



February, 2014

I claim there ain't, another Saint, as great as Valentine.
~~~ Ogden Nash

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello Everyone,

Hoping that everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and on behalf of our Board, we want to wish you a Prosperous and Happy 2014.

Speaking of the Board, the 2014 officers are as follows:

President – Frank Greco

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Mike Chicora

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Mary (Mickey) Damratoski

Secretary – Wolfgang Bitterolf

Treasurer – Karl Nilson

Until next time stay warm, and as hard as that may be during this winter season, please be safe.



Submitted by Frank Greco

Some messages from Scott Bright

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

As you have been previously notified, Crescent Township has awarded Valley Waste Service, Inc. with a one year contract for the garbage collection. As a reminder, the association documents stipulate that trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept only in sanitary containers. All trash kept in the garbage containers must be bagged and tied. Garbage is to be placed at the curb in garbage containers after 7:30 PM on the day prior to pick-up. Garbage containers are to be removed from the curb side on the day of pick-up.

Following the association's garbage regulations doesn't have to be a hassle, and it certainly helps us keep our community clean. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and efforts to make our association a place people are proud to call home.

## PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS

As of January 1, 2014, the association uses Alliance Association Financial Services for all of its banking needs. There are five payment options for your monthly assessments.

1. Payment mailed to the association lock-box by personal check. Payment by this method requires a payment coupon from the coupon book to be included with payment. The cost of the payment book is \$ 9.00 and has been paid by the association. Beginning in 2015 the cost of payment coupons books will be billed to the Unit Owners choosing this method of payment. Payments received by personal checks without a payment coupon are subject to a \$ 3.00 handling fee.
2. Direct Debit of monthly assessments initiated by Community Management Professionals, LLC. Completion of a Direct Debit Authorization Form must be submitted if not already utilizing this method of payment. There are no additional fees for this method as payment coupon books are not required.
3. Online Bank Payment initiated by Unit Owner with their bank mailed to lock-box. Please be sure to use the following mailing address when utilizing this method:

Villas at Parkwood Estates  
c/o CMP, LLC  
P.O. Box 98039  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8039

Be sure to indicate the correct account number in the memo portion of the check to ensure proper crediting. There are no additional fees for this method as payment coupons are not required.

4. Payment by e-check via the internet can be made by going to [www.cmpmgt.com](http://www.cmpmgt.com) and clicking on "online services" followed by clicking on "make a payment". There are no additional fees for this method as payment coupons are not required.
5. Payment by credit card (Master Card, American Express or Discover – VISA IS NOT ACCEPTED) can be made by going to [www.cmpmgt.com](http://www.cmpmgt.com) and clicking "online services" followed by clicking on "make a payment". There is a service fee from the bank to the Unit Owner in the amount of 3% of the transaction amount.

Please contact Tammy Mersing at Community Management Professionals, LLC if you utilize payment methods 3, 4, or 5 that do not require payments coupons. This will ensure that only those Unit Owners requiring the use of payment coupons are mailed and billed for them in 2015. Tammy can be contacted by calling 412-279-9280, extension 200, or by email at [tlmersing@cmpmgt.com](mailto:tlmersing@cmpmgt.com).

### **PET OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Executive Board values all its members, including members with pets. We believe that allowing members to live at the Villas at Parkwood Estates with their pets enriches the community and the lives of pet-owning members.

While we encourage you to enjoy your pets while living in our community, we also want to ensure that you do not do so at the expense of other members. That is why we feel it is necessary to occasionally remind all members that members with pets are required to adhere to the Villas at Parkwood Estates pet rules.

The Villas at Parkwood Estates pet rules, such as requiring members to dispose of pet waste, to keep their pets on leashes when outside their units, and to keep pet noise levels to a minimum, are for the benefit of all Villas of Parkwood Estates members. Failure to dispose of pet waste creates an unclean and unhealthy environment for all members. Pets that are walked off a leash can be threatening to other members and run off, causing damage to the community. Also, excessive barking or howling by dogs disrupts all members. Compliance with our pet rules is needed to keep the Villas at Parkwood Estates a pleasant place to live.

We know that the majority of Villas at Parkwood Estates members with pets comply with our pet rules. But, if you see anyone violating these rules, please contact the management office to help us enforce these rules.

### **TURF DAMAGE**

Please do not park or drive on the grass. Parking or driving on the grass causes damage to the turf that must be repaired at a cost to the association. Unit Owners will be billed for these repairs if it is found that they or their guests have caused any turf damage for any reason.

*“Love thy neighbor as thyself, but choose your neighborhood”.*

~~~ Louise Beal

We have some new neighbors who chose the Villas for their new home. They are Todd and Victoria Mobley and their daughter Alexandra Hogue and they live at #1717. Contact information for them is in the Directory on our website.



Lost and Found: Replacing Important Personal Documents

Important personal documents, like passports, birth and marriage certificates and Social Security cards, often are necessary for you and your family to access a number of government benefits and services. When those records are lost, stolen or damaged, you'll need to find copies and replacements.

Passport

A lost or stolen passport should be reported immediately to the U.S. State Department at 1-877-487-2778. You'll need to submit forms DS-11 and DS-64 in person at a passport agency or acceptance facility. If you find your passport after reporting it lost, return it to the State Department; you won't be able to use it to travel. If you lose your passport overseas, contact the local U.S. embassy or consulate. Find more information at travel.state.gov/passport/lost/lost_848.html.

Life Event Certificates

Birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates are state records. To obtain a copy, contact the state office where the life event occurred. A complete list of state and territory offices is available at www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm.

