



COTTAGE FORUM
Monday, January 9, 2017

Carol Holzman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. She advised residents that when the temperature outside gets into the single digits, they should turn their thermostat to the emergency heat setting. The system won't have to work as hard. We will ask Chuck to explain Delaware Coop's Beat the Heat program at the next Afternoon Exchange.

Some of the snow is melting but it's going to stay cold at night, so be careful because there could be spots of black ice around the Community.

Carol said she received a handful of PMIs regarding the projector. Another bulb burned out. Chuck said that the fan may be broken, so he's having someone come in and look at it. As a result, the movies are canceled for the remainder of the week.

At the Afternoon Exchange we talked about putting together a distribution list of email addresses. Jim McMullen is going to ensure the list is up-to-date so we can send out important notices such as a change or canceling an activity. Those without email will receive a hard copy of the notice.

Carol said that there are 4 cottage move-ins that will occur between now and March 1st – Bob and Ingrid Harvey in C28, James and Vicki McCool in C25 in February, Tom and Barbara Reed in C35 in February, and Larry Knapp (Adele Trout's brother) is moving into C22 in March. Ed and Marlyn Riggie's are moving into Apt. #106 and Roberta Horst is moving into Apt. #220. Myrna Kluchnik is moving to Assisted Living. We now have 5 cottages available.

Carol provided a schedule of Floor Forums and Afternoon Exchanges for 2017. The next Cottage Forum is scheduled for July 10th. Mildred Wiedmann asked if the meetings could be posted on the monthly activity calendars. Carol said she will ask Deb to add them.

She then opened the floor for questions.

Mildred Wiedmann said the mulch pile is located in the middle of the cottages. Could we put it on the new property? Carol said she will talk to Chuck about it.

Curt Christensen said that there are many people in The Senators that have solar panels and that we are located in a good location for them. Carol said that we will take the idea to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Elaine Showers said that on Sunday staff was making deliveries for meals, but when she wanted a ride home, someone told her that she would have to walk. Do we provide transportation on Sunday nights? Carol said that residents should be able to get a ride home, especially when the weather is bad. Mildred said that the guys did a good job cleaning up. Gary Showers added that the security guard was watching TV and reading the paper and said that he couldn't take them home. It was about 7 pm or so. Carol will look into it.

Judy Burgess said that we could put solar panels on roofs and/or property.. Judy mentioned placing the solar panels behind the Sylvanus' cottage. Carol said that area must be reserved for a water retention pond with any new construction on the 5 acres purchased last summer.

Mildred asked what the procedure is to have their house painted. Carol advised that residents should call Chuck and he will assess. Cadbury will pick up the cost of painting on an as needed basis.

Tom Lord said his refrigerator has been acting up. Carol said that we will replace it if it has stopped working.

Don Wiedmann reported that the knob on Cottage #25's mailbox needs to be replaced before a new resident moves in. Carol said she will ask Chuck to take care of it.

Tom Lord said that we may want to accelerate the meeting regarding the solar panels. The deadline is approaching to discuss it with the State. Carol said we need some time to plan for these types of expenses.

Curt Christensen asked which buildings or rooms have generators. Carol replied that the fireplace in the Bistro uses gas. In Healthcare, the Assisted Living hallways and all of the Skilled Unit are under generator power when needed.

Carol thanked everyone again for coming and the meeting was ended.