
40 Homewood Community Newsletter

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**WISHING YOU A VERY,
MERRY CHRISTMAS**
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December 25, 2007

**HAPPY
HANUKKAH**

December 04, 2007 -
December 12, 2007

NOTE TO READERS

In November's newsletter, I published an article that I was not comfortable with. In my capacity as editor, I modified it but the person who submitted the article did not like my changes. After a lot of worry and stress on my part and against my better judgment, I decided the easiest thing would be to publish it verbatim. I will not do this again.

The first issue of this newsletter was dated October, 2003. In it I stated:

"This newsletter is meant to be a newsletter for everyone to participate. Anything to sell, significant birthdays, saying goodbye to people moving out and welcome people moving in, in memoria, weddings, etc. It is

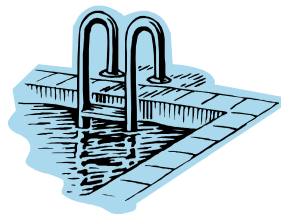
for questions, observations, helpful hints that would help to make all our lives a little easier.

*This will **not** be a forum to vent or publish malicious articles about any other owner or resident, the Management Office or the Board of Directors. Articles of this type will be rejected."*

Up until now, people, for the most part, have respected this but I now find myself in the position of having to refuse articles that I believe are not appropriate for this newsletter. I find that undue pressure and stress is being put on me if I do refuse. I do not want to be used as a conduit for the unrest and tension that exists in the building right now. This newsletter is a purely voluntary project I created to build a sense of community in the building, not unrest. As the writer/editor/publisher, it is my understanding that I can accept whatever I want and refuse anything I don't think is appropriate.

I would appreciate if people would respect this in future and let me continue to publish a newsletter that so many residents have said that they enjoy.

Martha McGrath



Welcome

To our new lifeguard,
Alexandra
Calhoun, who
will be assisting Heather. Let's welcome
Alex when we go down to the pool.

Happy Holidays



Christmas Dinner

We will be having a Christmas Dinner after all. My posting in the newsletter that we will not be having one produced results.

DATE: Sunday, December 16th, 2007
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Recreation Room, 1B level
PRICE: \$20.00

Tickets available from Management Office.

There will be Christmas caroling after dinner.

Ongoing Activities



Bridge in the recreation room,
Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.



Movies with Don in the
recreation room, Thursdays or Fridays at
7:30, Notices posted every week.



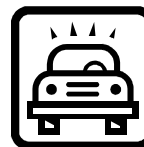
Laundry Tokens

Just a reminder to stock up on tokens
you will need for the holiday weekends
as the office will be closed for a few
days.



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"JOYEUX NOEL"
"VESELE VANOCE"
"MELE KALIKIMAKA"
"NODLAG SONA DHUIT"
"BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA"
"GOD JUL"
"FELIZ NATAL"
"BOAS FESTAS"
"FELIZ NAVIDAD"
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
"KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"VROLIJK KERSTFEEST"
"FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN"
"BUON NATALE-GODT NYTAR"
"HUA YING SHENG TAN CHIEH"
"WESOLYCH SWIAT-SRETAN BOZIC"
"MOADIM LESIMHA-LINKSMU KALEDU"
"HAUSKAA JOULUA-AID SAID MOUBARK"
"N PRETTIG KERSTMIS"
"ONNZLLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA"
"Z ROZHDESTYOM KHRYSTOVYM"
"NADOLIG LLAWEN-GOTT NYTTAR"
"FELIC NADAL-GOJAN KRISTNASKON"
"S NOVYM GODOM-FELIZ ANO NUEVO"
"GLEDILEG JOL-NOELINIZ KUTLU OLSUM"
"EEN GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR-SRETAN BOSIC"
"KRIHSTLINDJA GEZUAR-KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"SELAMAT HARI NATAL - LAHINGU NAJU METU"
"SARBATORI FERICITE-BUON ANNO"
"ZORIONKO GABON-HRISTOS SE RODI"
"BOLDOG KARACSONNY-VESELE VIANOCE "
"MERRY CHRISTMAS - - HAPPY NEW YEAR"
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"FELICES PASUAS-EIN GLUCKICHES NEWJAHR"
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Visitor Parking Passes



