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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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SUMMARY OF BOT MINUTES

August 31, 2021

(Unofficial)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Doris MOVED to approve the July 2021 minutes. The motion CARRIED. Paula MOVED to approve the July 29th special BOT minutes appointing Tina Parrish as a BOT trustee. The motion CARRIED.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Doris had nothing new to report.

DELINQUENCIES: Late notices have been sent out, and payments have been received.

OLD BUSINESS: The BOT will need to do further research on limiting renters before making a decision. This subject was tabled until the next meeting.

Doris MOVED to accept Mountainside Builders' proposal to install three panic bars, three new closers, and three new pulls for the auditorium doors for a total of \$1,613. The motion CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS: Therese MOVED "That the Clubhouse remains closed on Saturday evenings except for the last Saturday of the month from the hours of 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM not including holidays, any pre-holiday closures, or extenuating circumstances as determined by the Board. Additional Saturday evening hours, if any, coordinated by the Activities Committee with the Board of Trustees are excepted. The Board will not consider

further Saturday evening hours until March 22, 2022. Further pandemic restrictions, if any, will prevail. Paid Claggett employees are required to work the front desk on Saturday evenings." The motion CARRIED.

Entrance door proposals and demolition will be a two-phase process. Three proposals were approved to begin phase one for replacing the front entrance doors. Doris MOVED to accept Mountainside Builders' proposal to remove the existing doors for a total of \$5,326. The motion CARRIED. John MOVED to accept Mountainside Builders' proposal to remove and re-pour the concrete for a total of \$2,692. The motion CARRIED.

John MOVED to accept Susquehanna's Door Service's proposal to install new entrance doors at the front of the Clubhouse for a total of \$11,390. The price includes replacing quarter-inch glass with one-inch-thick insulated glass for \$1,135. The motion CARRIED.



Paula MOVED to accept MainScapes' three-year contract for snow removal under the condition they include snow removal around the mailboxes and fire hydrants. The motion CARRIED.

John MOVED to accept MainScapes' three-year lawn contract. The motion CARRIED.

Doris MOVED to accept All Shreds' three-year contract, which includes pick-up every eight weeks or as needed, for \$75 per pickup. Shredding is always done on-site. The motion CARRIED.

Jeff MOVED to accept Metropolitan Tennis Construction's proposal for a total of \$14,850 to repair and resurface the tennis court. The motion CARRIED.

BOT (Continued from page 3)

Doug introduced the Election Committee appointees Connie Scoggins, Karen and Rick VanWert, Sandy Buck, Cathy Stull, Linda Bell and Bernadine Hoffman.

Doug introduced the Finance Committee Chairwoman Janice Cole and appointee Sandy Buck.

Having input from homeowners, the BOT determined that fencing around the Lantana dumpster would be expensive and unlikely to be effective against illegal dumping.

There are three fencing projects needed for 1) Crestwood II condo fences, 2) replacement of damaged fencing across the southern end of King’s Branch, and 3) replacement of damaged fencing along New Design Road due to damage from a tree. Doris MOVED to accept Tri County Fence and Decks’ proposal for these repairs for a total of \$17,226. The motion CARRIED.

Paula MOVED to accept Shade Tree’s proposal to remove/trim trees on common ground for a total of \$15,590. The motion CARRIED.

John MOVED to approve the new Election Committee Purpose and Structure Policies and Procedures document authored by Linda Bell and Bernadine Hoffman. The motion CARRIED.

Paula MOVED to approve the new Bingo Purpose and Structure document primarily authored by John Kendall with an amendment. The motion CARRIED.

Two options were submitted by Clagett regarding a pandemic refund. John MOVED to approve the first refund option for a total of \$7,616. The motion CARRIED.

In order to become a “recognized organization” in the matter of the Crestwood Manor

development (formerly Hogan’s Woods), the BOT must appoint spokespersons for Crestwood Village by resolution. The spokespersons are the president, vice president and Trustee John Kendall. Jeff MOVED to approve the resolution as written. The motion CARRIED. There will be a virtual meeting hosted by the county Planning Commission at 9:30 AM on September 8th regarding development of the property. A link to the meeting may be found on our website.

