

Summer Oaks Condominium Association Newsletter

Spring 2014

Spring Cleanup Day

Our annual spring cleanup day will be held on Saturday, May 24th. We will meet in the field between buildings 1 and 3 at 9 a.m. In addition to general clean up, we really need your help this year as we have several projects to complete. This year we'll focus on the fronts of buildings 8 and 9. Geary, Randy and Bob will be coordinating the efforts of all participants. Here's the list of what we plan on doing:

- Repair or replace the balusters as needed on the walkways at buildings 8 & 9
- Repair or replace the railings on the stairs to the lake by building's 8 & 9
- Replace the dead shrubbery (boxwoods, spirea) at building 8 with something more suitable for our climate zone.
- Paint fire hydrants yellow.
- General cleanup of area, mulch shrubbery plantings, etc..

Come and lend a hand and stay for our potluck lunch. Meat for grilling will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Jamie will be organizing food and is looking for volunteers to help cook. We look forward to seeing everyone – thanks in advance for your help!

Pool Operator

We would like to welcome back our pool operator, Josh Ertel. Thanks to Josh for providing services for another season. Please review the pool rules with your family / guests and observe posted pool hours for closed times over nights and when chemicals are being adjusted or cleaning is being done. Josh will have several folks this year assisting him.

Scheduled Improvements

As per our 2014 budget, the shingles on the roofs at Buildings 8 and 9 are being replaced this spring. Soon we will also be rolling out the deck painting schedule for the summer for these buildings. The Board is also investigating changing some electrical fixtures to more efficient fixtures and taking advantage of some rebates offered by Focus on Energy.

Landscaping

We are happy to announce the return of our landscaper/lawn care servicer Shawn Schell - he continues to improve our curb appeal. Any comments or concerns regarding grounds, please forward to our building and grounds chair: Russ Krella.

Grounds and Pets

Please observe good common sense and pay attention to the rules regarding grounds and pets. Particularly, abide by leash laws, clean up after pets and do not walk pets inside pool area or tennis courts. Remember NO driving on any lawn areas as we have numerous septic fields that are easily damaged by this.

Dumpsters

Residents may not discard televisions, electronic equipment, microwaves, grills, furniture etc... as it costs the Association extra fees. Also, any items they want to discard MUST fit into the dumpster. Contact the Property Manager for assistance with large item removal and coordination.

Boat and Trailer Parking

Remember, no vehicle, boat, trailer, snowmobile, motor home, etc. may be stored on condominium property. Storage is defined as leaving such vehicle in areas reserved for parking for more than 9 days. The Board will be enforcing this rule and violators will have their boats / trailers removed at their own expense. Please note that you may not store your boats, trailers, etc. on the storage unit property owned by John Kassner unless you make arrangements with him.

A Message from the New Restaurant Operator

The Newman's have leased the restaurant to "Pokey" from Poynette. Pokey currently operates a very successful catering business and is excited to announce plans to open a Texas style BBQ restaurant on July 1. The restaurant will feature traditional favorites in addition to specialty items. We wish him luck and are happy to have this important part of our community scheduled to be up and running again soon!

A Message from the Town of Merrimac

Just a reminder that any construction project valued at \$500.00 or more, requires a Town of Merrimac building permit. The value includes materials and labor – even if self performed. This includes the replacing of cabinets and other interior work performed inside your unit. The replacement of mechanicals and fixtures (flooring, lights, water heaters, etc.) do not need a permit. If you are not certain whether or not you need a permit, it is highly recommended that you call the town and ask as fees triple if construction begins prior to a permit being issued. You can contact Tim McCumber at 608-493-2588 or townmerr@merr.com. You also cannot replace major areas of your outside deck without a permit from Sauk County because of Wisconsin's Shoreland protection law. If you are performing work outside, you should also consult the Board of Directors.

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon and enjoying all that Summer Oaks has to offer! Take care,

Jamie Sloan & The SOCA Board