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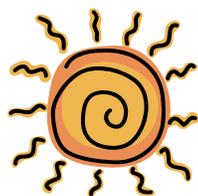
AMHURST, A VILLAGE IN THE CITY

Lohman's Amhurst Homeowners' Association, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

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Pool Opens

Saturday, May 18th (tentative)

Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, June 8th, 8:30-4:30

Annual Gardening Contest Judging

Saturday, July 13th

Judged by Sweet Corn and More

Annual SummerFest and National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6th, Evening

Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, December 3rd, 7 PM

Hopkins Center for The Arts

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LINDA M. DINGBAUM, BOARD PRESIDENT

Last fall, I wrote an article in question and answer format. It was very well received, so I am using the same approach in this article. We are still doing well financially, have very few homeowners in arrears, and are very current regarding repairs and improvements. As always, I've heard from many residents with questions regarding general concerns, especially the wintery conditions we have experienced this past year. I will answer some of the questions here for your general information and to help you understand how decisions are made by the board and our Association Manager, John Dizon.

During snowy winter months, we get mostly questions about the Association's policies and our contract with our snow removal company, Prescription Landscape.

Q. What is the towing policy at Amhurst and why are cars towed anyway?

A. Amhurst has rules similar to a snow emergency. All cars must be moved to a plowed parking space within 48 hours or they will be towed. It is best to move your car as soon as possible after the first pass with the plow. This will allow the snow removal company to do a better job of plowing and will create more cleared spots in which cars can be parked. We understand that it is very expensive to retrieve a car that has been towed. However, if cars are not moved, the parking lots cannot be cleared and the lots become more hazardous and difficult to clear as winter progresses. We all choose to live in Minnesota with the snow, so we all need to take responsibility to move our vehicles as required by the Amhurst policy. Please move your vehicles according to the rules to avoid a very expensive towing fee and the hassle of having to retrieve your vehicle.

Q. Why are the walks and lots not cleared immediately after a snowfall?

A. We have to balance the cost of snow removal with the level of service. Currently, our contract with the snow removal company states that snow will be cleared after a snowfall of at least 1 1/2 inches. Make sure you review the complete rules each season. Remember that Amhurst is low-maintenance living, not no-maintenance living. Your help in keeping the walkways clear when there are light snow falls would be appreciated.

Q. At times this winter, the walkways and parking lots were very slippery. Why didn't the snow removal company remedy the icy conditions?

A. Amhurst's contract with the snow removal company is for snow removal only. They do not remedy slippery conditions. The Association also does not remedy slippery conditions. We provide ice melt in a large barrel at the pool shed for resident use. We provided salt shakers two seasons ago and asked residents to retain them for use each winter. Also, there are sand barrels in each parking lot near the mail boxes for resident use on the walkways and parking lots. Please maintain your safety and that of your neighbors by utilizing the ice melt and sand provided. Many residents have also purchased Yak Trax, which attach to shoes or boots to increase traction and help prevent slipping on icy conditions. Yak Trax and similar traction devices are available at most sports stores or on-line.

Please note the events that are happening at Amhurst this summer, such as the pool opening in May, the community garage sale in June, and National Night Out/Summerfest in August. I hope you decide to participate in Amhurst events and get to know your neighbors this summer. Although it's always too short, enjoy the summer season!

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Amhurst Residents must get Association approval prior to installing.

A SAFETY TIP FROM RESIDENT TERRY WILSON

Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out person at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage.



If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.

I think this idea it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. For elderly folks, carry the car keys in case one falls outside to solicit help.



CITY OF SLP SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

The Annual St. Louis Park Spring Clean-up Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 at the St. Louis Park Municipal Service Center, 7305 Oxford Street. St. Louis Park residents only.

The Clean-up Day is sponsored by Waste Management and the City of St. Louis Park and is provided as a lower-cost alternative to home pick up. Call Public Works at (952) 924-2555 for more information.

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**BUCKTHORN REPLACEMENTS,
RON ADAMS, AMHURST RESIDENT**



Spring approaches, and with it the new season of buckthorn. Yes, that nasty weed is still growing in our neighborhood. We have made pretty good inroads on it around the gazebo and south along the nature trail. This spring, in addition to pulling out buckthorn, we plan to plant shrubs and small trees to begin to replace the buckthorn. The Association has ordered seedlings of highbush cranberries, pin cherries, chokecherries and, for down by the ponds, redosier dogwoods.

Highbush cranberries are ornamental plants that grow to about 12 feet in height. They have red leaves in the autumn, and put on bright red berries that linger into winter and are eaten by wild animals. Birds usually wait until the berries have frozen and thawed several times before they eat them.