MANAGEMENT: There is no report.

HOMEOWNER Q&A: Mary Belcher would like to resume bingo and is seeking volunteers to organize it. ■ Ruth Henderson asked the BOT if she can proceed with planning the Christmas party this year. The BOT approved.

INFORMATION: Jeff suggested that the BOT hire a lawyer to represent our interests regarding the development of Crestwood Manor.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Blundell, Secretary

OCTOBER MEETINGS

The Community Meeting is on the 19th at 7:00.

The BOT meeting is on the 26th at 9:30.

HOSPITALITY

There is a chill in the air each morning, the leaves are starting to fall and our committee is busy preparing a reception for all new residents who moved to Crestwood since October 25, 2019. Invitations are in the mail. Please be sure to RSVP by October 7th so we know how many will attend. If you are a new resident and didn't receive an invitation, please let me know. We hope to see many new residents on October 16th at 11:00.

Since the middle of August, get-well cards were sent to Mary Hudson, Beverly Bangs, Nellie Mender, Emmy Alvestad and Sally Wooster.

Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Kenny McGaha, a former employee, and to Don and Mary Louise Albaugh on the death of their son Todd.

A gift basket was delivered to Alice Casado after her return from rehab.

We also mailed thinking-of-you cards to 16 resident shut-ins as well as some who are in nursing homes but still own their residences in Crestwood.

Our next committee meeting will be on October 13th at 10:00.

Therese Oseneek
Chairperson, Hospitality Committee

October 15th is the deadline for submitting articles for the November Village Voice.

**CRESTWOOD ACTIVITIES
SEE THE PINK INSERT**

ARC NEWS FOR OCTOBER



Are you planting a tree this fall? An application must be submitted for approval before planting to determine the location, size and shape of the tree at maturity. The guideline for Tree Planting and Maintenance can be found in Section IV of the ARC guidelines, so please refer to it. You can also view this guideline on the Crestwood website (crestwoodvlg.net) under the Documents tab (scroll down to ARC Guidelines, Section IV) or in the ARC guidelines book located in the office.

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

Jim Cullen
Chair, ARC



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY Additions Unless Otherwise Noted

Please update your Directory accordingly. Report any necessary changes to the Management Office.

Ben and Cynthia Shannon
5714 Tamarack Avenue 301-508-7891

Charles and Joni Olmstead
5754 Box Elder Court

Maxwell and Mary Coats
6885 Buttonwood Court 240-285-3119

SENIOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

One of the ways that the Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors (NHN) committee helps the community is by providing information and making referrals to services that help support older Crestwood Village residents. We also work with Elly Williams and the Senior Services Division of Frederick County.

We regularly research and update information on programs available to seniors at the county, state and federal levels. Assistance programs that are available to seniors include Energy Assistance, Food Bank, Groceries 4 Seniors, Habitat for Humanity, Senior Housing Loans & Grants, Meals-on-Wheels, Medical Assistance, Energy Rebates, Power Savers Retrofit Program, Rebuilding Together, handyman assistance programs and senior tax credits.

NHN has compiled a one-page handout (see yellow insert in this month's *Village Voice*) that is a handy reference to these programs. The front side of the handout lists the individual program and the contact person for that program. The back side of the handout tells a little about the program and provides a web address for more information.

The NHN committee hopes this handout will be useful to you.

Bernadine Hoffman
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors

GARDENS

Would you be interested in meeting with other gardeners quarterly or seasonally to exchange ideas, learn new things, share information, successes and resources? Please contact me.

Linda Meyer
240-815-5255

OPEN ENROLLMENT – MEDICARE PART D

Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year—things like cost for the plan, cost for a specific drug and what providers and pharmacies are considered in-network can change from year-to-year. Open enrollment, which starts October 15th and ends December 7th, is the time when you can change your Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage without any penalties.

Information about the changes to all programs is available online. There are multiple sites you can explore including the Medicare site itself, medicare.gov.

Previously, Elly Williams, a Frederick County Senior Services Medicare Specialist, came to the Clubhouse to help individuals decide the best plan for their circumstances. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there is no plan for private appointments at the Crestwood Village Clubhouse this year.

