

THE VILLAGE



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A Letter from the President

Dear Unit Owners,

I am writing to you at this time to thank you for all the support you have shown me for the past 5 years; however, I have decided to resign from the position of President of the Board of Directors. This is a decision that I had hoped would happen more naturally – I had hoped that someone else from the Board would “push me aside” and take it on; however, I received only praise for how well the organization had been growing and thriving under my term and truly understood that each and every board member had as much on their plates so I accepted their support with humility and hoped I could once again meet the challenges and demands of this position.

Early into my 5th year as your President, I realized I had truly taken on more than I could accomplish successfully; therefore, I decided with a heavy heart to submit my resignation as your President. At our September Board of Directors meeting, Mary Andrews was elected as your new President. I believe Mary will serve the village selflessly for all unit owners as has been the case for the past 5 years. In addition to this change, Christine Greene has been elected Secretary and I have been elected Treasurer; Bruce White remains as Vice-President.

I must reiterate that this Board has always worked well together bringing individual ideas to the table and resolving issues in the best interest of all of our unit owners. I know in my heart this will continue – you have elected a board of seven (7) directors and no matter who the officers are on this board you benefit from the opinions and hard work of all seven (7) members. We are truly a TEAM in every sense of the word and it has been my privilege to work with each and every member over the past five (5) years.

Sincerely,

Debbie Wilson

Board of Directors News

Proposed by-law change

Article V (Operation of the Property) Section 9 / Improvement to Unit

No unit owner shall commence with any exterior alterations, additions, and/or improvements to his/her unit or exclusive use land area without a HVCA “Construction Application” being filed, by the unit owner, to the Association and approved by the Board.

The above is the current wording of the bylaw relating to work done on the exterior of your units. The BOD at this time is discussing changing this by law as it leaves quite a bit open to interpretation. The statement including “any alteration and improvement” if interpreted literally can mean something as simple as painting your front door, or installing a decoration on the exterior of your unit. The Board is challenged with fair and consistent enforcement of the rules. The bylaw as it is presently written makes it difficult to do so.

We are considering changing the wording of this bylaw to “any alteration, addition, and/or improvement to his/her unit or exclusive use land area which **requires a Town of Bourne building permit or would have a negative impact to another unit** will require the completion of a HVCA “Construction Application”.

By tying this requirement to needing a building permit or having a negative impact on another unit, it will give unit owners a clearer idea of what does or does not require an application be filed. We also believe this change will give the GM and the Board the tool to be more consistent in the enforcement of this bylaw and unit owners more freedom in improving and or “altering” their units.

As the proposal will not be officially enacted upon until the General Meeting next summer, we welcome your input and ideas on this topic. Let us know what YOU think.

Where's the Money?

Account Balances as of 8/31/09

Operating account – Sovereign –\$ 7,412.66
Savings account – Sovereign – \$ 3,280.87
EBSB-MMA (LTA) Acct - \$ 134,623.90
Sovereign CD (LTA) –\$ 73,506.61
Mayflower CD (LTA) –\$ 85,350.62
TD BankNorth MMA - \$88,985.99

Bourne Sewer Rates

In an article in the Bourne Enterprise on September 11, 2009, the Sewer Commission has determined that sewer rates are to remain the same for residents of Buzzards Bay and Hideaway Village who are tied into the system flowing into sewerage treatment plant in Wareham. The Sewer Commission voted that the nearly 1000 connections tying into this system will continue to pay the base rate of \$699 per year.

The Sewer Commissioners heard that there was still \$120,000 in outstanding sewer bills, a figure only slightly higher than in the past and that the sewer budget had taken anticipated delinquencies into account and thus a combination of the use of retained earnings and a budget reduction of \$20,000 has allowed the recommendation that rates stay the same.

American Red Cross CPR and First Aid Training

The office has received a letter from the American Red Cross offering CPR and First Aid training to interested residents. There are classes being held all the time in several Cape locations. The American Red Cross recommends that at least one member of each family has CPR and First Aid training. For more information, contact Karen Whiting at kwhiting@cape.com or at American Red Cross, Cape and Islands Chapter, 508-775-1540



Hideaway History

Bob Jeffrey and Jay Condon are pleased to announce that the "History of Hideaway" is complete and has been published. Copies are available in the Hideaway office for \$6.00. Mr. Jeffrey and Condon have donated the monies collected to go towards events in the village such as the Ice cream socials and kids activities. Please pick up a copy of this interesting history of our village. We are sure you will find it fascinating.



Kid's Crafts

By Sylvia White

Kid's Craft sessions were again very successful this year. Kids between the ages of 2 and 15 enjoyed an hour of fun making new friends and bringing home something that they made. Thanks to all of you for coming and making it fun for me too.



Sundaes on Saturday

Sundaes on Saturday ended with a bang on Labor Day weekend. This summer, almost 1000 ice-cream sundaes were served. Thanks to everyone who attended. See you next summer!!

Hideaway Logowear

Sales of the Hideaway logowear, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and can coozies were very successful this summer. There are lots of styles, sizes and colors left that would make great holiday gifts. Logo wear is available during office hours.



To Cassandra Moskovis on her graduation from Hanover High School. Cassandra is attending UMass Dartmouth this fall.

