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A News Update from the President

To All Residents and Customers of HGCSD:

I am sure everyone was amazed and delighted to see the entrance to Heather Glen Estates lit up, decorated for Christmas. This was a 'First' for our new grand entrance and there will be more to come in February.

We have had a number of home sales in Heather Glen Estates (HGE) and the Barton Track neighborhood in the last few months. I am sure these new folks will be an asset to our community. If you bump into any of them out walking, please be sure to make them feel welcome! Once this pandemic is behind us, we will have a grand community-wide get together.

If you are contemplating putting your home on the market, please inform Board Secretary, Linda McLean, of this ASAP so your realtor can be given proper instructions and information which will be very important for any serious buyer. A number of instances occurred in recent months where a seller had not properly informed a buyer about HGCSD or what the requirements are for new water service. This caused some headaches for all concerned and probably slowed down the transaction. We send a Welcome Packet to new owners which has instructions and forms, and also contains helpful information for the new owner to set up other services not provided by HGCSD (for example trash pickup, propane service, etc.) We will appreciate your cooperation with this request. It will help to make everything go smoothly for all concerned. A last thought on this topic, if you live in HGE, keep in mind in your estate planning that if one intends to bequeath their property to an heir, the heir must be age-qualified (55 or older) to be able to live at HGE.

There are a number of great things going on with management of the district's water plant. In the last few months, Heather Glen has been awarded a couple of grants. The first is from the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and it allows for an upgrade of the electrical system, the installation of new electrical controls for water plant operations, and an internet based system to send alerts to and communicates with our contractor in case of any malfunction or an emergency. The second grant is from the Placer County Office of Emergency Services. This large grant is for the installation

of an emergency generator, as well as security upgrades and additional fencing around the plant. The generator is essential so the water treatment plant will continue to operate in the event of a power outage, including the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPSs) we have become accustomed to. These grants are essential to keep the cost of maintaining the water system low for the benefit of all our customers, and we are very grateful. Lastly, keep in mind that HGCSD now has the capacity to add additional new water service customers in the Barton Track neighborhood.

A couple friendly reminders on ordinary matters at HGE:

1. Even though we have someone clearing our roads of pine needles, tree debris, etc., your help on the section of the road by your house is always appreciated.
2. There is no parking allowed on the interior roads at HGE, except only occasionally for a short period. There is definitely no overnight parking on the roads. Owners are expected to accommodate parking needs for themselves and their guests within their own property.
3. Another reminder is that our sewer pond is extremely sensitive. Only normal human waste and toilet paper should be put down your toilet. If you regularly use a garbage disposal, perhaps you should consider using it less and disposing of more food waste in the trash can, where it can be taken away with your garbage pick-up. Other items that have been causing problems with the sewer pond are newsprint, cat litter, large amounts of hair trimmings, etc. being put down the drain. Our sewer system simply cannot handle these items.

The Board of Directors is always looking for ambitious residents who are willing to join the Board and/or help in one form or another. The Board is made up of well qualified, hard working individuals who are entirely volunteers. If you may be interested in participation on some level, we would love to hear from you.

Plans are underway for decorations at the entrance for Valentine's Day. We are also looking for ideas for March 17th for St. Patrick's Day.

All best wishes for a great new year in 2021.

Max Bailey

President of the Board

Heather Glen Community Services District