However, residents can still get Elly's advice and help. Elly is available via email and phone. The quickest way to reach Elly is via email, Ewilliams1@FrederickCountyMD.gov. She will respond and provide the information you request.

If you do not have access to email, ask a friend or family member with email to send a message to Elly giving your name and number and ask her to call you.

If you prefer to call, use the main number at Senior Services, **301-600-1234**. Leave your name and message. If you want Elly specifically, please ask for her when you leave your message. However, it may take several days before you receive a return phone call.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me at 240-439-4386.

Bernadine Hoffman
Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors

BINGO

I would like to see bingo resumed. If you would too, please consider helping with some of the jobs available to get the work done. At its last meeting, the Board set up bingo guidelines, including the need to have two people in charge. I can't even find one, but maybe with your help we can try again. Listed below are some of the jobs needed.

Small time commitment: Selling sheets of games and specials, counting money, handing out prize money and verifying winners' sheets.

Needing a little more time: Callers. (If we get four, you only call once a month or a fifth one only calls when there are five Wednesdays in a month.)

The big job of being in charge: (I can see two or three people working together to divide this up.) Getting supplies, picking what games to play each week, printing sheets of games to be sold, entering them in the bingo machine and dividing the cash into prizes.

There may be more jobs that I have forgotten. I am willing to help. Are you? WILL YOU? Please think about helping so we can all enjoy having bingo again.

Mary Belcher
Marybel7007@gmail.com
301-695-7007

CRESTWOOD VILLAGE VETERANS

Six vets met for our regular monthly breakfast at Airways Inn. Unfortunately, it has been the pattern lately that service was very slow, even after delaying our arrival for 30 minutes. So, on October 7th, we will meet at 9:00 at the IHOP located at the corner of Westview Drive and Crestwood Boulevard. Large tables are located at both ends of the restaurant. I will try to reserve us a table.

Six vets attended the regular monthly meeting on September 9th. Discussions included trips, increasing membership, selecting a new restaurant and deciding to not have meetings for three months, from November through January. Meetings will resume on February 10, 2022. Breakfasts will continue as always at IHOP.

Also in February, the Veterans Group will sponsor a potluck. Planning will take place at the February meeting. The next trip is Thursday, October 16th, leaving at 10:00 for the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum, followed by lunch at the nearby Red Robin Restaurant. A small contribution will be necessary for the parking fee. The next meeting will be October 14th at the Clubhouse.

Stephen Meyer

REQUEST FROM MANAGEMENT

Please Observe Leash Law

The Management Office has been getting many complaints about some dog owners not properly leashing and restraining their dogs.

Frederick County, Maryland Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1-5: Animals and Fowl, Article II: Dogs, Cats, and Other Animals, Section 1-5-24, Running at Large, Paragraph (A), states: "It shall be unlawful for an owner to allow any animal to run at large." Running at Large is defined in Article I, Section 1-5-1 as follows: "An animal shall be deemed to be at large whenever it is not on the owner's property or under the immediate physical control of a responsible person capable of physically restraining the animal."

If you are a dog owner, please ensure that your dog is always properly leashed and restrained in order to keep both dogs and people safe in our community. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

Shirley Davis
Assistant Property Manager
301-662-0400

DID YOU KNOW?

Crestwood Village has a shredder for residents' use to shred their sensitive documents. The large grey shredder bin is just to the left inside the auditorium door. This should be used for sensitive documents such as bank statements, credit card statements, paid invoice statements, pay stubs, etc.

Please do not use the shredder for magazines, newspapers, etc. as they can be recycled. The association occurs a cost each time the shredder needs to be emptied.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Management

CALLING CRAFTERS

If you would be interested in participating in a monthly crafters group, please contact me. I am not selling anything, but a small donation could be asked if I do not have adequate **free** supplies in my stash. You will need a basic craft supply kit of your own.