Pin cherries grow to be from 15 feet to 50 feet tall. The leaves turn bright yellow in autumn. They put on small blossoms in the spring and red fruit during the summer. Birds love the fruit.



Chokecherries grow up to 40 feet in height. They are very similar to buckthorn in appearance, but put on dark purple fruit that is very good for birds. While shade tolerant, chokecherries put on more attractive clusters of blossoms in the spring and fruit in the late summer if they have good access to sunlight. The chokecherry is not noted for bright fall colors.

Redosier dogwoods grow to be from six feet to 20 feet in height. They love to grow beside ponds, and their distinctive dark red bark and twigs are a pleasant contrast to winter snow. Almost all birds thrive on the white berries that the dogwoods produce.

We need volunteers about the first of May to plant our seedlings. We will provide some kind of colorful stake to put by each of these plants. Any of these plants might be mistaken for buckthorn, so some identification is needed so that enthusiastic buckthorn pullers do not accidentally uproot them.

By planting these bushes and small trees, we can provide people with the lower level greenery that they have become accustomed to in Lohman's Amhurst once the buckthorn is removed. In addition, by providing alternative fruits to the poisonous buckthorn, we hope to attract more songbirds to our area.

Would love your help this summer. Please contact me to volunteer your assistance.
cymraeg@comcast.net



AMHURST'S ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM

Gather your stuff, price it and display it at your garage! Each year we have 30-40 homes that participate in the sale. We have great crowds, weather dependent. A fall date may be scheduled later this summer.

Again this year, the Association will place the large garage sale sign at the front entrance and place print and digital ads in the StarTrib.

When the sale is over, many of the items you did not sell could be picked up by The Salvation Army.



Call The Salvation Army at 612-332-5855 by June 3rd and let the operator know you are participating in the Amhurst Neighborhood Garage Sale. The operator will take your address and you will be asked to leave the items they will be donating at your garage in bags or boxes with a sign that clearly states Salvation Army. In the event of bad weather, please cover items with tarp or place items in garage. If items are in your garage, someone must be home to allow them to take the items.

Summer Concert Series for All Ages

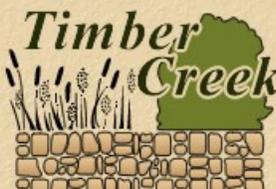
Join your neighbors for outdoor concerts. Performances are at the Veterans' Memorial Amphitheater at Wolfe Park. Performances may be canceled in case of inclement weather; please call (952) 924-2567 if weather appears questionable. Please park at The Rec Center parking lot or the free lots at Excelsior and Grand. Free - no registration required

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PET HARMONY AT AMHURST



Our Association is proud to be pet-friendly, and we're happy your four-legged family members are part of our community. Of course, like any good neighbor, it's important that these pets don't create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes and potential rule violations, here are some guidelines residents should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Read the Rules: While we welcome pets in our association, we have a few rules and requirements. Please check the Association's Resident Guide for more information.

Keep it Clean: No one wants to see, smell or accidentally step in the "gift" your dog left on the grassy common area. So when your dog needs to go, be sure to properly dispose of it, preferably, in a pet waste disposal can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases. Dog waste stations are available throughout Amhurst.

Quiet Down: Pets will be noisy from time-to-time. However, when loud barking or meowing becomes annoying to neighbors, it's time to help your pet become less talkative. First, try to find out what causes your pets to get vocal: Do they get noisy when they've been alone and bored all day and need some playtime? Have they gone through a stressful change in environment recently? Are they suffering from health issues? Do they simply like saying "hello" to every squirrel, person or car that passes by? When you've identified the cause, take remedial actions such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while you're away, removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible, exercising them more and spending more time with them. You can also take them to a professional or search online for tips on how to train your pets how not to get too noisy.

No Wandering: For the safety of your pets as well as all residents, please do not allow your pets to roam unattended outside. Along with helping protect your pets, leashing your dog is the law in the City of St. Louis Park. Coyotes have been seen at Amhurst and other parts of the metro area. Small dogs have been killed in the area. Amhurst does have a fenced in dog run at the upper tennis court for your use.

We can never emphasize enough the importance of making sure your garage door emergency key is available to you and not inside your garage or car.
Make sure you know how to operate this release.



