

Voice

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March 27, 2019 -- BOD meeting - 4:00 pm - Community Center April 5, 2019 - Jambalaya and Jazz Social - 5:00 pm - Comm. Ctr. May 10, 2019 - Mexican Pot Luck - 5:00 pm - Community Center

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Erick Abadie

We are pleased to announce the slate of candidates for the Woodbrook Village Board and HOA (non-voting) positions for the 2019-2020 term. The new term begins on June 1, 2019. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor during the HOA Election meeting May 14, 2019. It is especially important that someone volunteer for the position of Vice President, so please talk to any Board member about the duties of this position. You will be receiving the information and proxy for the election in April.

List of Board candidates for voting positions:

Position	Name
President	Jay Merriner
Vice President	open
Secretary	Celia "Caz" Zuckerman
Treasurer	Carol Grabowski
Social Chair	Claudia Reppert

Volunteers for the non-voting positions are listed below. As was done last year, the new voting Board members, at their first meeting, will appoint the following individuals to their respective positions.

List of new term volunteers for non-voting positions:

Position	Name
Grounds Chair	Wayne Grabowski
Architectural Chair	Brian Reppert
Information Chair	Irma Collins
Community Center Chair	Becky Merriner

TREASURER'S REPORT – Carol Grabowski AS OF 01/31/19

OPERATING FUNDS

Operating Cash \$46,360.84

Operating Cash Reserve

a) Designated:

Snow removal Reserve \$4,500.00 (maximum \$6000.00)

b) Not Designated \$17,124.24 Operating Reserve CD \$10,686.81 TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS \$78,671.89

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

 Capital Reserve Cash
 \$96,219.27

 Capital Reserve CD
 \$27,006.02

 TOTAL CAP. RES, FUNDS
 \$123,225.29

TOTAL ASSETS \$201,897.18

From the Board: A review of the financial report reminds us that water is our biggest expense. We are presently running right at budget, but are now facing another (planned) rate per gallon increase from Winchester Utilities. We expected this increase, but we are now cutting it close. Please use water like it was rare, and check your toilets for leaks.

COMMUNITY CENTER – Helen Hatfield

Hoping for Spring? Good news, there are daffodils peeking up out of the ground along the foundation of the Community Center in defiance of the cold and snow.

The venetian blinds have been replaced in the library which completes the project of replacing all the old blinds in the Community Center. Now the blinds match, work properly and have a uniform appearance from the outside of the building. Thanks, Erick, for installing the blinds for us.

Over the last two years the Community Center has been used an average of thirteen times a month with an average of three hours at a time. This included club meetings, scheduled games, BOD and HOA meetings, and residents' private parties. Remember residents may apply to use the Community Center to celebrate with family and friends. Applications to reserve the Community Center are in the folder on the kitchen counter. We are pleased three residents will be using the Community Center this month of March to host celebrations with family and friends.

The last time the interior of the Community Center was painted was January 2007. We are hoping to schedule painting of the main room and kitchen sometime this spring or early summer. This timing will follow

guidelines suggested in the Mason and Mason Study of 2004. Monies for various such projects were allocated.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Kay Malone

Hope to see you at the Community Center for social events! <u>Friday April 5th at 5 pm</u>- "Jambalaya and Jazz". Bring your favorite New Orleans style dish or your favorite dish.

Friday, May 10 at 5 pm – Mexican Pot Luck.

**Note that our community socials are returning to

Friday evenings beginning in April.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Jorie Martin

Financials: January financials showed the association over budget \$4,281.91. The variance in the budget is due to the payment of two landscaping contract payments, January and February, in the same month. Snow removal was \$1,620.00 over budget for the month. Water and sewer are on budget with less than \$100.00 variance in budget vs actual.

Painting of the Community Center: Management solicited bids for the painting of the community center in response to request by the BOD. Estimates ranged from \$4600 to \$7450,

Landscaping – Extra weeding: The contract with Advantage currently includes a one-time weeding of the beds totally around the house after the clean-up of the community is done. A second round of weeding around the houses after the initial clean-up is not included in the current contract. The additional cost to weed around the houses at least once per month, April through October, would be at a cost not to exceed \$7,200/ year.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS -Vera Piper

We are requesting that our new residents confidentially provide an emergency contact phone number to Jorie Martin. It would also be useful to know who has a key to your house in case of a building emergency. These numbers are kept in a separate file for WBV residents only, and are only used in case of emergencies.

A request is also being made by Management for your email address. This will be added to the list of residents who wish to receive a "blast" notification when information needs to go out immediately. An example was the recent email on March 4 about the ice salt treatment. Below is a print of the email I got – no one else's email address shows, yet multiple persons got the same e-mail. Please sign up for this service by calling Jorie at XXX or by sending her an e-mail: jmartin@coventrygrp.com



The B2B Club is working on their 6th sleeping mat. We need bags from Martin's – we've run out - unbelievable. If we don't find another person to crochet these mats, then we will be going out of business after April 10. So please consider joining us – it has been such a pleasure spending time together and creating something so useful and needed.

We meet every Thursday at the Community Center from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

RESIDENT LISTING For Spring 2019

Attached is the most recent listing of Woodbrook Village Residents. This list alphabetically lists residents by name. We have prepared an alternate listing by address. Copies of those are on the counter in the Community Center. Please feel free to take one.

Do take time to look at your own listing and let Caz Zuckerman know if there is an error.

LIBRARY NEWS – Maryellen Nealon

Featured Author: Alexander McCall Smith

Born in 1948, Alexander McCall Smith is probably best known for his series set in Botswana. The first title, *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, was published in 1998; the latest book in the series, *The Colours of All the Cattle*, is number 19.

McCall Smith also writes the Sunday Philosophy Club series, set in Edinburgh, and the 44 Scotland Street series, along with many stand-alone titles (such as *La's Orchestra Saves the World*), and articles for print and online media. And as if that weren't enough, the first title in his newest series,

set in Sweden, *The Department of Sensitive Crimes*, will be published in April of this year.

With degrees from the University of Edinburgh, Alexander McCall Smith was for many years a professor of Medical Law in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. He travels widely, as is evident from the settings of his various novels and stories.

This author's works range from specialized academic texts to children's fiction. He writes with humor and kindness. Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's best-known and most prolific contemporary writers. A number of his books are available at the Community Center library. Happy reading!

ESSAY OF THE MONTH – Mary Kathryn Clark

Time

"Westerners have watches. Africans have time." So said Os Guinness, quoting an African proverb, in his book *Impossible People*.

That caused me to ponder the times I have responded to a request saying, "I don't have time."

I thought about the tyranny of the urgent and how schedules and deadlines dominate my life.

- Time is a protection. We can only handle twenty-four hour segments of life.
- Time can be a tyrant, ticking away relentlessly in your mind. Learn to master time, or it will become your master.
- Time is an equalizer. We all have the same amount of time. What do you do with your time?