



The Villas at Parkwood: A condominium in Western Pennsylvania

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone,

Not much to report, most of the activities and news are shown below.

The board and the newsletter committee have decided to only publish the newsletter electronically from now on. Those who do not have an email address in the directory will receive a post card notifying them the newsletter is available. If you do not have a computer you can get a print out from a neighbor or from Wolfgang Bitterolf.

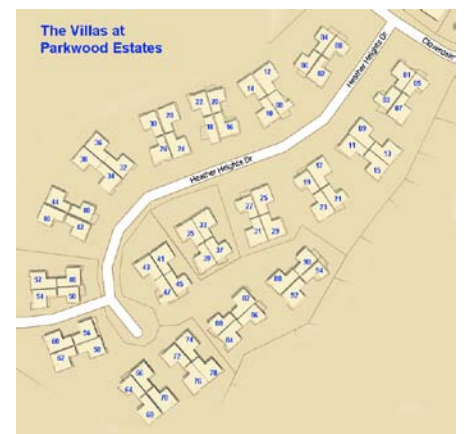
Have a great spring.
Frank Greco

Unit Numbers

Ever since we moved into the Villas some eleven years ago the numbering system of the units has been a mystery to me. I always knew that the even numbers are on the right as you drive up Heather Heights, and the odds are on the left, but that's where my understanding ended. We are 1738 and you would think that in our driveway you would find four consecutive even numbers - 1736, 1738, 1740 and 1742. Oh no, no such luck; the numbers are 1734, 1738, 1740 and 1744. I got frustrated and created this map with the units and their numbers. A full size image is at the end of the newsletter for a detailed look or for you to print out.

Ha, now I know where to look for you if you give me your number!

Wolfgang Bitterolf



Spring Fling

Gale Loberg tells us that the Social Committee will hold its annual Spring Gathering on Sunday, May 15th, at the Sewickley Speak Easy. Social will begin at noon, and brunch will be served at 1:00 o'clock. Contact Gail (globerg@comcast.net; 724-457-1450) for details and to sign up.

Mickey Damratoski

Garage and Estate Sales

There was an unauthorized estate sale a few weeks ago; there were cars parked all over the place and some residents complained about it. The policy was that neither a garage sale nor an estate sale was permitted, but the board has decided to revise this regulation.

There is a significant difference between an estate sale and a garage sale, and here is how the board has decided to regulate them:

An ESTATE SALE is when a unit is up for sale (or will be shortly) and the owner is trying to get rid of furniture and other content because there is no place to take them. The board has decided that permission to have an estate sale has to be requested. Such permission will be granted (unless exceptional issues exist) with the following caveats:

- The sale should take place from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- The unit owner is responsible of informing the Crescent Police Department that there will be cars parked on the street during the sale.
- The unit owner is responsible for making sure no cars are parked on the grass.
- The unit owner will be billed for the cost to remedy any damaged caused by the estate sale.

A GARAGE SALE is when you are trying to get rid of "stuff" you no longer want. The board has decided that residents of the Villas at Parkwood Estates can have a garage sale in conjunction with the Parkwood Villas Homeowner's Association's annual garage sale. This year the Parkwood Estates garage sale will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Rita Melynchek (rita0824@verizon.net, 412-913-5796) has volunteered to be the coordinator for this event; please contact her if you want to participate.

In terms of parking and damage caused to common property the same rules as those for an estate sale apply.

Wolfgang Bitterolf

Dryer Vent Cleaning

Again this year Avacoll is offering the dryer vent cleaning service. As soon as weather permits Avacoll will start with the cleaning of the dryer vents on those units that want to have it done. Dryer vents can become a fire hazard due to lint buildup that has to be removed every so often.

The date of the cleaning will be announced once the weather has cleared. The cost is \$50.00/unit. Payment is due on the day of service; please make check payable to Avacoll, Inc.

If you want this work done please contact Audrey Kolechta at CMP (amkolechta@cmpmgt.com; 412-279-9280, ext. 280)

Spring Plantings

Spring is in the air (or will be soon), and many of you will find it difficult to resist the urge to plant flowers and ornamental plants you'd like to see when you step out your front door.

A friendly reminder that we all live in a condominium, and that there are some restrictions. It has been generally accepted that you are free to go wild in the space between your walkway and the outside walls of your unit, and in some units the space between your garage driveway and the wall, even though it is common property. But that's pretty much it. **Everything outside the walkway is common property, and you cannot remove or plant anything there.** Please submit an alteration request if you think some things should change or be taken care of in those areas, and **if approved** the Condominium Association will do what it takes to get it done and paid for.

Wolfgang Bitterolf

A Note of Thanks

A few months ago, I traveled to California to visit my daughter and her family. At the very start of my trip, a small case, containing my Pennsylvania Driver's License, a credit card, and some cash, was stolen at the Pittsburgh Airport. Since I showed my license to a TSA agent to pass through security, I did not realize the case was missing until I was in flight to Los Angeles.

Losing a credit card and some cash was the least of my problems. The only photo identification that I had with me was my driver's license, and without my photo identification I would have difficulty passing through security on my return trip. Also, the realization that some stranger had my driver's license and home address was unnerving to say the least.

Upon landing in Los Angeles, I immediately filed a report with the Allegheny County Police who officiate at the Pittsburgh International Airport and called our local Crescent Police Department. The Crescent officers assured me that they would check my residence regularly while I was away and offered me advice on obtaining a new driver's license. Knowing the police were patrolling my residence put my mind at ease during my month in California.

I also appreciated the efforts of Sheila, our Crescent Post Office clerk. After checking with Crescent Police, she took the time to retrieve my new driver's license from my held mail and then forwarded it to me in California.

