

# HETHWOODHOORAH

## JANUARY 2023



### News from the Director

KEVIN DAVIS

Happy new year! I am looking forward to what 2023 will bring to this community. What are you most looking forward to this year? Any fun New Year's resolutions?

We have had to wait on several of our final projects of the year being completed because of weather and vendor availability. We are hopeful to get these completed as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as we work to continue improving the community.

Our first board meeting of 2023 will be on Tuesday, January 17th. There will be a packed agenda with one main focus on the budget approval for the year. This is also the time when the board votes on the assessment amount for the year. We will also be electing officer positions as well as discussing future projects going on in and around the community. The meeting will start at noon and will be virtual through Microsoft Teams. Any homeowner is welcome to join, please reach out to us at the office if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.

We are still looking for volunteers to join the ACC committees for Stroubles Mill and Pilgrims Point. This is a great way to get more involved in the community and expand on your knowledge of the HOA and its processes. Please reach out to the office if you are interested in learning more!

One project we have been working on is updating the main architectural change form. We are formulating a better form to be easier to fill out by homeowners as well as being easier to review for the committees.

**HETHWOOD  
FOUNDATION**

750 HETHWOOD BLVD., SUITE 100H  
(540) 552-5252  
INFO@HETHWOODFOUNDATION.COM  
MON-FRI: 8:30AM-1PM & 2PM-5:30PM



**QUAD FITNESS CENTER**

2210 TALL OAKS DR.  
MON-FRI: 6:00AM-9:00PM  
SAT & SUN: 7:00AM-8:00PM  
POOL IS CLOSED FOR THE 2022 SEASON



**HUNTSMAN POOL**

2631 SHEFFIELD DR.  
POOL IS CLOSED FOR 2022 SEASON.  
THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!

# DAVE'S TIP OF THE MONTH

## New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Keeping time with dropping balls began long before the first New Year's Eve party in Times Square. Ships used them to accurately set the time based on a known location. The world's first time ball was set up on a hilltop near Greenwich, England in 1833. The ball made its descent at precisely 1pm each day, providing ships at anchor with the accurate time. Each year nearly 300,000 revelers gather in Times Square to celebrate as the New Year's Eve ball counts down the seconds until midnight. Millions more watch on TV.

In the 19th century, the area that is now Times Square was a horse trading center notorious for thieves and pickpockets. In 1904, the area was named in honor of the new, 24-story New York Times building, which was dedicated with a big New Year's Eve bash. Three years later, the ball made its first descent down the flagpole atop the famous landmark.

The first ball was made of iron and wood and was adorned with 25-watt bulbs. A lighter aluminum version equipped with hundreds of incandescent and halogen bulbs appeared in 1955. Computer controls were added in 1995. In 1999, the ball was refashioned for the millennium with an intricate design of Waterford Crystal triangles.

On its 100th anniversary, in 2007 the ball was transformed once more. Cutting edge LED lights were added to make the ball more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. The current version, redesigned in 2009, weighs a hefty 12,000 pounds! It's covered with crystal triangles and thousands of LED lights capable of creating 16 million colors and billions of patterns.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Kid's Movie Night- **INDOORS AT THE QUAD**
  - January 6th @ 6:30pm
  - Snacks and drinks provided (while supplies last)
  - Movie: Wall-E (PG)
- New Year's Kid's Craft - Available at the office
- Resident Lunch
  - Date: Wednesday 1/11
  - When: 12pm-1pm
  - **Please RSVP** by calling the office or sending an email to [info@hethwoodfoundation.com](mailto:info@hethwoodfoundation.com)



## Upcoming Board Meetings

### 2023 Quarterly Board Meetings

- January 17th | Noon | Teams
- April 17th | Noon | Teams
- July 17th | Noon | Teams
- October 16th | Noon | Teams



**Please email [info@hethwoodfoundation.com](mailto:info@hethwoodfoundation.com) if you are a resident and would like to attend an upcoming meeting.**

## **Hethwood Snow Removal Policy**

With winter approaching we thought it would be good to reiterate our snow removal policy. Our policy for snow removal does not differ from that of the Town of Blacksburg's where streets, sidewalks and roadways are priority after a heavy snow fall or ice storm. The trails are second priority as they are not intended to be primary routes for travel.

