



Voice

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May 10, 2019 – Mexican Pot Luck – 5:00 pm – Community Center
May 14, 2019 – HOA Elections – 4:00 pm – Community Center
May 14, 2019 – Meet new BOD and residents – after HOA election mtg.
May 18, 2019 – Clean Up Day – 9:00 -- noon
May 22, 2019 – BOD meeting – 4:00 pm – Community Center
June 1, 2019 – Italian Night Social – 5:00 pm – Community Center

*****RABIES ALERT** – A medium-sized black and white cat from a local feral colony has tested positive for rabies. It was seen in the adjacent community recently. The health district wants to alert anyone in the community who may have encountered the cat in that area of Winchester to report to the nearest emergency department if they were bitten, scratched, or licked by a similar cat any time since Tuesday, April 9. For more information, contact Jorie Martin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION -- Don't forget to attend the HOA Election meeting on Tuesday, May 14, at 4:00 pm in the Community Center. If you are not able to attend, please return your proxy vote with a Board member or a neighbor who is attending.

The Social Committee invites residents to stay after the meeting for refreshments and the opportunity to meet the new Board members and new residents.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Carol Grabowski

AS OF 03/31/2019

OPERATING FUNDS

Operating Cash	\$58,513.87
Operating Cash Reserve	

a) Designated		
Snow Removal Reserve	\$4,500.00	
b) Not Designated	\$17,145.22	
Operating Reserve CD	\$10,722.25	
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS		\$90,881.34
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		
Capital Reserve Cash	\$99,540.32	
Capital Reserve CD	\$27,006.02	
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$126,546.34
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS		\$217.427.68

GROUNDS – Wayne Grabowski

COMMUNITY CENTER – Helen Hatfield

The painting of the interior of the Community Center has been completed. The ad hoc committee to select colors met several times. There was a lot of discussion and differences of opinion but in the end we came to a consensus on the colors chosen. We would like to thank Robin King of Classic Touch for lending her expertise during our discussions and final selection. My thanks go to Carol Grabowski, Claudia Reppert, Caz Zuckerman, Becky Merriner, Maryellen Nealon, Kay Malone, and Janie Mohn who worked together to select a color we hoped would give the Community Center a warm and fresh look for your enjoyment.

One of the members of the committee, who chooses to remain anonymous, made and donated beautiful new pillows for the couches to replace the old stained ones that were there. The Community Center is one of the Woodbrook Village's best assets so we hope we are maintaining it so that you, its owners, can be proud of it and so it retains its value.

Apple Blossom time is here and Debbie Kann has made sure the Community Center announces its arrival with her latest creation on the front door. Thanks, Debbie.

On Saturday morning, May 18, there will be a Community Center Clean-up from 9 until noon. We might work on a few of the following: organization of the kitchen cabinets, polishing of the kitchen cabinets, washing of interior windows, painting of the trim around the exterior doors on the far side of the building, cleaning of the fireplace glass and hearth, organization of closets in the main hall, and cleaning of the oven (which can occur while we are working). Even if these tasks may be a little much for you, come out anyway and visit with some of your neighbors. Hopefully this will be

a time of fun, meeting some of our newest neighbors and not that much work. (I know... I, too, have not yet washed my own windows!)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Kay Malone

Hope to see you for Mexican “Cinco de Mayo Fiesta” on Friday May 10th at 5 pm. We chose the second Friday because we didn’t want to compete with Apple Blossom Festival. We’ll have Mariachi music and Mexican food. Feel free to bring your favorite dish of any type. Plan to stay for board games after dinner.

“Italian Night” is on Saturday June 1st at 5 pm. Mama Mia - comfort food!! Mark your calendar for July “Picnic” Social on Friday **July 5th** at 5 pm.

*****Let us know your thoughts about the best day and time to have future social events.*****

COMMUNITY NEWS – Vera Piper

Yard Sale – You are invited to participate in the Woodbrook Village Yard/Garage sale on Saturday, July 13, from 10am until 2pm. This is not a public event and will not be advertised, but family and friends are welcome. Be sure to direct your visitors to park on Rosewood Lane.

Now is your chance to get rid of unused furniture, kitchen equipment, clothing, doo-dads AND JUNK! Residents wishing to sell their excess items should be prepared to display their items in their garage. Larger items may be displayed on your driveway if necessary. If successful, similar events may be approved in the future.

A list of participating sellers will be published in the next two newsletters. Our deadline for compiling the list of sellers is May 31. Please let Vera Piper know if you would like to participate by calling 540-545-8297- and leave a message. All those participating will be supplied with a flag to be placed at the end of your driveway, signaling “yard sale here.”

The B2B Club is asking for plastic bags again – we prefer the ones from Martin’s, and the green bags that come with the Winchester Star. We also welcome more helpers, especially those who can crochet.

Gas Line Repainting – Many of us have been concerned re: the condition of the gas pipe going from the meter into the house. The fix for this is free – call Washington Gas Customer Service at 703-750-1000.

TRASH AND RECYCLING INFO – Attached is information regarding Frederick County recycling. There is also a brochure on the Community Center bulletin board with more information.

Our trash contractor picks up bags of household trash (NOT recyclables) on Friday morning. Place bags at the curb by 7:30am each Friday morning. Trash may be left out on Thursday evening ONLY if it is in a

covered receptacle.

Please note that the actual time of pickup may depend on circumstances such as weather, holidays, or the anticipated dump truck traffic at the landfill.

MANAGEMENT REPORT – Jorie Martin

Expenses year to date are within budget. Painting of Community Center was completed as contracted. Notice of Elections and Proxies were mailed out.

Landscaping projects include mulching, tree removal, sodding, and root removal.

Information on use of soaker hoses and installation of pavers next to driveways was presented to the Board.

LIBRARY NEWS – Maryellen Nealon

Thrillers = intrigue, danger, suspense, foreign travel, and sometimes even a little romance.

If this is a genre that you enjoy, look for these titles in the Community Center library:

Greenmantle by John Buchan

- *The Man from St. Petersburg* by Ken Follett
- *The Flanders Panel* by Arturo Perez-Reverte
- *The Russia House* by John Le Carre
- *The Expats* by Chris Pavone

...and enjoy these thrillers, old and new!

ESSAY OF THE MONTH – Mary Kathryn Clark

Today

Today is ours- let's live it.
And love is strong- let's give it.
A song can help- let's sing it.
And peace is dear- let 's bring it.
The past is gone- don't rue it.
Our work is here- let's do it.
The world is wrong- let's right it.
If evil comes- let's fight it.
The road is rough- let's clear it.
The future is vast- don't fear it.
Is faith asleep? - let's wake it.

Today is OURS- let's take it.