Social Security Card

If you know your Social Security number, you may not need to replace your Social Security card if it's lost. You can collect Social Security benefits, get a job and apply for many government benefits and services with only your number. If you want to replace the card, mail or take documents that prove your identity (a current driver's license or U.S. passport) and citizenship (U.S. birth certificate or U.S. passport) to a local Social Security office.

Military Service Records

Copies of military service records typically are necessary to apply for government programs available for veterans, including health care, retirement or education benefits. The National Archives stores copies of all veterans' services records. Apply online to receive a copy of yours or an immediate family member's if they are deceased. You can also replace lost military medals and awards. Go to www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

These vital records and others, such as tax returns and school records, can be replaced. A complete list of tips on how to obtain all your personal records is available at www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Family-Issues/Vital-Docs

**Villas At Parkwood Estates
Social Committee Report
Winter, 2013-2014**

The Spring Fling

The annual Spring Fling will be held on Sunday, May 18th, at the Speakeasy, Route 65, Sewickley. More details will be listed on your invitation. Thank you to Marion Miller and her committee for organizing the event. Please plan to attend, this is a great way to meet and welcome our new residents.

Ladies Luncheons

Monthly Ladies Luncheons are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Please make sure you make reservations with the hostess by the preceding Friday.

Please note, due to inclement weather, the luncheons are not held in January and February.

If you make reservations and cannot attend, **please call the hostess** to cancel.

Hostesses are:

March 12th

Gale Loberg 724-457-1450

April 8th

Mary Skinner 724-784-0254

May 13th

Ruth Myers 724-457-3319

June 10th

Toni Kessler 724-457-2321

July 8th

Judy Donovan 724-457-0109

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Picnic Committee, who again organized an outstanding event. Thanks to Colleen Keller, who arranged for the tent and thanks to everyone for bringing such a delicious variety of food. The weather cooperated nicely again this year and everyone had a fun afternoon.

The Ladies' Christmas Luncheon was held at J. W. Hall's. The Luncheon was held on Tuesday, December 10th and the Secret Santa exchange was a lot of fun.

We are open to suggestions for our social events and you are welcome to bring guests.

Submitted by Gale Loberg

EARLY MEMORIES

As original owners at the Villas at Parkwood Estates, Janet and I have many memories about our early days prior to moving into our new home. As our long careers as educators with the Moon Area School District were coming to a close we had a decision to make: Put lots of money into our modest 1949 ranch house located in Sharon Hill Manor, behind Wendy's restaurant, or look for an alternative that would serve us well in retirement without the cost of remodeling.

We heard about the patio homes being built off Purdy Road and made our first trip up the hill in 2001. The homes looked nice but "the hill" had us concerned. How could we expect to get up there in the winter? During the winter of 2002, when it snowed we made trips to the hill to see if the villas would still be an option. Remember this was before Maronda built the homes that now house the many children that require the township to keep the roads passable for the school buses to make it up the hill each day. Then it dawned on us that we were going to be retired and there was no need for us to go anywhere when the weather was bad!

In September of 2002 we looked at a still vacant lot where building 8 was about to be constructed. The unit in the back (1760) faced a wooded area and the developer realized he could ask a premium price for this location. As any good salesman would, Paul told us to make up our minds as it would sell fast. There were television commercials on at the time showing interviews with a very satisfied Loretta Daczkowski extolling the benefits of homeownership at the Villas. We were hooked, put money down and put our house up for sale.

During the winter of 2003 we could be seen driving the muddy unpaved road to watch building 8 going up. We would park and crawl through the windows that still were not framed to view the inside and try to vision where the rooms would be. During our visits to see Erin at the model we met a very friendly lady who was considering a purchase. That friendly lady became our next door neighbor, Joann Nardelli, who, like all of our neighbors have enriched our lives in retirement.

Move in day was in May of 2003 and after that day there was never any regret about not spending money to renovate the old house or having to climb the hill in the winter. Actually thanks to stories told to us by the Metas, Kesslers, and others we have discovered that in the winter, Florida doesn't have hills or snow.

Submitted by Janet and Bill Moore

Crescent Eagle 2014 Update (Submitted by Michael Chicora)

With Valentines Day rapidly approaching could love be “in the air”. Over the past several weeks it appears that the nesting pair of Bald Eagles that call Crescent their home, have been seen in the area. The picture below was taken on the afternoon of January 17. Over the past several years I have been lucky enough to see these amazing birds around our neighborhood numerous times. As I have said many times, it is amazing to watch these magnificent birds fly overhead. Well it turns out that this year we will have an opportunity to watch a local nesting pair of Bald Eagles raise their young. Through a pilot project with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the land owner, and biologist, a webcam has been setup overlooking the Pittsburgh Hays Area eagles nest. (<http://www.pixcontroller.com/eagles>). As you may recall from last fall, this is one of the three eagles nest in the Pittsburgh area. Over the past several years I have followed several other webcams that stream live videos of various eagle nests throughout the U.S. I am looking forward to following the daily activities of the Pittsburgh Hays area eagles as they start another year of raising their young. Hopefully this will be another productive year for the Crescent Township Bald Eagles. While you are out and about in your daily activities keep your eyes open because you may literally see love in the air.



Picture by Michael Chicora

Bald Eagle Nest Etiquette

Stay Back! Federal and state law states that the regulated protection zone is considered to be the area within 660-foot radius of the nest tree and no intrusion of this area is permitted. (Wildlife Conservation Officer Gary Fujak)