



Suffield Meadows

CUOA Newsletter

March 2011

Board Meeting Schedule -

Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Fitness Center. The next meetings are March 22 and April 26. All CUOA members are encouraged to attend.

Board Working Sessions -

are held bi-monthly at the Clubhouse. The dates and times are posted on the calendar at the Clubhouse and on the Web site. All CUOA members are welcome.

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Something(s) New from the Social Committee

One of the real treasures in our community is the work of our Social Committee. All who have served on it over the years are due a *standing O!*

Sue Arnold and Bert Boyd co-chair the Committee this year, with Mary Ann Yatsko as Vice Chairman. Shirley Palme is Secretary and Betty Seniw is Treasurer.

Bert tells us that participation in some recent community events is not as great as in the past, so the Committee is trying new activities, hoping to appeal to more folks. Here's the plan so far:

Feb 12 - Valentines Brunch
May 21 - Wine & Cheese Party
Oct (TBD) - Luncheon at Graves Mountain Lodge
Dec 10 - Christmas Party

Everyone in the community is *always* invited. The Valentines Brunch was fun and tasty! (And superbly organized and hosted; thank you, ladies.)

The Streets of Suffield Meadows

...are very narrow. Last December Fauquier County sent Suffield Meadows a letter concerning fire code compliance as agreed upon by relevant County departments. The code prohibits parking on streets less than 24 feet wide. The County developed a plan for placement of signs at strategic points telling residents and visitors that on-street parking is not allowed. This is critically important to community safety. Be sure your guests and contractors are aware. Permanent on-street parking is prohibited. Since our roads are private, we are required to self-police.

New Directory Being Prepared

The Suffield Meadows Directory is being updated for 2011 to include our new neighbors and update information on the "old" ones. If you have new information or changes from last year's Directory, contact Carol Motley at 540-347-5849, or husker4500@aol.com. And thanks, Carol, for doing this job!

About Our Landscaping Service

Suffield Meadows' landscape service, Curb Appeal, has begun preparing (edging and removing debris from) garden and tree beds. Mulching is planned for late March. In addition to the beds and trees in the common areas, Curb Appeal is contracted to mulch those beds installed adjacent to homes by Ryan when the houses were built.

If you have added other beds, you can, if you wish, make individual arrangements for edging and mulching them by calling Curb Appeal, 703-327-6206, before March 15. The incremental charge is \$40 per cubic yard of mulch.

More Protection, Better Sleep!

At the recommendation of Value Properties' Compliance Officer, your Board of Directors has increased our fidelity/crime insurance, added workmen's compensation coverage and changed the Directors' insurance to broad form. This will initially increase premiums, but there is an offsetting reduction expected when The Villa obtains its own independent coverage. So sleep well; we're protected!

Welcome New Neighbors

Rick and Linda Berg joined our community back in November. They live at 6650 Suffield Lane, 540-349-8840, Rberg@comcast.net. Welcome to them and their little cocker spaniel, Rocko, who has solemnly, with his owners, taken the pledge to be a "good canine citizen." (See article below, right.)

On Stage Locally - Neil Simon's *California Suite* is the next offering from Fauquier Community Theater. Performances are February 25, 26, 27 and March 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8PM, and Sundays' are at 2PM. (It's slightly *spicy*, like "PG-55"...)

The FCT Theater is at 4225 Aiken Drive (off Vint Hill Road less than 15 minutes from Suffield Meadows). Tickets are \$13 for seniors and may be obtained at www.fctstage.org, or call 540-349-8760.

Stay Inside the Lines and Under the Limit

They've been there a while now, so get used to the yellow lane stripes on your way out of Suffield Meadows. Keep to the right of the Guard Post as indicated. And remember that the community speed limit is **15 mph**.

This newsletter is an official publication of Suffield Meadows Condominium Unit Owners Association. Publication in this newsletter of resolutions, rules, regulations and meetings duly adopted or called by the Board of Directors serves as official notice to the membership and residents of the meetings or the adoption and implementation of these enactments of rules for the purposes of enforcement.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Let's do lunch together, ladies of Suffield Meadows! Bert Boyd is organizing a monthly (probably) *Ladies' Lunch Bunch*. Give her a call if you'd like to be included: 540-347-4992. (Sounds like she has some really interesting ideas for places to go.)

3rd Friday Book Club Dates

Here are the dates, hostesses and topics for the next two meetings, both scheduled for 10AM. Everyone is most welcome!

March 18 - Barbara Hutchinson (at the Clubhouse) 540-341-0050 unkydory@aol.com: *March* by Geraldine Brooks

April 15 - Vivian Lowe, 540-347-0907: *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow

Doing the Recycling Bin Shuffle

The wind storms of late have flung many of our recycling bins far from home. Some got back and some didn't. Thank you to the several neighbors who went out of their way to retrieve and return some of the bins. The recycling bins are leased from American Disposal and individual homeowners are not authorized to mark them with identifying information such as address or telephone number.

Opportunities to Help the Residents and Staff of The Villa

Is anyone willing to offer overnight lodging to Villa staff members unable to get home (and back) during inclement weather? The Villa, while it has vacant rooms, does not have beds and bedclothes for stranded employees (who have had to make do on sofas or floors at least once this winter).

Diana Heffer has offered to compile and maintain a list of the folks who have a spare bed or two and would be amenable to receiving a phone call when there is a need. If you care to volunteer, please contact Diana at

540-878-5481, diana.heffer@Yahoo.com. If you cannot reach her, please contact the Editor.

Tips for Pruning Your Shrubs

Garden Club Chair Joan Semple offers us some great advice:

- Prune evergreens (boxwood, holly and the like) now while they are dormant (and you can cut back the old growth on your chrysanthemums now too).
- Fertilize now, before new growth appears.
- Do not prune spring flowering shrubs (lilacs, forsythias and azaleas for example) until after they bloom.
- Rejuvenate liriope by cutting back now to approximately three inches, taking care not to damage new growth.
- Perennials may be divided in March and April if they were not done in October.

The Clubhouse Library

Scores of "good reads" are just waiting for you in the Clubhouse sun porch library. Take what you like, return when finished, and consider donating any good books you don't need to keep.

When you visit the Library, please leave the Library doors open and the Clubhouse thermostat set at 67 degrees.

Happier Trails

The trails in Central Park have been paved. Remaining trails will be completed in the spring. The contractor will address drainage issues on the trails behind the houses on Stream View (the storm drain easement area).

Sorry, but This Really Stinks!

We must find a way to get irresponsible pet owners to clean up after their pets and obey the leash laws. And pet owners need to be sure that friends, relatives and contractors providing dog-walking services also understand and obey the requirements of the community and the county. Sadly, it has become necessary to place this subject on the agenda for the January and March Board meetings.