

Villas Experience

Waste Management

The Board

Special points of interest:

- Ladies Lunch/Cards...3rd
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- Social Committee.....8th
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- Board Planning.....16th
- Grounds Committee.20th
- Finance Committee..20th

The Association renewed the trash removal contract with Waste Management for 36 months. Their rates were less than other carriers and they agreed to forego the requirement to automate with the use of their larger containers for the duration of this contract. Residents should continue to use the containers that they have been using.

CLO Theater Outings!

Karen Neubauer

Please note the deadlines!

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Our theater excursions will continue in June with **"The Color Purple"** on [Wednesday, June 26, 2024 \(7:30 PM Performance\)](#). Price includes the price of tickets, bus and driver tip, and will be **\$127.00 each**. We will be meeting the bus on Wednesday, June 26 at 5:55 pm at the clubhouse to leave at 6:00! Please be prompt! The bus is filling and away we go! **Deadline for ticket** (your check is your ticket - made payable to Karen Neubauer, 537 Fair Meadow Drive) procurement **is Wednesday, May 21st!**

The last theater outing of the season will be **"The Music Man"** on [Wednesday, July 10, 2024 \(7:30 Performance\)](#). Price includes the price of tickets, bus and driver tip, and will be **\$127.00 each**. We will be meeting the bus on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 5:55 pm at the clubhouse to leave at 6:00! Please be prompt! The bus is filling and away we go! **Deadline for ticket** (your check is your ticket - made payable to Karen Neubauer, 537 Fair Meadow Drive) procurement **is Wednesday, June 6th!**

Should you have any questions, please contact Karen at (724)229-6977 or Karenneubauer@msn.com).



Water Aerobics

Karen Neubauer

Get Out Those Bathing Suits Girls! It's time to start our water aerobics for the summer!! We will be starting on Tuesday, May 28th at 10:00-11:00! Stock up on the sunscreen, get out the beach towels and get ready to have a great time of fun and exercise (never thought I'd say that phrase!) as we continue to be "SWANS" of the Villas! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Neubauer (Karenneubauer@msn.com or (724)229-6977. See you at the pool!

Enjoying the Blooms But Not Feeling Well



It seems like we have had more wind and rain than usual.

According to a CNN article and Cable TV, allergies may be the issue. Sufferers are becoming more allergic to airborne irritants, therefore symptoms are more severe.

- Allergy seasons are lasting longer due to our warming climate.
- Warming increases the areas where trees and plants grow.
- Plants bloom earlier and longer.
- Rain causes plants to release more pollen.
- Wind carries pollen farther.
- People are therefore exposed to different pollen.
- The outside shell of pollen causes the immune system to react.

A market research website says sales of antihistamines (allergy medications) will double in the next decade.

Will you be one of those customers?

**MAIL-
HOUSE**

When you receive a package at the mail house, please remember to insert and leave the key back in the keyhole only.

Grounds Report

Jane Conklin

Our Spring projects have begun. Mow, Mulch & More has cut our lawns in April and are now edging and mulching our shrubbery beds.

This May 20th will be the Grounds Committee's third meeting this year and we hope to have our Annual Spring Walk Around completed and tabulated. We order replacement shrubbery from Godwin's Nursery and Mow, Mulch & More removes and plants for us. The removed shrubbery will have their space marked with orange tape or spray paint for convenience of planting.

Some of our boxwoods can be revigorated by cutting out the small areas of dead leaves and allowing them to fill in with new growth. Shrubby will be trimmed only, not dead cut out, and hillsides trimmed in May by Mow, Mulch & More.

As an upgrade, we are in the process of getting quotes for a new fountain for Pond 2. Mow, Mulch & More is now responsible for fountain storage, installation, removal and cleaning.

Contractors are visiting Pond 3 to evaluate excavation costs of sludge removal. Our dump site on FMD- road to the woods- will have the dry sludge removed.

The Tree and Shrubby List Research continues as we seek more choices for our approved List. We would appreciate new volunteers to help in this endeavor. A trip to Trax's Nursery is planned to find more shrubby varieties to add to our List.

