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HOMEGROWN

There is no taste like home. Frederick County has some of the richest and most fertile soil in the region, perfect for growing the ideal harvest. Some of the many items available in August are beans, blueberries, cantaloupe, cucumbers, eggplant, peaches, plums, peppers, raspberries, squash, sweet corn, tomatoes and watermelon.



The county has an abundance of farmers markets, farm stands and orchards with fresh produce to either purchase or pick. If you aren't aware of any resources, markets are often advertised in the local paper, or ask a knowledgeable neighbor. An internet search turns up many options in the county. You can also [contact](#) a local farmer to check what's in season at the farm.

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Welcome to Crestwood. Please register at the Clubhouse as soon as possible to be eligible for Clubhouse amenities, etc.

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- Doug Dawson**President, Liaison to Management, Election Comm., Tech Connect
- Therese Oseneek**..... Vice President, Liaison to Activities
- Paula Blundell**.....Secretary, Liaison to Clubhouse Funds
- Doris Vierbuchen** Treasurer, Liaison to Finance Committee
- Jeff Baggett** Liaison to Hospitality
- John Kendall** Liaison to Building & Grounds
- John Morrill** Liaison to ARC

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SUMMARY OF BOT MINUTES

June 28, 2022

(Unofficial)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Dawson, Therese Oseneek, Paula Blundell, Doris Vierbuchen, Jeff Baggett, John Kendall and Tina Parrish. Also in attendance were Property Manager Julie Lancaster and Assistant Property Manager Shirley Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John MOVED to approve the May minutes with a minor correction. The motion was APPROVED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Doris spoke about the new bank card entry on the balance sheet. It replaces credit cards used by management employees for community purchases. There also was discussion regarding increased fees, including the trash contract and HOA fee, as well as lost income from delinquencies.

DELINQUENCIES:

Management stated that on June 15th a payment of \$2,500 was received for a delinquent account. The HOA is approximately \$15,000 in arrears due to delinquencies.

OLD BUSINESS: A company is currently onsite working to repair the tennis court surface. A suggestion was made to have lines painted for both tennis and pickleball when done.

NEW BUSINESS: Caroline Bolin, Janice Fullerton and Mary Belcher have volunteered to return bingo for residents. The bingo machine has been inspected by management, and it appears to be ready to go.

A resident had complained at the Community Meeting about a bench in the parking lot, asserting that it was structurally unsafe. The bench was inspected by the BOT president on June 27th and was found to be structurally

sound but unsightly and in need of painting. The bench was removed from the sun. Anything that poses a safety hazard should be brought to the attention of the office immediately.

Citing the need for more research, the BOT tabled purchasing a kitchen island. The Kitchen Committee will review further options. Several people suggested stainless steel instead of a wooden top.

The trash company has not replied as yet for a date for fall bulk pick-up.

The emergency storm-damaged tree removal and fence repair was discussed along with the annual tree trimming in the common areas. Doris MOVED to accept a \$6,320 proposal for trimming and \$1,800 for the emergency tree work. The motion was APPROVED.

After further inspection, there is more work to be done due to the rotting wood on the Clubhouse roof. A review of the damage and an estimate for repairs will be done.

After comments about the new Rules and Regulations, John MOVED to approve the rewritten Rules and Regulations. The motion was APPROVED.

The Activities Committee requested that the Clubhouse be open in the evening on two Thursdays, August 25th and September 22nd. Paula MOVED to approve the request. The motion was APPROVED.

A potential new resident under the age of 55 requested permission to move into Crestwood. This person will be 55 four months after the



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move-in date in October 2022. Paula MOVED to accept the request. The motion was APPROVED.

INFORMATION: There will be a substantial increase in landfill fees in August, which will affect trash removal fees in Crestwood Village by J & J Trash. ■ There are currently 35 residents who have signed up to use the Clagett portal. ■ Osprey has paid \$348 to our HOA for the legal review regarding the Hogan property agreement. ■ Doris asked if Clagett had paid for the Volunteer Luncheon. The answer was “yes.” ■ All unpaid fee balances from the Yard Sale have been paid. ■ Shirley reminded everyone that maintenance fees will increase on July 1st from \$50 to \$60 an hour. Each work order is allocated a certain amount of time. Any additional work should be requested through a new work order. ■ John Morrill was introduced and will join the BOT as a Trustee on July 1, 2022. Trustee Tina Parrish’s last day on the Board is June 30, 2022. ■ A resident request to have stop lines repainted at Crabapple Drive and Arbor Drive was addressed. The stop signs and painted lines on the street are sufficient but will be repainted in the near future. ■ Shrub trimming around utility boxes was completed on June 25th.