To Brian & Vanessa Wilson who were married on August 22nd in Rutland VT - they spent their honeymoon in St Lucia and are living in Cambridge, MA.

To Lindsay Fischer on regaining her title of "Quahog Queen" for 2009.

The winners of the raffle at this year's annual meeting were: First Prize: Edna Buckley (27C); Second Prize: Don Tuck (27D); and Third Prize: Dorothy Vrock (14F)

New Unit Owners

Unit 3G - Mr. & Mrs. Keith Peterson,
Unit 28S - Mr. John Francis & Ms. Lyndia Downie,
Unit 22H- Sandra Hermeneau
Unit 11S – Sue Kobus



Notes from the Office

By Pat Macleod

OFFICE HOURS

Effective September 14, 2009

Monday thru Friday

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

and

The first Saturday of each month

(closed Monday following a working Saturday)

Tenant Rental forms

If you are renting your unit for the more than 30 days, please remember a Tenant Rental Form must be filled out and kept on file in the office. Please don't forget to provide a copy of the HVCA Rules & Regulations to your new tenants.

For your convenience Tenant Rental Forms and Rules and Regulations are available on our website at www.hideaway-village.com, and at the HVCA office.

Address changes

Please remember to let the office know if you are leaving the village for the winter months, so we can update your mailing address and phone number in our database.

2010 Common Charges

A ten-month payment plan is available for your 2010 Common Charges as long as your account is in good standing. To participate in the plan, please call or email your request to the office **no later than November 1, 2009.**

Spring/Summer 2010 Rentals

If you plan to rent your unit next Spring or Summer, please send your information to the office. The rental list will also be included in the Spring newsletter. Please include information on availability, price and contact information.

If you are interested in rental information a complete list is kept at the office. We often have people stop by and ask about rentals.

Trash bags are on sale in the office

These are durable bags to use for everyday trash or yard waste. At \$2 a roll (10 bags/roll), it's a great deal!

Hideaway Bookshelf

There are lots of new books and videos on the shelves, come on in and pick up a few.



Maintenance Update

By Fred Nordahl

Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up is back on the off-season schedule of once weekly for trash.

Monday for household trash

Wednesday for recycling.

As always, please put your trash out the evening before in a covered trash can.

Unregistered vehicles and boat storage

According to Hideaway Village Rules and Regulations. No unregistered boats or trailers may be stored within Hideaway. Trailers must also have unit #'s clearly marked on them. If you plan to store your registered boat and trailer in the ball park area, please let the office know so that space can be made available.

Exclusive Land Clean up

With all the rain we have had in the past months, the threat of EEE (Eastern Equine Encephalitis) is a real threat to this area. According to some news sources, EEE has been found in mosquitoes tested in Bourne. To avoid the possibility of infected mosquitoes breeding in Hideaway Village, please empty any standing water on your exclusive use land. This includes any containers you may have that accumulate rain water such as planters, bird baths, etc. Standing water allows mosquitoes to breed.

Installation of Satellite Dishes

Please be reminded that any unit owner wishing to install a satellite dish on their unit must complete a Construction Application, prior to doing so.. The location of the dish will then be reviewed by the General Manager to ensure that there is no negative impact to other units. This process will ensure that a costly relocation of a dish will not be necessary.

Boats on the Beach

Please remove all boats from the beach area by December 1. If you intend to leave your boat on the beach for late fall fishing, please notify the office.

Winter Departure

As you prepare to leave the village for the winter, please make sure that your yard furniture and equipment (grills, planters, trash barrels, etc.) are stored properly. Winter storms could blow these items around. The Bourne Water Department can be reached at 508-563-2294 to shut off your water at the street level. (There is a fee for this service). Also remember to drain washing machines, outdoor faucets and hoses.



Recipe of the Month

GREAT AMERICAN POTATO SALAD

From Kraft Kitchens

- 1/2 cup KRAFT Real Mayo Mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. Yellow mustard
- 1/2 tsp. celery seed
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 4 cups cubed potatoes, cooked
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1/3 cup dill pickle relish
- MIX** first 5 ingredients in large bowl
- ADD** remaining ingredients; mix lightly.
- Refrigerate until served**



Recycling Procedures

The Town of Bourne mandates recycling. Please use the recycling stations or have your bins ready for pick up curbside on Wednesdays. Items to be recycled are as follows:

GLASS – Clear, green, brown, amber – **intact bottles and jars only**. No broken glass, no mirrors, windows, ceramics, etc.

METAL – Food cans and beverage cans only – no paint cans or aerosol (spray) cans. Please rinse out to avoid insects.

PLASTIC – water & soda bottles, milk, water and juice jugs (not cartons), plastic food jars.

PAPER – Newspapers, magazines, flyers, paper shopping bags, cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, etc. (please remove inside liners and flatten). **NO pizza boxes please!**

All of these items can go in one bin, we only ask that you separate your paper products and place them in a plastic shopping bag to protect them from weather.



Newsletter Information

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide the residents of Hideaway Village with current information on Board of Director's activity, community events and other activities and interests for our residents.

If you would like to add something to the next edition in November or want to wish someone a Happy Birthday, celebrate an engagement, marriage or birth, or just have a comment or question, please contact me by e-mail at: sylwhite@comcast.net

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