HELLO AMHURST RESIDENTS

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WHAT IS THE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION?
BRAD LARSON, BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

You the homeowner and your owner neighbors are members of the Amhurst Homeowners' Association. Each year we have an annual meeting where board members are elected and discussions held regarding the previous year and what needs to be done in the next 12 months. The current board consists of five people who elect each year's officers. This year's officers are President Linda Dingbaum, Treasurer Mark Erickson, Secretary Carol Chaffee, and Vice Presidents John Rousseau and Bradley Larson. These five people are volunteers and they represent the Association. They make decisions regarding what needs to be done in the community on a daily, monthly and annual basis.

Amhurst is self-managed with one full-time homeowner manager, John Dizon. Some of John's duties include: management of contractors, communications with residence, swimming pool management, budgeting, newsletter, website and much more. John works for the Association and is managed by the Board of Directors. The board makes decisions on what needs to be done and John implements those decisions such as the new signage and landscape projects, etc.

The Association takes care of the "skin of your home"; siding, bricks, shingles, etc. It also takes care of the maintenance of the common grounds, parking lots, snow removal, financial and legal issues and more.

We pride ourselves on the look of Amhurst. The individuality of our homes adds to the beauty of Amhurst. Please remember that if you want to change something outside your home, the Association should be contacted for approval or direction. These activities include landscaping, gardening, etc.



IF YOU WANT TO PLANT A SHRUB OR TREE, YOU MUST CONTACT GOPHER STATE ONE CALL TO REQUEST THEM TO LOCATE AND MARK ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS SERVICE!

The utility lines including gas run everywhere and it is extremely dangerous to dig without proper planning, knowledge of the location of the underground utilities and approval.

As an Association member or a resident at Amhurst, it is important to know the rules and pay attention to the communications you receive from the Association. Read this newsletter. It may be a little dry, but it keeps you up to date on what is going on and what is important for you to know as a member of the Association. We send out an updated residence guide each year. Please read it to know the rules especially the ones that will cost you if you don't know what is going on, like moving your car within 48 hours after a snowfall. The towing fee can reach over \$300. Paying your dues on time is very important. If you don't legal fees and late charges add up fast.

The Association is all of us working together to have a beautiful, safe and fun living environment. If you have ideas to make it better contact a board member or John Dizon. If you see maintenance issues anywhere that need addressing, contact our manager, John immediately.

AMHURST IS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. GET INVOLVED!

THE ASSOCIATION IS YOUR ASSOCIATION.

LET'S CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD.

SAY HI AND SMILE AT YOUR NEIGHBORS.

You May Purchase These Items From The Association:

Window Screens for Corn Belt Windows \$36.00

Association Governing Documents \$25 or free as a PDF document at www.amhurst.org

Closet Tracks \$10 per ten foot section.

TURN OUTSIDE WATER ON

Start by checking the condition of the brass bleeder valve near the inside water shutoff valve. This is usually located in the front hall or interior utility closet.

Replace (if your water system is equipped with one) the brass bleeder valve cap. Make sure the small, rubber gasket is seated correctly inside the brass cap. If this is missing or has deteriorated, a replacement cap is available at hardware and home improvement stores. Take the old cap with you for correct sizing.

Once this cap is tightly replaced, with the rubber gasket seated correctly, turn on (counter clock-wise) the inside water valve.

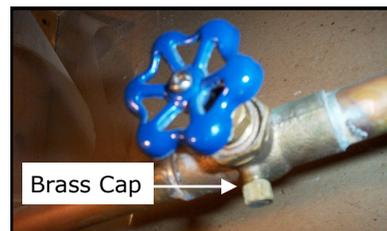
If the brass cap leaks, call the Association for a replacement or check at a hardware store.

Make sure the outside water valve is shut-off when you turn on the inside valve. Water is now available to the outside faucet. Run water from the outside faucet checking for any leaks around the inside valve, the copper water line and the outside faucet.

If there is a split in the line, due to winter freeze, this split is usually directly inside your home from the outside faucet.

Following these procedures in the fall and spring does not guarantee that pipes will not freeze during the winter months.

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POOL RULES TO KNOW

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- Shower before entering pool and also after exercising, applying lotion or using the toilet.
- No person with or suspected of having a communicable disease which could be transmitted through pool use may use the pool.
- Spitting, spouting water from the mouth and blowing the nose in the pool is prohibited.
- No running, boisterous behavior or rough play permitted.
- Absolutely no glassware allowed in pool or pool area.
- No diving.
- Pets are not allowed in pool or pool area.
- Management may limit the number of floats for safety reasons.
- Children not toilet trained must use diapers designed for swimming.
- NO SMOKING AT SWIMMING POOL.**

Note: Some of our swimming pool rules are state mandated and must be posted.

HELP THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOK GREAT THIS SUMMER!

