find it in our NEW "Frequently Asked Questions". We have taken our most frequently asked questions and now have answers posted on our website and included them in this newsletter. No matter what you need to know about High Point, you can find it. Need pool hours? A pool pass registration form? Covenants and Restrictions? Rent the clubhouse? Up-to-the-minute rental calendar? Can't find the newsletter in the kitchen? Need a map to guide guests to the clubhouse? Our website is your one-stop information source at your fingertips 24/7.

www.hpohio.com

Next Newsletter in January

Our last newsletter came out in May and our next newsletter is early January. With our new Website, we publish only three newsletters a year. Invoices for association dues for 2011 (your annual \$330.00 assessment) will be sent to homeowners at the end of December. Both the 2011 Dues Invoice and 2011 Pool Pass Registration Form can be found under the "Forms" tab at **www.hpohio.com**.

2011 Clubhouse Rentals Booking Fast

If you look at the up-to-date 2011 rental calendar on our website for Clubhouse rentals, you will find many dates already rented. If you have a graduation, anniversary, shower, wedding reception or other event you are planning, we suggest you reserve your date as quickly as possible to get your choice. Check the website and call the Homeowner Hotline (440-638-4304) to make your reservation.

Summer rentals using the pool *until midnight* (private use from 10:00 pm to midnight) are available for **\$250** for the summer of 2011. Clubhouse rentals (with or without pool use) where the party ends at 10:00 pm will still be \$125. A security deposit of \$300 (one check for \$50 and one for \$250) is required. Signups are done at the clubhouse and checks for the rental are submitted at that time.

GIVE KIDS A BRAKE!

Even in the winter, drivers in High Point need to be aware and careful. Snow mounts and winter road conditions make driving (especially at night) hazardous for kids and pedestrians. While everyone is in a hurry during the holiday season, we ask you to take your time as you drive through High Point. Be aware in the mornings as kids wait for school buses. As snow piles at intersections hide youngsters who wait for school buses, be watchful. Please drive carefully and give our kids a brake.

Association Trustees

Bob Campobenedetto	18156 Rustic Hollow	238-3013
Ken Evans	18399 Yorktown Oval	572-3292
David Knowles	18435 Yorktown Oval	238-5769
Jack Schneider	18275 N. Salem Row	238-8679
Mark Skalak	17716 Plymouth Row	238-5955

Please remember that family members will take messages, but are not always able to answer homeowner questions or respond to concerns. Calls will be returned as soon as possible by trustees.

Financial Review Completed for 2009

A financial review of the 2009 calendar year was completed this summer by Jurcago & Company, a local CPA firm. Report copies are available on request. This report details continued safe and sound business practices. Although not an audit, the review addresses four major items: 1) reconcile cash on deposit as of 12/31/2009; 2) test dues and rental income as reported; 3) review disbursements for proper payment and classification as reported on statements; and 4) check financial statements as of 12/31/2009. This protects residents so they can be sure funds are on deposit and used appropriately. Questions may be directed to Bob Campobenedetto (238-3013) or Ken Evans (572-3292).

For Your Personal Sledding Safety

Sledding is not allowed on common property. As hills in the common area are too small for this activity and are close to homes, it is dangerous and can easily cause property damage.

Our association is fortunate that Southwest General Health Center allows sledding on the mounds that buffer our development. Sledding is allowed on the slope facing the health center (not on the High Point side). This is a large area which can accommodate a large number of people. **As with any activity of this type, parents should be present with kids under 12. Please note those going to this area should NOT cut through yards to get to the mound.** Ample parking is available to drive and park behind the Health Center. We appreciate this generous arrangement by SWGHC officials.

Neighborhood Safety

During the winter season, many visitors come into our development. Some are invited and some are not. Be on the lookout for activity that does not look right and call police. If neighbors are on vacation and you see someone in the house, it is usually a bad sign. If you see or hear people roaming the area late a night, a call to the police is also warranted. Vandalism, damage and theft all usually take place a night, under the cover of darkness. Look out for your neighbors and call police when you see something that does not look right. Police would rather respond to false alarms than not be called and complete crime reports later on. Also make sure your front post light is working to light the night.

Retention Lake Safety

High Point residents are reminded that the two retention lakes in the development are NOT intended for recreational activities, including ice skating. These bodies of water are designed for the purpose of detaining runoff water from the development and surrounding areas. **It is especially important to understand that these lakes do not easily freeze and should NEVER be used for ice skating.**

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Swim Passes Ordered with 2011 Dues

Attention residents! Pool pass registration forms for next summer will be distributed with the Dues Invoices. **Pool Pass Registration forms for 2011 MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR DUES PAYMENT BY JANUARY 31.** We will not have spring pick up times or fill orders during the summer. This past year, association trustees spent considerable time filling pool pass requests throughout summer months. Most other homeowner associations handle pool passes with a similar advanced registration procedure. 2011 Passes will then be mailed first-class to residents the first week in May. (We will supply the postage and label – no self-addressed, stamped envelope is necessary.)

IF YOU EVEN THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO USE THE POOL IN 2011, then you should order pool passes with your dues payment. You have already paid for these in your dues. We know there are many homes for sale in the development, and in the event your home is for sale and sells before or early in the summer, new residents will have the opportunity to get pool passes at that time.

AGAIN IN 2011 – If you do not order your pool passes before May 1, 2011, you will pay a \$10.00 late order fee (which the trustees will donate to the High Point Swim Team) to get your passes. As trustees, our time is valuable and when pool pass orders are filled during the spring, it is done at times that are convenient for board members. After May 1, everyone wants their passes right away and the element of convenience is no longer available. Please order your 2011 pool passes with your dues payment and you won't have to worry about the fee.

High Point Sharks Say a Big Thanks

Our High Point Swim Team, the Sharks, would like to extend a special thank you to local businesses and individuals that helped support them this past summer. As always, the team enjoyed a fantastic season of learning and competing in the Strongsville Swim League. We thank our coaches for their hard work. **Association trustees would like to extend our thanks to resident Rita Washko who has served as president of the High Point Sharks for many years.** We appreciate the hard work and extra time Rita spends pulling things together for youngsters in our development.

It a Dog-Gone Shame

One of the complaints trustees receive year-round is about people who walk their dogs and don't clean up after their pets. Most people agree it is not the pet's problem, but the owner. Inconsiderate residents should be embarrassed that they leave poop behind from their pets. One recourse if you have a recurring problem with a resident is to call the Strongsville Animal Warden. Our city does have ordinances that require owners to pick up after their pets. Persistent violators can be cited.

Snow, Snow, Snow

Soon the snow season will be upon us. Here are two important reminders. **DO** shovel your sidewalks so students who walk to the bus and residents who walk can get where they need to go. Our city does require sidewalks be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. **DON'T** push snow from your driveway into the street. This is dangerous for drivers and creates problems for plow drivers. Thanks.

Developer Signs Missing

Parkview Homes has been a partner with High Point for many years. Lately, signs advertising new clusters for sale in Monticello are disappearing regularly. Not only are these signs expensive, but we want these lots to be built out as soon as possible. Please do not steal the signs. Theft is a crime.

Candy Sales Next Summer Out to Bid – Perhaps You?

Our January newsletter will have details on how a young resident with parental support can bid on the candy sales business at the pool next summer. For the past several years the High Point Swim Team has done this, but we are looking for someone to organize this as a summer job. Details to follow.