As the office will be closed for a few
consecutive days, it is suggested that you
get your Visitor Parking permits early in
order to avoid a rush at the last minute.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All

Submitted by Sylvia Keshen

- ★ May your hair, your teeth and your stocks not fall.
- ★ May your blood pressure and your mortgage interest not rise.
- ★ May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your psychiatrist and your plumber.
- ★ May you find a way to travel anywhere during rush hour, and when you get there, may you find a parking place.
- ★ May this Christmas find you seated around the dinner table, with your family and friends.
- ★ May you remember to say "I Love You" at least once a day to your partner, your child and your parents.
- ★ May we live as we intended, in a world at peace.
- ★ May we see the beauty in every sunset, every flower and every baby's smile.
- ★ Bless you with every happiness, good health and much love in the years to follow.

"Live" Christmas Trees

If you have a "real" Christmas tree, please make sure that it does not become a fire hazard.

Please dispose of the tree by putting it in a bag and throwing it in a special bin which will be used specifically for this purpose.



Gonna Be a Bear

By Sylvia Keshen

In this life, I'm a woman
In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear.
When you're a bear, you get to hibernate and sleep for 6 months.
I could deal with that!
Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid.
I could deal with that too!
When you're a girl bear, you bear your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake up to partially grown cute, cuddly cubs,
I could definitely deal with that!
If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If your cubs get out of control, you swat them too.
I could deal with that!
If you're a bear, your mate expects you to wake up growling. He expects you to have hairy legs and excess body fat.
Yup, gonna be a bear!

Holiday Hours for the Management Office

Watch the bulletin boards for the hours for the Management Office during the holiday weekends.





Recycling Corner

Used Household Batteries – Household Hazardous Waste

By Bill McGuire

Considering that our condominium includes almost 500 residences, the number of used household batteries turned into the office between January and October of this year, for proper disposal at a household hazardous waste depot, seemed very small. Thanks to those of you who participate in this effort.

If you are in the habit of disposing of your used household batteries in the garbage, consider the following. Those batteries will end up in a landfill, that is an out-of-doors facility which receives garbage. The garbage received there is managed to a degree but there can be seepage of the contents into the ground water. Groundwater can be one of the sources of water issued by man for farming or drinking. Over time, the casing on your batteries will be released.

These contents are often reactive, with the environment. That is, they may be corrosive as are the contents of alkaline batteries or they may be toxic as is caldarium which is found in some rechargeable batteries. Lithium is another reactive substance found in some batteries. The effects of these substances are cumulative with time as more and more batteries are added to the mix.

Many devices in use today, are powered by batteries: laptop computers, cordless and cellular phones, camcorders, digital cameras and cordless power tools.

So, instead of tossing that spent battery (alkaline or rechargeable) into the garbage, set it aside and take it with you to the office when you go to buy your laundry tokens. You will be helping to keep potentially nontoxic substances out of the environment and helping to protect the earth's precious groundwater.

Please tell your friends who live here about the used household battery collection in the office.