- ◆ Might you have 'winter debris' and other junk on your patio? A quick clean up would be very much appreciated.
- ◆ Many areas of Amhurst's turf is not irrigated by the underground system. Please water these areas.
- ◆ Help the small trees and shrubs get a good start this spring. Watering them would be most appreciated.
- ◆ At the end of garbage/recycling pickup day, please put your bins back in your garage.
- ◆ It will be time to clean out the garage of all that sand. Don't sweep it into the parking lot. Instead, dispose of in your trash.
- ◆ Thank you to the vast majority of dog owners that pick up after their pets. Those few of you that don't; your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated by all your neighbors.
- ◆ The same goes for those of our neighbors that smoke. Dispose of your cigarette butts appropriately.
- ◆ Keeping garage doors closed gives the courts a cleaner look and does deter potential crime.
- ◆ Remember, if you have plans to do some landscaping that is a bit more involved than flower planting, please check with the Association prior to initiation of your projects.
- ◆ If you see items that need the attention of the Association, please make contact so the issue can be resolved.
- ◆ Gates and their maintenance are the responsibility of the owner and not the Association.

INSURANCE: A CRITICAL COMPONENT TO PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

MARK ERICKSON, BOARD TREASURER

Of the many things your Amhurst dues pay for, insurance is one of the most important. Our governing documents and state law require your board of directors to purchase adequate insurance as part of a comprehensive risk-management program.

Our Association has two types of commercial insurance coverage—property and liability.

Property insurance covers loss of or damage to any common structures or physical property caused by fire, flood, storms or other natural events. For instance, if high winds uproot a tree that damages a common roof, the Association’s property insurance would cover the cost of repairs. Property insurance may also cover what we call “human perils” (such as theft).

Liability insurance covers losses that would result if someone took legal action against the Association for an injury, financial loss or other type of damage. For example, one important type of liability insurance, called Directors’ and Officers’ insurance, covers volunteers like board and committee members so they’re not jeopardizing their personal assets to serve the Association. Our manager is also covered by our policy.

The Association’s insurance does not cover owners or residents, their homes or belongings. Each member should have his or her own insurance policy. If you need information about homeowner insurance, talk to a licensed insurance agent who specializes in homeowners associations or check out our website at www.amhurst.org. Look for the document entitled Necessary Insurance.

The Association’s master policy’s property deductible for Amhurst is \$10,000 per occurrence for all covered losses. You could be responsible to pay this deductible. In order to adequately protect yourself, it is essential that you purchase an HO-6 policy from your personal agent. Make sure your HO-6 homeowner’s carrier does not limit the amount of recovery for this deductible in the event you are responsible to pay it. We also recommend increasing your HO-6 Loss Assessment coverage to \$10,000.

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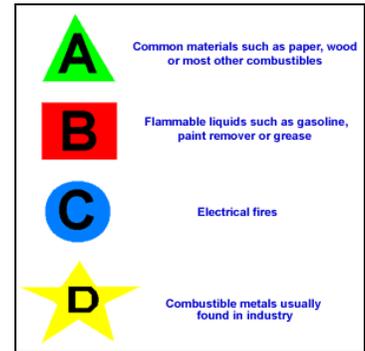
The Association strongly encourages residents to keep at least one, and preferably several, fire extinguishers in your home. Fire extinguishers reduce the potential for damage which keeps our insurance premiums—and your dues—down. Several types of extinguishers are available, and each has a specific use.

How Many?

Common household fire extinguishers are only intended to snuff out small fires before they become serious. Keep as many as necessary to grab quickly before a fire gets out of control. For starters, you should probably have one in the kitchen, at least one on each floor, one in the garage and one near valuable electronic equipment.

What Type?

The kind of fire extinguisher you should use depends on what’s burning. Different types of extinguishers are available for different types of fires, and each is prominently labeled with an alpha designation:



Class A fires: paper, wood, cardboard. If household items like cardboard, fabric, or wood (a sofa, for example) are on fire, water will do the best job of putting it out. This is a class A fire, and extinguishers containing water are labeled with an “A.” Water is useful *only* on class A fires, and actually can be dangerous on other types of fires: water spreads grease fires and conducts electricity in an electrical fire.

Newer A-type extinguishers are available that spray a fine mist of water, which is safer (less likely to conduct electricity) and causes less damage to documents or books. Water mist extinguishers are appropriate for a home office or home library.

Class B fires: gasoline, kerosene, grease, oil, and other combustible liquids. This type of fire is common in the garage or kitchen and you should use an extinguisher labeled B or BC. Most contain dry chemicals similar to bicarbonate of soda (a great all-purpose kitchen fire extinguisher) in a pressurized foam base. Others contain Halon (older models) or Halotron.