Our crew will work on snow/ice removal in the community and begin work on our trail system as soon as they are able in the event of a weather event. Until that point we ask that you use caution if using the trails, especially in heavily shaded areas.

As a general reminder, please stay off the pond. As the ice thickness can vary you are putting yourself at risk if you venture out onto the ice. If you see someone on the ice feel free to advise them to slowly step off of the ice. Your help is appreciated in this matter. If you feel that they are in danger please contact the local emergency services. All trails and amenities are used at your own risk.



## **MAKING CHANGES?**

If you are planning to make any changes to your home please note that according to the bylaws; an Architectural Control Committee shall approve or disapprove any additions or alterations to the building exteriors, including fences, painting-color changes, walls, walks, and any type of outbuilding/structure

An Application for Architectural Change/Addition must be submitted with as much detailed information as possible. Providing material specifications, examples, samples, locations, measurements, etc. to the Architectural Control Committee & the Hethwood Foundation. Forms can be found at [Hethwoodfoundation.com](http://Hethwoodfoundation.com) or at the Hethwood Foundation Office.

## **TRANSFER OF PRIVILEGES**

Homeowners, if you have renters & wish to have them use your recreation privileges, you may forfeit your privileges to renters residing in your home. Please sign and complete a Transfer of Privileges form available on [Hethwoodfoundation.com](http://Hethwoodfoundation.com) & the Hethwood Foundation office. This form must be updated anytime there is a change such as renters' names, lease dates, addresses, or other contact information. Please fill this out yearly so that we have the most accurate information.

## **Signup for Email Communications**

Be the first to know about community news by signing up for our email list! Please visit [hethwoodfoundation.com/newsletter](http://hethwoodfoundation.com/newsletter) to register!



## **CLUBHOUSE RENTALS**

### **Having an event or get-together?**

- The Hethwood Community offers the Huntsman Clubhouse for residents to reserve and rent for special functions or get-togethers. The clubhouse is located next to the Huntsman Swimming Pool at 2631 Sheffield Dr., Blacksburg, VA 24060.
- Renters are responsible for returning the clubhouse to its original condition with furniture in place, cleaned completely (residents are to provide their own cleaning supplies), and trash/recycling moved to the proper location. The Clubhouse should be left properly secured, with key turned in immediately after the contracted time and ready for the next inspection and rental.

### **Rental Hours**

- Monday-Friday: 10am-11pm
- Saturday-Sunday: 2pm-11pm

### **Rental Rates**

- \$75 Rental fee for 4 hours or less
- \$100 Rental fee for more than 4 hours
- \$300 Refundable deposit fee

### **Location**

Huntsman Clubhouse  
2631 Sheffield Dr.  
Blacksburg, VA 24060  
Located next to the Huntsman Pool.



### **Check Availability**

- Interested in renting the clubhouse for your event? Call the Hethwood Foundation at (540)552-5252 to check our availability or drop by our office!

## **DISCLOSURE PACKAGE**

Please note, if you are selling your house/condo/townhouse you (the seller) are required to furnish the buyer with a disclosure packet. The disclosure packet includes important information regarding the Hethwood bylaws, exterior home and yard inspection, architectural standards, dues requirements, and other important information. Realtors know this and may request one on your behalf. It is the seller's responsibility. If you are selling your home, please remember to make a written request for a disclosure packet from the Hethwood Foundation. You may visit [hethwoodfoundation.com](http://hethwoodfoundation.com) and under the forms & links tab, you will find the request for disclosure package form.

Please note that a exterior home & yard inspection will be completed as required. Any violations noted must be reported in the disclosure information and a letter will be sent to you as well. Any violations will need to be remedied in an appropriate time frame.

Haymarket Square owners must obtain a disclosure package from both the Hethwood Foundation (cost: \$150\*) & Raines Property Management: (540)951-0000 (cost: \$75\*). Likewise, Chowning Place owners must obtain a disclosure package from both the Hethwood Foundation (cost: \$150\*) and Townside Inc.: (540)552-4000 (cost electronic: \$225\*). A purchaser may cancel the contract if timely delivery of the association disclosure package is not completed.

\*Subject to Change