**Villas of Arden Mills** 

# Villas Experience

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

## Special points of interest:

| • Ar   | nnual | <b>Board</b> | Mta   | 5th |
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#### • Ladies Luncheon .....6th

#### Social Comm.....11th



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024; 6 PM

#### AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Hope you all can make it!

We need to have a quorum in attendance or by proxy to conduct business.

If you are unable to attend, please be sure to get your Proxy form to one of the current Board members as soon as possible. Everyone should have received a Proxy form in the packet that was mailed to your home from Community Management Advisors.

Mike Fragello – 724/554-6621

Janet Burt - 412/849-3854

Ron Pancari - 502/422-2453

Marcia Rossi - 940/867-7255

Ken Porter - 941/713-9108

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## **Board Recognition of Volunteers**

The Board held a recognition luncheon for the volunteers in our community on November 7th at Delphini's restaurant. A good time was had by all who attended. You can go to page 5 of this newsletter to see some pictures from the event. The attendees wanted to thank the Board for their recognition of the work that they do for our community.

# Happy Holidays

## **Social Committee**

#### **Valerie Cicconi**

Thanks to all who attended the Chicken and Biscuit November social. We had a great crowd and received many compliments so I say it was a success. The 50/50 was won by Joyce Orlando. We also had many requests for the recipe so see it below.



20 piece Pioneer Woman Knife Set



"We use the money we collect from these events to purchase the food and paper products we use for our functions" Our next event will be the Christmas Get Together Social on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. It will be a BYOB and an appetizer to share. We will be having a raffle for a 20-piece Pioneer Woman Knife Set valued at \$100. This would make a nice gift for yourself or a family member for Christmas.

We will also be having a 50/50. Please see the sign-up sheet in the mail house and mark what you will bring so we have a variety.

Please keep in mind as many of you know we are not a committee supported by a budget from your HOA fees. We use the money we collect from these events to purchase the food and paper products we use for our functions. We thank you for your generosity.

Your committee is working on the Event Calendar for next year. The feed-back we got on the Chicken and Biscuits event led us to believe you are open to new and different ideas, so if you have any ideas or something you would be willing to work on with us please speak with any member of the committee of come to our December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1PM. We are always open to new ideas. We welcome any resident to join our committee. The more on the committee the less work it is for anyone resident. So please consider donating your time if not for every month then whenever you can.

## **Chicken and Biscuit recipe:**

In a pot or large skillet:

Brown ½ lb. of butter

Saute 1 small onion in browned butter (carrots and celery for coloring optional) Add 1 cup of flour stirring as you add the flour

1-32 oz chicken broth

½ quart half and half

1 Roasted chicken shredded

Your choice of biscuits.

## **Building & Roads Report**

#### **Ron Richards**

**Asphalt Crack Repair** – Todd's Asphalt has scheduled us for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual asphalt crack repair. This year we will crack repair 16 driveways indicated from our inspection. We will start in Phase I and proceed to Phase II for as far as the \$2,000 budget permits. We will complete Fair Meadow Drive from the stop sign to the Mail house, and then move to Mill Creek Lane for as far as the \$1,000 budget permits.

"Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the annual asphalt crack repair.

Please try to avoid driving on this crack repair material for about 10 minutes in your driveways. It will harden quickly. Please take care when passing the equipment on the street. Ease by slowly. The equipment is very noisy, and the operator may not see you approaching.

**Gutter Cleaning** – Premier Power Cleaning has scheduled us for Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> for the annual gutter & roof debris cleaning. We clean all units along the tree line on the left side of Fair Meadow Drive in Phase II and selected other locations from our building inspections.

**Helpful Hint**: The drain in your laundry room can occasionally emit an odor. This is sewer gas escaping the trap below the drain. Each trap should normally retain water to block this odor. However, if the trap is only used infrequently, the water can evaporate. There is a simple solution for this. Slowly pour about a gallon of water down the drain. This will fill the trap and eliminate the odor. Also, if you periodically place a Sani Stick in the drain, it will keep it clean and odor free from other drain smells.

