



The Villas' Voice

January, 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello all,
Hope your holidays were festive and on behalf of your Board, we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. By the way, the Board officers for this year are:
Frank Greco, President
Mary Damratoski, Vice President
Wolfgang Bitterolf, Secretary
Mike Chicora, Treasurer

We also want to thank Karl Nilson, Ray Gergich and Mark Leib for volunteering to serve on the Finance Committee.

I know it's hard to imagine spring and summer weather with snow and subfreezing temperatures we are having, but we will be busy when the weather breaks. Projects will include aeration and lime treatment of the lawns, replacement of some concrete trenches and flatwork as well as other work to improve the appearance of our community.

In closing, stay warm and pray for an early spring.

Regards
Frank Greco

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Now that we are in 2015 our Villas at Parkwood Estates Executive Board is looking for members to serve on a financial committee. At the October general membership meeting, the owners voted to create a financial committee to draft an investment policy for our association. Karl Nilson (1772) will chair the financial committee, and Ray Gergich (1742) and Mark Leib (1744) have offered to serve on it. Any owner interested in serving should contact Karl at KarlNilson1@hotmail.com or 724-457-2274.

Mickey Damratoski

NEWSLETTER

We would like to reduce the cost of distributing the Villas' Voice by sending it out via email to as many owners as possible. If you would prefer to receive it via email rather than postal service, then please let us know by sending an email to Wolfgang Bitterolf (1738) at wolfgang@bitterolf.com. Thank you!

Wolfgang Bitterolf

CLEANING OF DRYER VENTS

The dryer vents do accumulate lint and, apart from reducing the efficiency of your dryer, can eventually become a fire hazard. Arrangements have been made with Avacoll, Inc. to clean dryer vents at a cost of \$50.00. Contact Audrey Koletcha (412-279-9280 ext. 280; email: amkoletcha@cmpmgt.com) if you are interested in having this service performed at your unit.

Audrey Koletcha, CMP

TRASH

The trash gets picked up on Thursdays, typically not before 10:00AM. Unless you are working the night shift it should not be too difficult to get the trash out Thursday morning rather than Wednesday afternoon or evening. Why? Raccoons and other local wildlife usually look for food at night, and trash is like going to a restaurant for them – they tear up bags and just make a big mess.



This has happened with a certain frequency, it makes the neighborhood look like a landfill, and it is unfair to others who then run around picking up the mess. So please – follow these common sense steps:

- Put the trash out Thursday morning, not Wednesday afternoon or evening.
- If you have to do it Wednesday you must do it after 7:30PM (Rules and Regulations; Section D; item 1; “Garbage may not be placed at the curb until after 7:30 p.m. on the day prior to pick-up.”)
- You must remove the empty receptacles from the curb on the day of the pickup.
- Use a trash can. Use thick walled plastic bags only for the trash that will not fit in your trash can.
- Do not ever put trash out in white kitchen bags or any other thin walled plastic bags.
- If you miss the trash pick-up, or if you are going on vacation a few days before Thursday, then do not leave your trash at the curb under any circumstances – take it to the trash dumpster behind the municipal building.

If there are reoccurrences of situations like the one in the images above, then any neighbor who sees it should inform the board; and CMP will be called to get a cleanup service. The cost of this service will be charged to the owner(s) whose trash had to be cleaned up.

The bottom line is this: Your trash is YOUR responsibility, not your neighbor's, and not the Association's.

Wolfgang Bitterolf

**Villas At Parkwood Estates
Social Committee Report
Winter, 2015**

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon was held on Tuesday, December 9th, at Jackson's Restaurant. There were 18 ladies in attendance. Therese Haan and Toni Kessler were the very able hostesses. Thank you for the homemade sweets and gifts. We enjoyed meeting new neighbors Rita Melynchek and Linda Thompson. We hope to see you at many of our luncheons.

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 10th

Gale Loberg

724-457-1450

Kiyoshi Bistro

April

May 12th

Mary Skinner

724-784-0254

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Picnic Committee, who again organized an outstanding event last September. The weather turned cold, therefore, the afternoon was shortened. Thank you all for the great food.

We are open to suggestions for our social events.

Submitted by Gale Loberg

DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN FLAG

On a recent walk around the neighborhood it is very heart warming to see many of the homes proudly displaying the American flag. It is also nice to see that the majority of those flags are displayed on a daily basis and not just on special occasions. When the American flag is displayed, there are some do's and don'ts (Flag Etiquette). Most of the flags displayed in our neighborhood are fine, however there are a couple that consideration should be given in replacing the flag. For anyone that does replace their flag and is unsure of how to dispose of the old one, please contact Mike Chicora at 724-457-0493 or drop off the old flag at 1768 Heather Heights Drive and I will make sure that the flags are disposed of properly.



American Flag Etiquette

1. The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather.
2. The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. (It is flown upside down only as a distress signal).
3. No other flag should be placed above the flag of the United States when displayed together.
4. When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country (faded, torn, or tattered), it should be destroyed in a dignified manner.

Mike Chicora