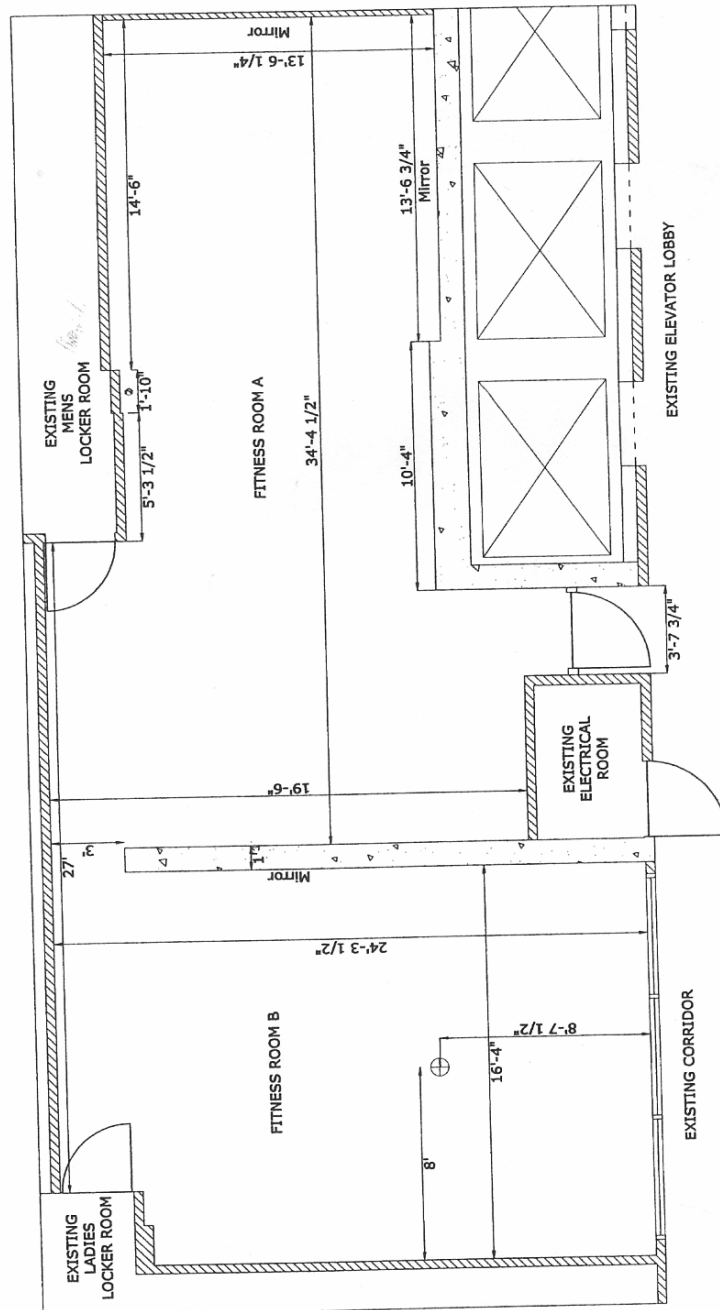
Thanks for your participation.

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING.



Exercise Room

As mentioned in the November newsletter, the refurbishment and expansion of the Exercise Room that was approved in 2005 is in the process of going forward. Shown below is a drawing of the proposed enlargement





If you see a fat man ...
Who's jolly and cute,
wearing a beard
and a red flannel suit,
and if he is chuckling
and laughing away,
while flying around
in a miniature sleigh
with eight tiny reindeer
to pull him along,
then lets face it.

Your eggnog's too strong!

RECIPE EXCHANGE

Cranberry Chutney

Submitted by John Donat

1 - 16 ounce can Ocean Spray Whole Berry
Cranberry Sauce
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 cup peeled and diced apple
1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons sugar
1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons vinegar
1/8 teaspoon allspice
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
Dash ground cloves

DIRECTIONS:

Combine all ingredients in a medium saucepan.
Cook on medium heat, stirring occasionally, until
apples are tender and sauce has thickened
slightly. About 30 minutes.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups.



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"Old" Jokes

A senior citizen said to his eighty-
year old buddy:

"So I hear you're getting married?"

"Yep!"

"Do I know her?"

"Nope!"

"This woman, is she good looking?"

"Not really."

"Is she a good cook?"

"Naw, she can't cook too well."

"Does she have lots of money?"

"Nope! Poor as a church mouse."

"Well, then, is she good in bed?"

"I don't know."

"Why in the world do you want to
marry her then?"

"Because she can still drive!"

Note from the Editor

Martha McGrath, Unit 615

I am so glad to be able to post the drawing of the
gym. It took a lot of work to scan it and finally get
it the right size for me to print it. I am sure
everyone will get an idea of what it will look like.

Those pesky reindeer look like they have
had too much eggnog. I hope they will be fit
enough to guide Santa's sleigh



MARTHA