Class C fires: electrical equipment. Bicarbonate type (BC) extinguishers are also useful for electrical fires. But don’t confuse electrical with *electronic* fires—you probably don’t want chemical foam on your computer or entertainment components. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) extinguishers are also labeled BC, and these are probably better for extinguishing fires on or near electronic or other delicate equipment.

Halon is great for electronic fires, but if you’re concerned about the ozone layer, you might prefer the more environmentally friendly Halotron. Keep the Halotron extinguisher near the computer or your entertainment electronics—it won’t cause any damage if it’s used on any of these—or in the kitchen to use on grease or electrical fires.

What Does the Number Mean?

Along with the alpha designations listed above, fire extinguishers also have a number. This indicates how much fire the extinguisher can handle—higher numbers put out bigger fires. However, bigger isn’t always better. Large extinguishers are more difficult to handle and can only be used by one person at a time. If you feel you need added coverage, stock several smaller extinguishers rather than just one large one.

The All-Purpose Problem

Fire extinguishers labeled ABC will handle all classes of fire, and they would seem to eliminate the question, “What type do I need?” But the all-purpose extinguisher has some disadvantages. They’re usually large and hard to handle, they contain chemicals that can corrode aluminum and damage electrical systems, and they leave a messy yellow residue.



Local hardware stores and ‘big box’ DIY stores are an excellent source for recommendations and purchase. When you do purchase extinguishers, make sure you study the instructions and understand how to use them in the case of an emergency. An emergency is not the time when you want to read the instructions!

STATE LAW REQUIRES SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN YOUR AMHURST HOME. FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, CONTACT THE CITY OF ST LOUIS PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 952-925-2595 OR WWW.STLOUISPARK.ORG



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HOME SALE UPDATE

RUTH LEVINE, EDINA REALTY

You've been reading it in the news and seeing it on television that the number of home sales has risen by 11% or more. You are also hearing that sale prices are rising. One reason for an increase in the number of homes sold is that inventory is very low. Buyers

have fewer choices and are making their decisions quickly. I listed a 2 bedroom 2 level Amhurst town-home on a Monday and had the buyer on Thursday. Never even had a chance to do an open house! I did an open house for a new listing in Amhurst and had fifteen people come through in 2 hours. The market has indeed changed. Buyers are buying and sellers are even seeing multiple offers in some cases. While tax records and appraisals continue to be a drag on selling prices, we will see this slowly change.

Amhurst will soon be in "full bloom" with all the beautiful flowering trees and green spaces (although it is snowing as I write this on April 11th). This is the prime time for selling and buyers will be impressed with what they find in your community. Thinking of making interior improvements? This is the time to do it. Paint, clean, update light fixtures, de-clutter, clean closets, give every room a "wow" factor and you will enjoy the ambience as we get ready for this delayed springtime.





WINDOW REPLACEMENT POLICY

There are two recommended replacement windows for use at Amhurst. They are the Wellington Slider and the Cornbelt Insuliner Horizontal Slider (Triple Glaze).

If a homeowner's window is defective and needs to be replaced at the Association's cost, the window will be replaced with the Cornbelt window. If the homeowner insists on using the Wellington window, the association will replace the window with the Wellington, but any cost over the cost of replacement with a Cornbelt will be the responsibility of the homeowner.

If the homeowner is replacing windows at their own cost (the current windows are not defective), the homeowner has the choice of using the Wellington or the Cornbelt window. Cornbelt is the recommended window.

ALL window and door replacements must be approved by the Association. Do not purchase a new door or window without prior approval. Refer to the Association's RESIDENT GUIDE and DECLARATIONS for further detail.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yard Waste Dumpster at Pool Shed. Please no plastic bags, flower pots, etc. Use compostable bags and only plant material.

Yard and patio clean up by Prescription Landscape is expected to begin once the ground dries up. Gutter cleaning will take place at the same time. You might want to hold off putting patio items out until this messy work is completed.

Tentative opening of swimming pool is Saturday, May 18th.
Annual Garage Sale June 8th.
Annual Gardening Contest Saturday, July 13th

DOCUMENTS

- 2013 RESIDENT GUIDE
- 2013 DATA SHEET
- AMHURST MAP
- GOVERNING DOCUMENTS
- FLOOR PLANS
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- LATEST AMHURST NEWSLETTER
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 - Support, via ceiling brace, sagging upper kitchen cabinet
 - Check attic for insulation on trap door
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 - Lube, adjust and/or replace garage door opener
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