The Grounds Committee will soon be asking our volunteers to help us plant and water the annual flowers. A watering schedule is being prepared for the annuals in the urns and the in-ground flowers around the Clubhouse and Entrance area.

Come visit us since this is a Community Affair! We love suggestions too!



Building & Roads Report

Ron Richards

2024 Asphalt Activity – The Board has approved the 2024 asphalt work which will be provided by Tarbuck Asphalt. This year is the first year that we will be performing a mill & overlay of the topcoat of asphalt on streets. Pine Brook Court and the lower half of Fair Meadow Drive in Phase II were scheduled for this activity in the Reserve for this year. We had the engineering firm who conducted our Reserve Study confirm that this work was needed this year. Further, prior to performing the street work on Pine Brook Court, the engineering firm and our asphalt contractor required that all driveway work be completed on this street prior to the street work. As a result, we will be performing the replacement of all remaining driveways on Pine Brook Court along with the other driveways found during our Spring driveway inspection that will require replacement this year. This driveway work will commence after the middle of May and the street work will commence after the middle of August. Each will last about 2 weeks, weather permitting.

The specific addresses for the driveway work are as follows:

402 Pine Brook Court – Full replacement.

404/406 Pine Brook Court – Full replacement with improvement to drain.

408 Pine Brook Court – Full replacement.

410 Pine Brook Court – Full replacement.

412/414 Pine Brook Court – Balance – Garage Area – 414 PBC.

143/147 Fair Meadow Drive – Balance.

141/145 Fair Meadow Drive – Full Replacement.

119/123/125/127 Fair Meadow Drive – Balance.

305 Mill Creek Lane – Full replacement.

319/321/325 Mill Creek Lane – Balance.

For these locations, please refrain from scheduling contractors to perform work or events which may involve extra vehicle traffic during the May work period. You will receive specific instructions once a firm start date has been obtained from Tarbuck. Once work commences you will receive daily emails on the progress and work scheduled for the next couple of days. Plan on your driveway not being available to you for the day of the old asphalt & base removal and for 2 days after the topcoat is installed. We need your garage door to be open during all work. Your vehicle(s) will be parked on the street during these times. Please email me at kayrichards50@comcast.net of any scheduling issues you may have. We will try to work around them, if possible.

Thanks everyone for your continued patience, and courtesy to the workers and contractor's vehicles. This asphalt work affects us all in one way or another. We are 60% completed on our Mill Slag Base Driveway Replacement Project which began in 2020. We have also worked on any needed repairs to the stone base driveways during this period.

Social Committee Newsletter

Valerie Cicconi

A very warm heartfelt thank you to Patty Dembrak and her friend, Maggie for a wonderful Tea Party Social. Also our thanks to everyone who got into the spirit and dressed up for the occasion. A great time was had by everyone. A warm welcome to our newest social committee member Paula Assad.

Our next Social is on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th, at 4PM.

Your Social Committee will be providing Ham Bar-B-Que and Hotdogs. Residents are asked to sign-up at the Mail house and indicate what side dish you will be bringing so we have an idea of what our committee members need to bring as fill-ins. Weather permitting we will set up both outside and inside. So be sure to mark your calendars and come on down for this informal picnic vibe social. Guests are \$5 to be paid in advance to any social committee member.



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Our next Social Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th @ 1PM in the Clubhouse. A warm welcome awaits any new members wishing to join us.

POOL COMMITTEE

The pool Committee is looking for helpers to clean up the pool area, set up the pool furniture for us all to get ready to enjoy the pool this summer. Please join them on Wednesday May 8th at 1:00 pm to assist in this endeavor.

AUCTION

There is an online only Auction at 313 Mill Creek (Garnet Withrow 's) Friday, May 10th. Pickup is Saturday, May 11th from 8 AM to 1 PM.

<https://behmsauction.com/auction/antiques-and-collectibles-in-washington-pa/>

Memorial Day Quotes

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope." — [Winston Churchill](#)

"We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage." — [Theodore Roosevelt](#)

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." — [Elmer Davis](#)