This experience was a "lesson learned" for me. In the future I will always carry another form of photo identification or a copy of my driver's license when I travel. Also, Villas residents should know that our Crescent Police offer a vacation check for any resident whose home will be unoccupied for an extended period of time due to a vacation. You can find a Vacation Check Request Form on the Crescent Police website.

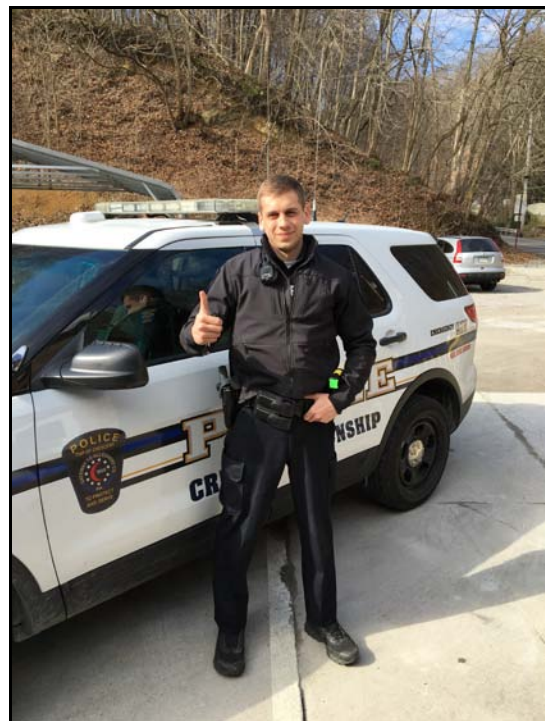
I feel fortunate to live in a community where officials are so caring and serve so diligently. I appreciate the response and service that I received from both our Crescent police officers and Sheila, our local post office clerk.

Mickey Damratoski

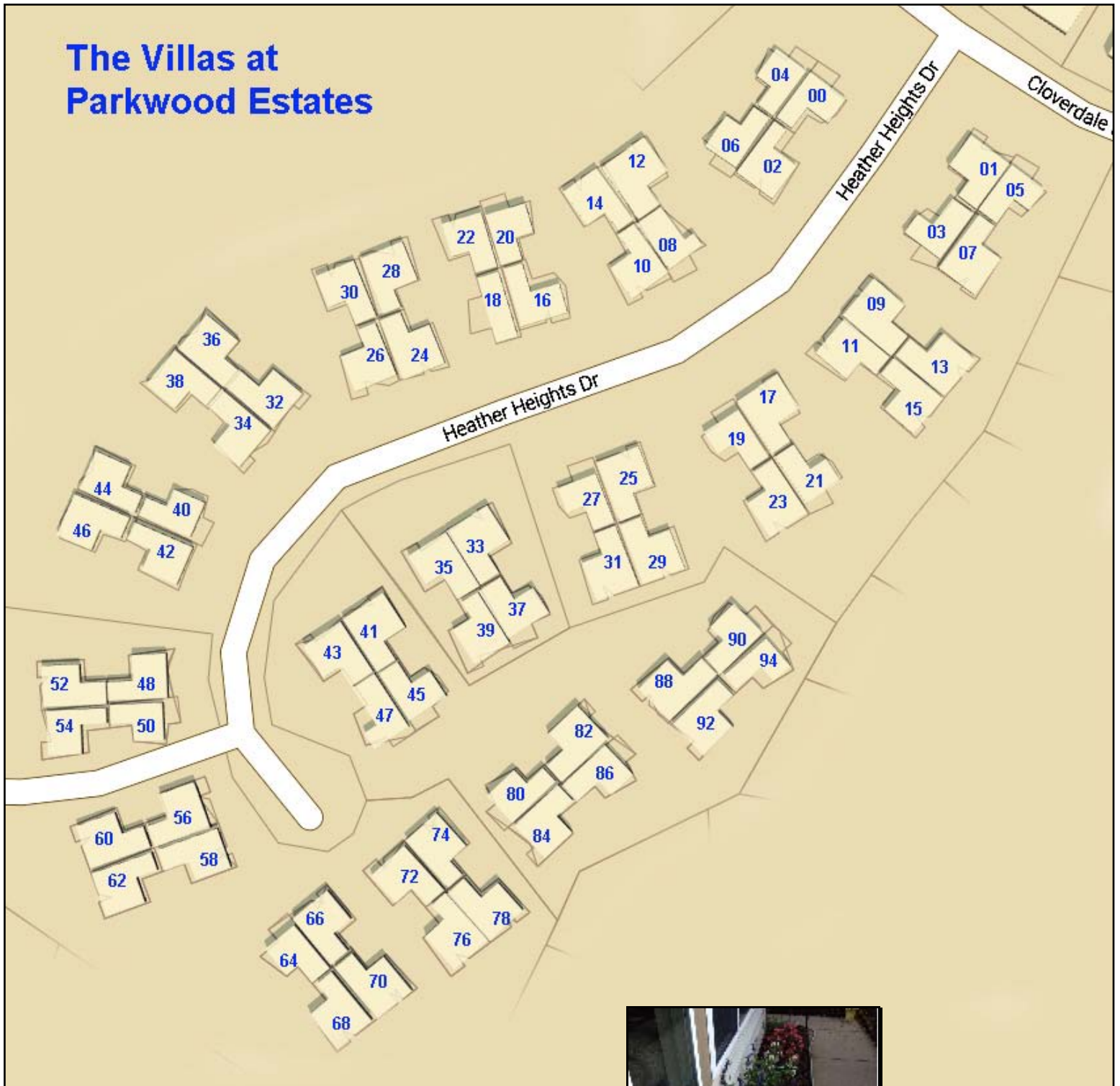
Sheila



Officer Bitts



The Villas at Parkwood Estates



Spring Planting in the Villas