HOMEOWNERS Q&A: A resident mentioned a Frederick County meeting regarding the Hogan property (Crestwood Manor) on July 5th. [Note: this is a meeting of the Frederick County Council regarding tax issues between the county and developer and does not involve the HOA.] ■ A resident reminded the BOT that having a counter-height table in the kitchen is helpful so volunteers don’t have to bend while working. ■ The Building & Grounds chairman asked that Osprey be contacted to trim tree limbs on the Hogan property behind Box Elder as agreed. The BOT asked for specific locations. ■ A resident thanked the BOT for a job well done this year. ■ Doug thanked all the Crestwood committees for their cooperation in working with the BOT this year. He also

announced a closed meeting would follow to determine BOT officers and liaisons, and the results would be shared via community email and the website.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Blundell, Secretary

ARC NEWS FOR AUGUST

As we start our new fiscal year (07-01-22 to 06-30-23), our elected officers are Jim Cullen, Chair; Charlie Crockett, Vice Chair; and Linda Wensley, Secretary. Other members are Jim Parsley, Charles Smith, Doug Dawson and Donna Dawson. John Morrill will serve as the BOT liaison to ARC.

If you are thinking of making any change to the exterior of your home, please refer to the ARC Guidelines, which are on the Crestwood Village website, crestwoodvlg.net, or in the ARC Guideline notebook located in the Clubhouse office. Items in Section III are pre-approved and do not require an application. Items in Section IV require approval, and an application must be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. Online via a link on Crestwood’s website under the Online Services tab.
2. Hard copy available for printing from Crestwood’s website under the Documents tab (scroll down to the Other Documents section). Printed copies are also available at the Clubhouse in the outer office.

If you need assistance with any of your planned exterior projects, please feel free to contact the office, and they will have an ARC member contact you. You may also send an email directly to ARC at crestwoodarc@gmail.com.

Jim Cullen
Chair, ARC

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Crestwood Village Homeowners and Residents,

A new Board of Trustees has been seated effective July 1, 2022. We appreciate the service provided by Tina Parrish, who was appointed effective August 23, 2021 to replace Bill Rucker who left our community to move to Florida. We welcome John Morrill, who has been appointed as liaison to the Architectural Review Committee. Otherwise, officers and liaisons remain the same. Since all but one member served on last year's Board, we expect to have seamless continuity, and current Board practices will remain in place.

The Trustees will be holding their annual offsite meeting on August 11, 2022, to consider goals for the upcoming year and to further consider Maryland House Bill 107, which becomes effective on October 1, 2022, and sets specific requirements for reserve studies. No business or voting will be conducted at this meeting.

If you need to contact the Board as a whole, please continue to notify Property Manager Julie Lancaster so she can stay informed. She will forward directly to the Board any email, paper correspondence or topics submitted verbally. If possible, please submit questions or concerns immediately so that they may be quickly addressed, especially if there's a known or suspected safety issue.

If you need to contact me personally, you may email me at dougdawsonj@hotmail.com. My intent is to provide you with an immediate response or at least an acknowledgement that I have received your query. Email is my preferred method of communication. However, if you need to speak to me or text me, my cell number is 443-822-1500. I'm also more than happy to meet with you in person or on Zoom. Constant two-way communication and collaboration between the Board and our community is essential.

Respectfully,
Doug Dawson
President, Board of Trustees

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all who donated so generously to our committee. This is the only way we can continue to send cards, deliver gift baskets and make charitable donations upon the death of a resident, parent, child or grandchild.

This past month we sent get-well cards to Diana Pitcher, Adonis Clark and Willie Hipkins. Gift baskets were delivered to Mr. Clark and Mr. Hipkins after each returned from a hospital stay of more than three days.

Sympathy cards were sent to Chris Burnett and Jan Cole upon the deaths of each of their brothers.

Our next Hospitality Committee meeting will be held on August 10th at 10:00.

Therese Oseneek
Chair, Hospitality Committee

August 15th by 4:00 is the deadline for submitting articles for the September *Village Voice*.

AUGUST MEETINGS

The Community Meeting is on the 23rd at 7:00.

The BOT meeting is on the 30th at 9:30.

BINGO!



Residents may look forward to the return of bingo sometime in the fall. At the June Community Meeting, Board President Doug Dawson brought up the point that many players lament the passing of bingo and wonder when it might return. He urged volunteers to bring the game back.

Jan Fullerton accepted the challenge and was joined after the meeting by Mary Belcher, Sue Wynne and Caroline Bolin. They will be working together to bring it back. Of course, it will take more than four people to do this. They need others who are interested in being callers, selling bingo cards and assisting in various ways. If you would like to be in at a new beginning, give Jan or Caroline a call!

Jan Fullerton Caroline Bolin
301-378-2128 646-369-3904

GARDENERS

Seven ladies and gents gathered in the sun room in July to share successes with plants, vegetables and rooted seedlings. Successful plant sharing and adoptions have included peonies, iris, hosta, primrose, cosmos, lily of the valley, fern and Asian lily. There are plants awaiting adoption as well. The seed exchange boxes remain in the gazebos.

Master Gardeners of the University of Maryland Extension Service are giving a series of free classes. The next class is "All about Herbs" on Saturday, August 6th from 10:00 until noon at the Extension Service Building, 330 Montevue Lane. Contact and registration can be made at 301-600-1596 or strice@umd.edu.

The Frederick landfill has a great deal on properly prepared compost. For \$15 a ton, you only bag, transport and pay for the amount you want. Call for availability and directions at 301-895-0810. Keep those fingers dirty. Even if everything dies, you will have had dirt therapy.

