

Surfcrest Corp
October 2006 Newsletter

Surfcrest Website Launched

Break out the champagne --- we're on the web!!!

The Surfcrest Corp Board of Directors is happy to introduce the first version of our community's website. The site contains information for residents and tenants including meeting minutes, newsletters, forms and other interesting documents.

This website will be our primary communication vehicle. Based on the initial feedback we will continue to add content – some of our ideas are listed on the coming soon page.

Do you have other ideas or suggestions? We'd love to hear from you.

Check us out:

www.surfcresthoa.org

Surfcrest Committees

We asked for volunteers and we received them. Thank you to those residents that have recently joined the newly formed committees. We now have the following committees:

Rules / CC&R Committee – they are currently reviewing the parking rules. They will be responsible for making recommendations to the board on any rules or CC&R modifications.

Safety Committee – one of the duties of this important committee is to develop an emergency plan for our community in the case of a local or statewide emergency.

Utilities Committee – this committee will get a handle on our utilities.

Pool Committee – This committee serves as liaison between the Board of Directors and the Pool Maintenance Company. They oversee the pool area, including the pool equipment and facilities.

Landscaping – as our longest running committee, the landscaping committee serves as liaison between the Board of Directors and the landscapers. They oversee each leaf in our pretty, green complex.

Each committee will further define their scope, duties and responsibilities and submit any suggestions to the board for approval. There is always room for one more. If you are interested in joining or forming a committee, please email Jan at GWPMJan@aol.com or her assistant, Patti, at GWMPatti@aol.com

Reminders

Vehicle Permits - Coming Soon

The Board has ordered and is awaiting the arrival of the parking stickers and guest passes. We expect distribution around late November / early December.

More info to follow...

New Pool Locks & Keys

If you haven't received your new pool keys, please contact Jan at GWPM to arrange pick-up or for a fee, the keys can be mailed to homeowners via certified mail.

Too Close of Comfort?

Here are two narrow escapes that might be of interest to all residents.

Flooding in your house may affect your neighbors. A washing machine was not loaded correctly and it jumped along the laundry room floor and flooded the owners' laundry room and garage. It also drained into the neighbor's laundry room and garage. Luckily, both the neighbors were home at the time.

Cleaning Dryer Ducts – One homeowner smelt something burning while their clothes dryer was running. They turned the dryer off and pulled the electrical plug. After checking the dryer to insure it did not go up in flames, they call a service center. The repairperson found lint around the motor had started to smolder. Luckily, the resident was home and corrected the problem before the house went up in flames.

Our dryer vents are very long and after years of use it is a good idea to have them professional cleaned. Any Chimney Sweep or Air Duct service should offer this service.

The Irritating Chirp of Smoke Alarms

Have you experienced your smoke alarm "going off" in the wee hours? If so, you are not alone. Some of our smoke alarms are 12 years old now and may need some tender loving care. Here are some ideas:

- Change the 9-volt Battery** - at least every other year (the fire department recommends twice a year).
- Clean the smoke alarm** – use your vacuum or other form of compressed air and blow out or vacuum the dust particles from the ionization chamber. Cleaning alarms can be done while the alarm is attached; if the battery is okay, it will take care of the problem.
- Buy new alarms** - The Kidde Company (www.kidde.com) sells replacement alarms for about \$15. Installation is only a few minutes.

Interior Window Maintenance

Keeping windows closed during rainy or foggy days will preserve and protect your windowsills from damage. When the builder painted the windowsills they used flat wall paint that doesn't afford much protection during wet or foggy weather. Windowsill repairs and replacement are not difficult, but enamel paint should always be used.

Street Sweeping

Are you tired of seeing debris in the guest parking bays? Why not try sweeping down the debris or using your hose to wash away some of the junk that collects. The street sweeping company cannot go into the parking bays in most cases which leaves it to the landscaping folks and us to keep our common area clean and presentable.

Thank you,

John, Tom, JT, Bob and Sheri
The 2006 Surfcrest Board of Directors