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## **Hello Residents**

Mike & Debbie Fragello

In nearly all of our real estate transactions in our neighborhood, one thing is consistently cited in the home inspection. We find that there are no GFCI outlets in the laundry room. This type of electrical outlet is required near any water source.

Local electrician, Mike Kirby, has probably done electrical work for many of you. He has also provided services for our condo association.

He is willing to assist in correcting this problem. If there are enough residents willing to be proactive on this, Mike will make some special pricing available to our residents. This would be good for residents' safety.

Interested residents can contact Mike Kirby directly to schedule an appointment for service. Mention this newsletter article when you speak to Mike.



## **Bible Study**

#### Karen Neubauer

Merry Christmas to all! As we enter into the traditional ADVENT period in Christianity, leading up to Christmas, we all think of the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have great memories and experiences of what the holidays mean to each of us. But the reason for the season is Jesus Christ's birth, the coming of the God-Man, fully Deity and fully human. Our Bible Study is continuing in the Book of Revelation Chapter 15 (on Dec. 4) and Chapter 16 (on Dec. 18) at the Clubhouse from 1:00 - 3:00. It is so exciting to look at this book of the Bible and see what will be entailed in the SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Let us come together to focus on this grand event coming up in the future. Let each of us aspire to know Him and watch for the second coming - it could be at any time as only a few prophecies are left to be fulfilled! Christmas is always an exciting time, but when we know the One who is the reason for the season and are anticipating His return, it makes it ever more so. Hope you can join us as we continue through this most puzzling and yet dynamic book of the Bible. It's never too late to join in the excitement and anticipation! Karen sends study notes out to those who want to attend via email, so if you are interested, let her know - Karenneubauer@email.msn.com or (724)229-6977. Wishing you all a HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

## A date which will live in infamy December 7, 1941

The "Day of Infamy" speech, sometimes referred to as the Infamy speech, was a speech delivered by Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd president of the United States, to a joint session of Congress on December 8, 1941. The previous day, the Empire of Japan attacked United States military bases at Pearl Harbor and the Philippines, and declared war on the United States and the British Empire. The speech is known for its famed first line, which opened with Roosevelt saying, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy..."

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On Sunday, December 7, 1941, the <u>United States Navy</u> base at <u>Pearl Harbor</u> in the <u>Territory of Hawaii</u> was attacked by 353 <u>Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service</u> aircraft in a surprise <u>military strike</u>, destroying various American ships and aircraft, and killing over 2,400 civilians and military personnel. After consulting with his cabinet, Roosevelt decided to deliver an address before the joint session of the Congress the next day.

Roosevelt's speech was worded to reinforce his portrayal of the United States as a victim of unprovoked Japanese aggression and appealed to <u>patriotism</u> rather than to <u>idealism</u>. Roosevelt's choice to speak promptly helped to make the speech rhetorically powerful. According to author Sandra Silberstein, the speech followed a well-established tradition of how "through rhetorical conventions, presidents assume extraordinary powers as the commander in chief, dissent is minimized, enemies are vilified, and lives are lost in the defense of a nation once again united under God". [2]

The speech had an immediate positive response and long-lasting impact. It is one of the most famous speeches of American politics. It was broadcast live by radio and attracted the largest audience in American radio history, with over 81% of adult American listeners tuning in to hear the speech. Soon after the speech, Congress almost unanimously <u>declared war against Japan</u>, formally entering <u>World War II</u>. The <u>White House</u> later received a number of telegrams praising Roosevelt's stance. The speech has since been used in various films. Roosevelt's description of December 7, 1941, as "a date which will live in infamy" has been compared with November 22, 1963, the date of the <u>assassination of John F. Kennedy</u> and the <u>terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001</u>.

## **Recognition Luncheon**

