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STAYING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

By Devin Ceartas, Board President

If you'll be in the neighborhood and not busy with family over the holidays, perhaps you'd like to use our new web forums—or talk to folks in person—to coordinate the opportunity to get together with neighbors for dinner. It's a suggestion someone made at our last board meeting I thought I'd pass along.

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Devin Ceartas, Board President

At our annual meeting in September community members Richard Bunnage and Wendy Smith were added to our board and Rachel Swart and Rebecca Ferguson, both of whom had previously been appointed to the board to fill vacancies, were elected to new terms. Continuing to serve are myself, Jordan Smith, Masha Halpern, Laura Arneman and Lisa Norberg. The board elected me to a second term as president, Rachel Swart is our new vice-president, and continuing in their rolls are Masha Halpern as secretary and Laura Arneman as treasurer.

COULD YOU BE A TEAM CAPTAIN FOR YOUR BUILDING?

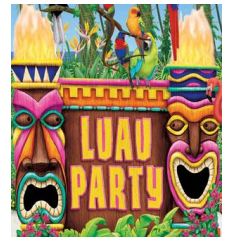
By Devin Ceartas, Board President

It was suggested at our most recent board meeting that it might be beneficial to the community if the manager and board had a list of one person per set of attached units who was willing to serve as a point-person. The role would include distributing emails to neighbors without internet access, letting us know who may need help moving their deck furniture etc. when it's time to paint, etc.

HOLIDAY LUAU!

By Rachelle Swart, Board Member

Come out and enjoy some grilled kabobs, coconut punch and a LIMBO contest. Grass skirts optional!



Saturday December 19, 2009

Village West Clubhouse on Ridge Trail
4pm - 7pm

Following the luau, we will go caroling from 7-8pm - for all who want to join!

- Ridge Trail 7pm
- Bluff/Fernwood 7:30pm
- Oakland 7:40pm
- Fair Oaks 7:45

COMMUNICATING WITH MANAGEMENT

By Chuck Grubb, HOA Manager

It is very important when contacting Chuck and Magnolia Management Group, whether by phone or by email, that owners identify themselves by first and last name, community name, and street address (number and street). Village West is just one of several communities that Chuck manages. If you're emailing, make sure the subject line is clear and relevant to your issue. Providing this information allows him to respond to your request more quickly. Chuck's email address is: Chuck@MagnoliaManagementGroup.com

PICKING UP AFTER FIDO

By Devin Ceartas, Board President



Village West, Chapel Hill and Carrboro all have rules

requiring dog owners to pick up and dispose of their dog's waste. So no matter which side of the road you're walking your dog on you should have a bag with you. I like to reuse bags from the grocery store or the plastic bags they put newspapers in. Our manager sent the following as an indication of the low cost and ready availability of dog bags from most pet stores (this is not an endorsement of any particular brand.) Should we make such bags available by the dumpsters in each of our neighborhoods?



HOME IMPROVEMENT

by Richard Bunnage, Board Member

A new project is underway for home improvement at Village West. This project involves sharing information between homeowners for items not maintained by the homeowners association such as doors, windows, exterior lights and even interior items such as window coverings, water conserving toilets and other fixtures. It will address sharing sources for purchases, the possibility of group purchasing, compliance with covenants for exterior items and other related issues. All Village West residents are welcome and encouraged to share their experiences and ideas for home improvement.

If you are interested in this project, send me a message at richard.vwhoa@gmail.com. An initial meeting may be called to discuss the formation of a Home Improvements Committee. A column may also be added to the quarterly newsletter for home improvement.

The board would also like to remind homeowners that proposals for exterior work on units should be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee and that this committee, managed by non-board members, is currently seeking volunteers.



WEBSITE, EMAIL, PHONE

By Devin Ceartas, Board President

Community member Steve Segedy has added a forum section to the WordPress website he set up for us at <http://village-west.net/>. The forums can be found through the home page or at <http://village-west.net/forum/>. There you will find conversations about parking, home maintenance and other issues. Please check it out and participate! There is also a Yahoo! email list open to any Village West resident or homeowner. There is a signup page at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vwhoa/>. In addition we maintain a low-traffic "announcement" only list. If we don't have your email address for this last list, please send it to us. I can be reached at devin.vwhoa@gmail.com or (919) 360-8787 and our manager Chuck Grubb can be reached at chuck@MagnoliaManagementGroup.com or (919) 663-4852.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

By Rebecca Ferguson, Board Member

The leaves have fallen and there's a distinct chill in the air! As most of you have probably noticed Village West has a new landscaping maintenance company, Brickman's.



please contact Rebecca Ferguson at fergrebe@gmail.com or at 919-619-4550.

Brickman's is responsible for maintaining the common areas including shrubs and low hanging trees, clearing debris from the roads and walkways, and addressing the communities landscaping needs.

For residents that prefer to maintain the shrubs and other plantings in the front and back of their units please contact Rebecca Ferguson at fergrebe@gmail.com and two landscaping markers will



be provided to you at a cost of \$3 each. The markers will indicate to Brickman's that the resident is responsible for landscaping around his/her unit. The

units with markers will be monitored by the Landscaping Committee to ensure that the unit is being properly maintained.

If you are looking for a way to get involved in the Village West community the Landscaping Committee is a great way to make a difference. At the beginning of October members of the community joined together to spread mulch at the Estes Road entrance to Village West. Volunteers also picked up trash around the neighborhood. The next Landscaping Committee meeting will be in January of 2010. For more information about becoming a part of the committee or volunteering in the community