

THE

CEDARPOST

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President's Report

I hope this Cedarpost finds you and your family well. With the great weather ahead, we can finally enjoy the beautiful green grass and flowers that many of you have purchased. You will now be seeing a lot of capital improvement projects throughout the property.

Just a quick note on our Annual Meeting...thank you to all of you who attended. We had great prizes to give away once again, thanks to our generous vendors. I want to take the time to thank Vicki Oswald for her service. She will be missed. I would also like to welcome Vera Barber as our newest board member.

I want to reach out to you at this time and ask you to volunteer for some of our upcoming events. We currently have the Annual Cedarwood Pool Party in July and our Open House in August. Please call the office if you are available for either of these special events.

I continue to appreciate all of the support and the encouragement that our membership has shown, not only to myself but to the Board as a whole.

I hope you enjoy your summer and we will see you soon at our next event or at one of our upcoming board meetings.

Susan Jackson President



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Sales/Member Services

Lisa Stateman

Administrative Assistant

Manager's Report

I'm happy to report that many of you are taking advantage of our flower reimbursement program. The yards and landscaping on our property are looking amazing. Thank you for all your efforts.

Now that summer is upon us, you will begin to see all our projects in full gear. The exterior barrier treatment of the property has been completed along with the gutter cleaning. We are currently power washing the siding of various buildings, where needed in a few courts.

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Manager's Report Continued

We will be sealing and re-striping a few courts next month and the front porch replacement program will begin for the units along Cedar and most of the north end of Dogwood after the fourth of July holiday. We will be seeking bids for roof replacement and D-4 court reconstruction at our July meeting. Work will begin in August.

Our Open House was postponed to August due to the very low number of units on the market. The Open House dates are August 5nd from 10-5 and August 6th from 12-4. We are looking for volunteers, so please call the office if you're available. Don't forget that Cedarwood pays a finder's fee to the members who refer new members to us. So if you have any family or friends interested, please refer them to the office for information.

The Village of Park Forest is entertaining a business proposal for the India Community Center. The building will become a place of worship. The city will require property improvements to be completed within six months of their opening. We anticipate that area will be looking much nicer.

Have a great summer!

Mary C. Arroyo-Ortiz Property Manager

GARBAGE DISPOSAL ETIQUETTE AND REGULATIONS

- Only garbage that is properly secured and placed inside your garbage cans will be picked up
- Do not dispose of food waste prior to garbage pick-up day
- Do not fill cans to the point of overflow
- Do not place loose items in your recycle bins (use bags to secure them)
- Clean out recycle bins to prevent bees and critters on your porch
- Large bulk items that do not fit inside cans must be placed in the designated curb area
- Bulk Items and recycling bins can be placed on the curb <u>after</u> 7:00 p.m. the night before garbage pickup, and <u>put away by</u> 7:00 p.m. on the scheduled pick up day

- Absolutely NO household garbage is allowed in the court pickup area
- Keep your garbage cans, recycle bins, porch floor, and porch railings clean, sanitary, and odor-proof.
- A \$25 fine will be automatically issued on the first offense for any garbage/refuse/yard-waste/petdefecation-products. Including but not limited to those listed here
- No warnings will be issued
- Fines will be doubled for subsequent violations
- Violations are cumulative
- Repairs to concrete and railings will be charged to members



Cedarwood members are invited to attend our Annual Pool Party on:

Saturday, July 22nd Park Forest Aqua Center 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Entry to members is free, but everyone must have a ticket to enter. Two guest limit per household (\$8 for adults, \$5 for children).

Space is limited so RSVP by July 10th.

Maintenance Report

Summer is here and I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some very important tips and suggestions:

AIR CONDITIONING: It is important to turn your air conditioner on and test it prior to the hot weather. As the weather gets warmer, the number of service calls increase making prompt service more difficult. To help keep your unit running efficiently, thus lowering your energy bills, change the filter monthly during the high demand months (June through August). For added efficiency and safety, keep a minimum of a 3 foot clearance around the perimeter of the outside condenser. Improper circulation around the condenser could cause costly damage to the unit and your bills will be higher. Also, when doing yardwork near the condenser, be careful and avoid stepping on any lines. Smashed and damaged lines can cause inefficient performance to your condenser.

SECURITY LIGHTS: When placing a work order for a pole light kindly have the tag number (located on the pole) and the exact location of the light (closest unit). This will help expedite the repair.

WASP & BEE POLICY: Maintenance will spray for bees and remove hives only when hives are unreachable by the Member (over 15 feet). For your convenience, cans of Spectracide are available in the office for \$4.00. In an attempt to keep bees from building nests around your unit, make sure your porch area is clean and clear of food and your garbage cans are clean and secure. Bees are attracted to sugary substances so wash the pop cans and keep your recycling bins clean.

Enjoy the summer and be safe.

Rick Tidd Maintenance Supervisor



Maintenance Staff

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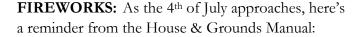
Adam Hazlett

Charles Ricci

Robert Lulis



Summer Safety



"The use of fireworks in dwelling units and on the Cooperative property are strictly prohibited. Any violation of such rules may result in the assessment of a fine and/or the commencement of eviction proceedings."

Please leave the firework display to the professionals. Consider viewing Park Forest's professional firework display instead.



GRILLING SAFETY: Grilling on the porches is strictly prohibited. This is a fire hazard. Fines will be issued and any associated repair costs will be charged to the member.

- Grills should be at least 10 feet away from any building and from overhanging branches
- Keep grills clean. Always remove grease from the grill and trays
- Only use charcoal starter fluid, never use gasoline
- Let coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container
- Do not grill in the common areas
- Never add lighter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the lit fire
- Never leave the grill unattended
- Grills with rust or "derelict" appearance must be removed

Cedarpost Publishing Policies

The Cedarpost is published seasonally. All submissions should be 250 words or less and must be signed by the member. You may request that your name be withheld from publication. The deadline for submitting articles, information, recipes, and photos is as follows:

Deadline

Friday, August 25, 2017 Friday, December 15, 2017 Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018

Publication

Fall Edition, September, 2017 Winter Edition, January, 2018 Spring Edition, March 2018 Summer Edition, June 2018 The Cedarpost staff reserves the right to edit for content and form. Submissions may be sent in writing or emailed to info@mycedarwood.com. Ads placed for grass cutting, and selling of personal items are free to Cedarwood members. Advertisements for profit making businesses and services will be placed upon receipt of payment in the following amounts:

Full Page \$50 1/4 Page \$18.00



2017 Annual Membership Meeting





Thank you to all our members who attended this year's Annual Meeting and to our Board of Directors for a great meeting!