The next gardeners' meeting is the first Tuesday, August 2nd, at 11:00 in the Clubhouse.

Linda Meyer
240-529-7318

TENNIS/PICKLEBALL

The tennis courts have been resurfaced and are ready to be used. The courts also have been outlined to play pickleball. The pickleball paddles and balls are in the storage unit by the shuffleboard courts. Contact the office for access.

Management

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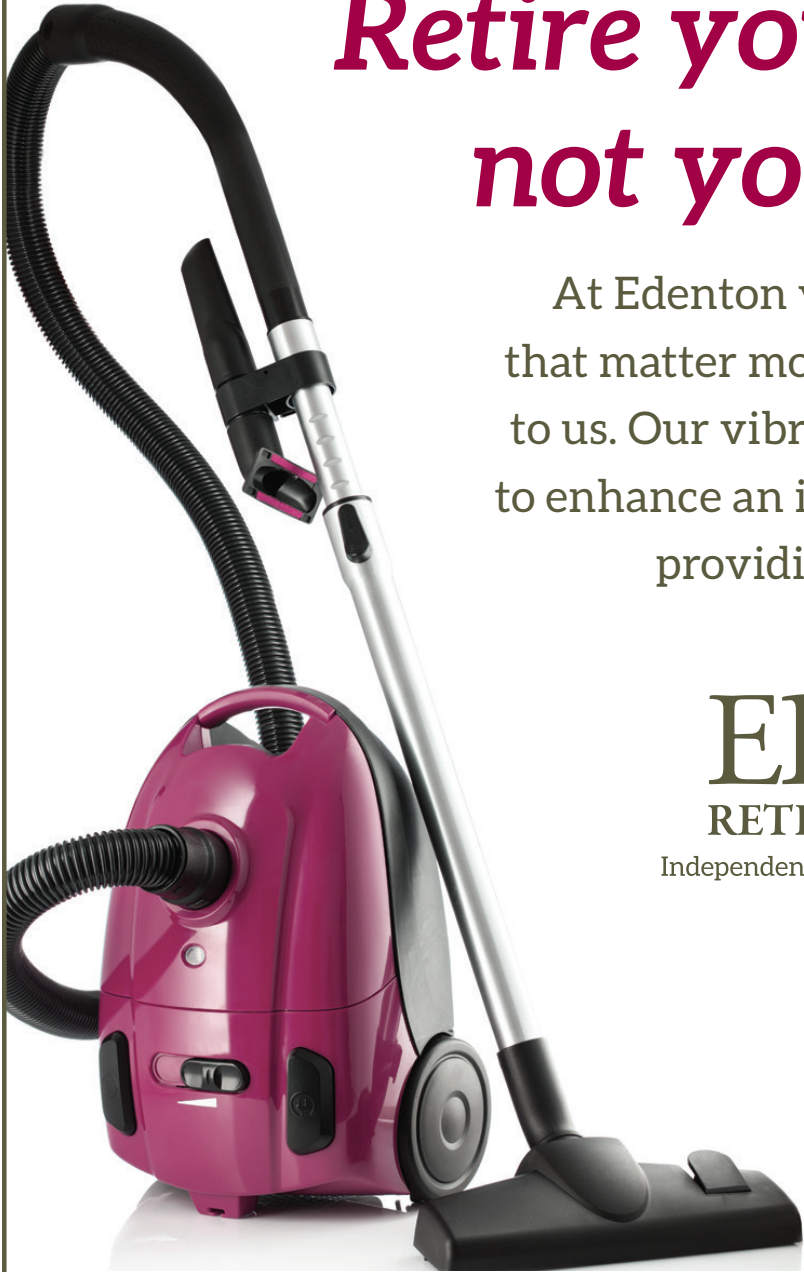
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*Walkersville Southern Railroad Trip,
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Sis Swartz, 2nd from left*

Once a Neighbor, Always a Neighbor.

*S*is Swartz may be a familiar name as she lived in Crestwood Village in a beautiful home overlooking a bridge and many visiting deer.

She grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. where she met her husband. She has fond memories of her time in Pennsylvania as well as in Crestwood.

Wishing to no longer live alone, Sis moved to Country Meadows and says she truly loves it here. She appreciates she “doesn’t have to worry about anything as everything is taken care of for her – there is absolutely nothing I can think of that is a negative.”

She shared her favorite thing about living at Country Meadows is the people: “they are all so nice, both my fellow residents and the staff.” Always a social individual, Sis loves to relax in the common areas chatting with her friends and dancing during happy hour.

Our team finds her in all the activities: “she is at everything!” She enjoys outings and playing cards and games with Kings Corner and Pinochle as her favorite. Her religion and animals are important to her, and she values attending daily devotions each morning, receiving Catholic communion each month on campus and doting on neighbors’ pets.

When asked for advice about moving to a retirement community, Sis recommends “making sure you visit the communities and get the ‘feel’ of the place before you commit.” She says she had visited other friends at Country Meadows years ago and remembers always enjoying her visit as everyone always seemed so happy. And when it came time for her to make a move, she didn’t have to think twice about coming here and has never regretted it.

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