

Consolidated Co-op News

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Ed: M. McPherson.

Now that we're into February, it's time to think about voting for our Board Representatives and the Annual Meeting coming up on March 8th.

We have some great candidates lined up – Geri Hermann for B, Maura Abernethy for C, Marie Abernethy for D, Barbara Roberts for E, Fred Weninger for F, Bob Bordwell for G, and our only contested race this year Michelle White (a newby?) and Don Meredith for H.

The ballots are being readied in the Office and will be out soon.

Let this be a reminder for a couple of things – the drop box will be available at the Office for anyone local, or you can mail the ballot back in the return envelope enclosed.

Remember to print your name and unit number clearly on the outside of that return envelope – some signatures are impossible to decipher!.

Also, PLEASE do NOT send in your monthly carrying charge in the same envelope as your ballot – it is confusing, means your payment does not get credited in a timely manner, and runs the risk of getting lost in the confusion of vote-counting.

DON'T DO IT!!!

The January Board meeting voted that “snowbirds” be allowed to run for the Board, since governing State Statutes allow “presence” via speaker-phone. An unofficial summary of the meeting is available at the Office bulletin board pending the official Minutes.

Jayson reports that our staff is complete now – Bianca Mazon in the Office, Sandra Rodriguez cleans our laundries (and more), Steve Kowalczyk has been hired as Maintenance Supervisor, directing Andrew Vasquez and Javier Carillo in repairs and property upkeep. The Board has given permission for the staff to do additional jobs for members after hours – Steve has been working with many of you on remodeling jobs in the past months – so do not complain if you see them working on the property in addition to their regular hours, 7-4 with an hour off for lunch . . .

The Pro Rata Property Tax calculation is now available in the Office, if anyone is eagerly attacking their taxes, or even starting to accumulate any necessary papers. I was sorting old tax returns and found calculations back into the 1990s! (Pack=rat!)

Does any Member have any old, OLD newsletters? I have a file that goes way back, but is incomplete, and I would welcome your contributions. . .

B will be getting a new gate at the west end, and the pavers have arrived to complete the E xeriscape. More rocked areas are planned, which will cut down on grass against the buildings and the accompanying water damage . . .

Tom Chalmers, G-106, took advantage of my invitation to "guest edit" and provided the following -

Welcome to February, now that Ground Hog Day has passed and confirmed what we already expected....more cool weather, let's get on with what has been happening around the Co-op.

In our Red Book is stated that the riding of Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Skating, etc are not allowed in the corridors or anywhere on the Co-op grounds. In the past while there has been much such activity of riding bikes, scooters (one young boy went past our mail boxes on his scooter and came very close to having an accident).

We want to make those owners aware of this rule, as we don't want anyone to have a collision with any of these wheeled vehicles for safety sake.

Yes Flu season isn't over yet as we hear from the media. They say the biggest problems are people coughing and failing to wash one's hands when required (which is often when out in public places touching door handles, hand rails on carts and hand rails on escalators to name a few) So for our own good we must keep this in mind.

Our grounds are looking good, the grass overall is so much nicer to look at than it was just a few short years ago. With a little adjustment we can eliminate the water that is in the parking lot west of "D" by onto Garfield. The crushed rock along Garfield next to "E" is progressing and will soon be completed.

Just a reminder that the parking fees were due the first of January, \$25.00 covered and \$10.00 uncovered, added to your account, Your account must be paid for you to be able to vote at the annual meeting in March.

One of the best forms of exercising and most popular is walking. Several owners here are walking because their dogs require their walks, which is good for man/woman and their dog. Some may drive over to the senior center where for a fee you can walk on a tread mill or any other machine that you wish to use (they show you how to use all the equipment before you get started). Also they have hikes, dances, all good stuff. Yes, there are a few that walk around the property if even just to their cars.

Entertainment

Six Feet Up will be playing at the Annual Meeting on March 8th.

The FREE Snowbird Extravaganza will take place on Tues & Wed Feb 11 & 12 in Mesa at the Mesa Convention Center 201 N Center Street, Info 1 800 265 3200

There is a poster by the office.

Dates to remember in Feb: 5th is National Whip Cream Day, 8th US Boy Scouts 1910 Gypsy Rose Lee born 1911 and we must not forget Valentine's Day 14th or President's Day 17th, to name but a few.

Thank you, Tom.