Linda Meyer
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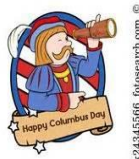
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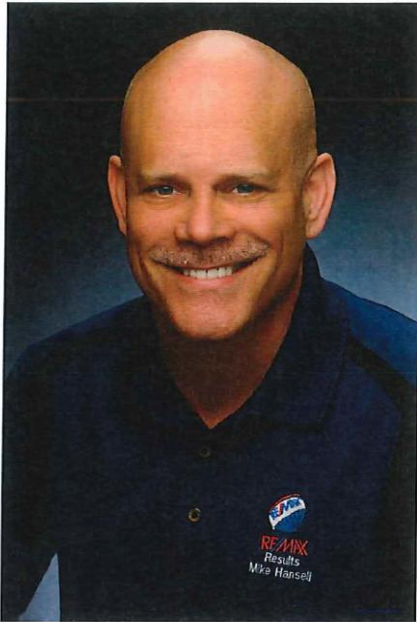
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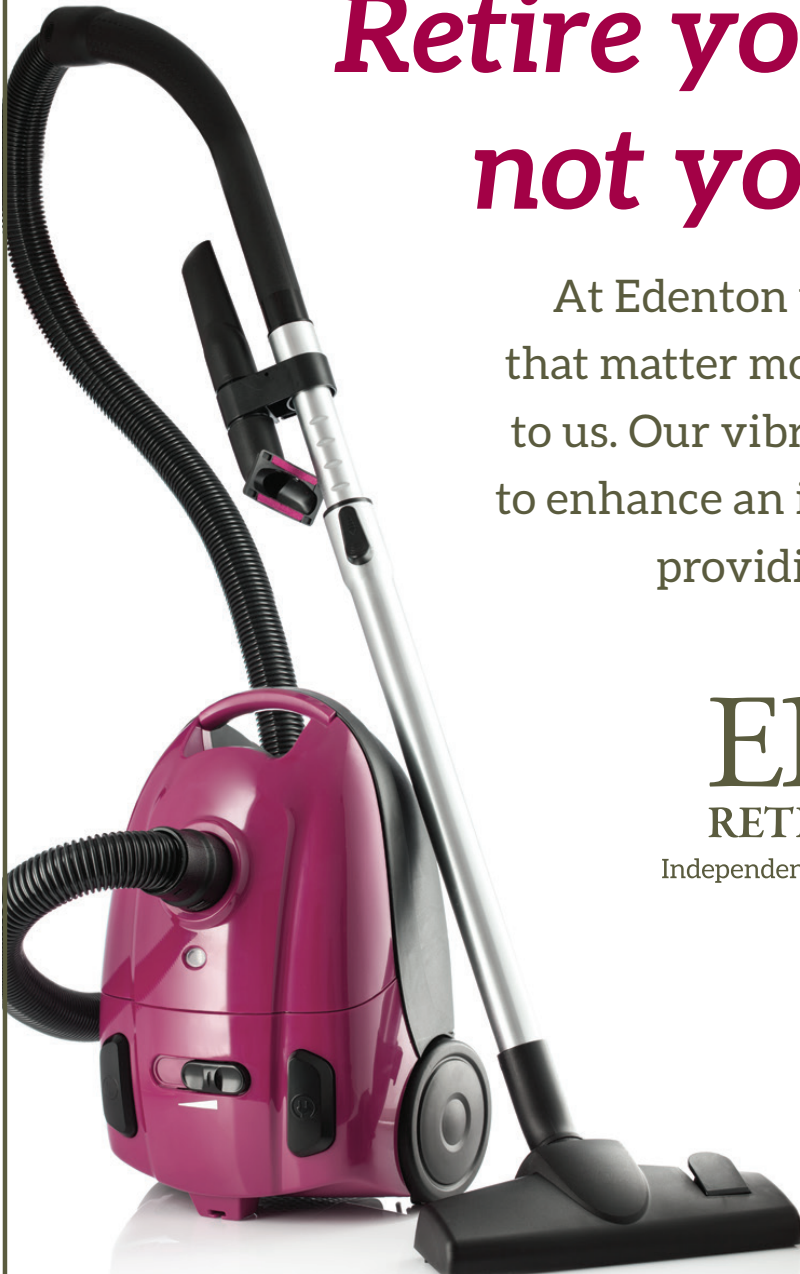
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