

THE GRAPEVINE



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Calendar

Next Board Of Directors' Meeting Thursday, December 16, 2010



JOIN US!!!

in the Administration Building at 1:30 p.m. All unit owners and residents are encouraged to attend all Board meetings.

▶ Property Maintenance Committee, Thursday, December 2nd at 1:30 PM, Administration Building

The Advisory Committee will meet December 15th at 10 am in Clubhouse I.

The next Landscape Committee meeting is in February.

- I was in New England early this week (giving an invited lecture at Yale) — the fall colors there are almost gone (although there was a gorgeous Japanese maple still in full color) — and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. But the temperature is still pretty comfortable. Although it is nice right now to get along without a heavy coat, as an earth scientist I must note that the unseasonably comfortable temperatures here and in Connecticut are one of the actual consequences of the climate changes that get so much publicity. Despite the claims of skeptics, global warming is real. At times it seems that this is not so bad, but, unfortunately, comfortable fall weather may not be the only consequence.

- I don't have any strong message about things in the Mutual this month — which is a relief. The Board of Directors is considering several things that may develop into larger projects — possibly working on revising and rewriting our Bylaws and looking into developing a more informative background information sheet for our residents. Either project will eventually need the cooperation of all of the residents. Updating the data on our residents will require your cooperation — you will need to respond to our request for information when we make it. If we decide to invest the time and energy (and possibly money for legal assistance) into revising our Bylaws we will need your help and attention when the job is done because it takes a full two-thirds majority vote of the unit owners to approve any change to the Bylaws.

Everyone was cooperative when we last amended the Bylaws and removed the "Right of First Refusal" and I hope that would be the case again. The motivation for considering a revision of the Bylaws would be to make them easier to read and understand. We do not have any major alterations in mind.

- Happy Thanksgiving – and best wishes for the start of the year-end holiday season.

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The President's Corner

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Hannukah December 2nd

SAFETY ALERT!

To all Mutual 14 residents who use Vantage Hill Road: Please remember that Vantage Hill Road is a two-lane road, frequented by walkers, and keep to the right when you turn off Leisure World Boulevard. Last week I was almost hit *twice*, once by a driver in the middle of the road and once by a driver making a turn into Glade Drive from the left lane. Please drive safely and remember the rules of the road!

A concerned resident



Personals...



12/26 – Margaret Cross – 13-3F

Landscape Committee



We would like to thank everyone in the Mutual for taking care of their gardens this year. We're sorry if we ruffled anyone's feathers with the letters we sent out, but things were getting a little sad, and the letters were effective.

Most of the trees have been trimmed back or removed now, and new ones planted to assure the Mutual continues to look lush. A project we're hoping to start in 2011 is the renovation of an atrium each year. This

means removing everything and starting over. We'll start with the atrium in the worst shape and work our way up. We don't have a meeting until February; if you see something that needs immediate attention, please contact your building's landscape rep, or Gloria Robar. Have a happy holiday and healthy New Year!



Social Committee

On Wednesday, December 15th, we will be having our annual holiday party: "Vegas Night" is back by popular demand. There will be games of chance and hors d'oeuvres all night. We will also have an auction, with plenty of great prizes. The auction will be a little bit different this time so everyone will have a better, fairer, chance at winning something. The party begins at 6:00pm, a fun-filled evening with your neighbors, for only \$10. Check out our flyer and sign up!

Sharon Moores
Chairman

Reminders & Vital Info



• • Stairway Safety

HOLD ON TO THE RAILING!!! when using the stairs. During wet weather, the moisture in the air can settle on the stairs causing them to become slippery.



Winter begins December 21st



• Snow Emergency Parking

Winter is approaching and this is a reminder of the “No Parking in Snow Emergency” locations. The designated emergency areas are:

- The small parking area at the Leisure World Boulevard end of Building 17
- The larger parking area at the Leisure World Boulevard end of Building 11
- 3 to 4 parking slots on Glade Drive across from the space between Buildings 12 and 13
- 2 spaces on Glade Drive at the end of the parking area at Building 11.

These spaces have been designated as the areas where snow will be stacked after plowing. Any cars parked in these areas may be snowed in for the winter. Signs will be placed at the appropriate areas to remind our residents, but residents must remind their guests and other non-residents to keep these areas clear.

• Energy Conservation

When you go away for any length of time in this winter, avoid wasting energy by taking these steps before leaving:

- Turn the thermostats in all rooms down to 55° or 60°
- Turn off circuit breaker to the Water Heater
- Unplug the TV set, Stereo, Radio, Toaster, or other unnecessary appliances.

You can conserve energy, even while you are at home.

- Close the front door, behind the storm doors.

Welcome!



James and Linda O’Neill who moved into Building 10 – Unit 3G

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Christmas December 25th



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IN MEMORIAM

Our condolences to the friends and family of Ray Messick (B15 2B) – who passed away on October 26th.

And to Virginia DeMatteo (B 16 1F) whose sister, Hilda DeMatteo, passed away on November 9th.



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December 26th to January 1st



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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