



COTTAGE FORUM
Monday, November 25, 2013

Carol Holzman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

She said she wanted to review a few items first before opening the floor for discussion:

- An automatic door opener has been added to the Bistro bathroom doors and the doors to the loading dock.
- Carol said she received a note from OSHER that the opera class is moving to a new venue. She said that will relieve some of the parking issues on Mondays. She added that we are paying attention to parking issues with other events and will continue to keep working on it.
- There are many cars without parking stickers. Marketing hands out the form that needs to be completed. Once the form is filled out a sticker will be provided to be placed in the left side back corner of the window. We'll figure out whose car doesn't have one. The purpose of the parking sticker is so that we know it is a vehicle permitted to be on Cadbury property and we may also notify you if we spot a flat tire or some other issue.
- Please be reminded that if you want a pet after you move in that it needs to be approved by the Executive Director.
- A few nights ago, we had a piano player playing during the dinner hour. Some people liked it, and some did not. The same gentleman is scheduled to play again on December 17th so you can decide whether or not you want to have dinner in the Chart Room that night.
- Yard waste – Maintenance will come and collect yard waste. He is creating a pile to recycle at a later date. It would be best if it could be tied up, but don't bag it.

A resident asked if plastic flower pots go in a different place. Chuck said if you call Maintenance, they will come and get it. They are piling up the yard waste back by the generator and covering it with a blue tarp. They will eventually get a dumpster and dump as needed.

Dick Kauffman said that the Hoover's daughter recently provided a presentation about recycling and he wanted to know if anything has been done about forming a committee. Carol responded that she has spoken with Adele about planning in the budget. The residents would like clarification of what/how to recycle; plastic bags need to be separate from newspapers, etc. Chuck said that he has a full description from Waste Management that he will copy and put in resident mailboxes.

Information can also be found on their website. He advised that the problem is the plastic. Delaware is all inclusive, except for car oil and Styrofoam.

- Recycling in the Bistro – a recycle bin has been placed near the other trash can in the Bistro. Bottles, glass, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles can be placed there. Styrofoam cups, plastic utensils and take-out Styrofoam containers CANNOT be recycled. Anything with food on it is also not recyclable.

Don Burgess said that he goes to the recycle bins on Sunday and there are 3 vehicles in the way. Carol said that we will take a look at it.

Someone asked what to do with batteries. Carol advised that there are boxes in the recycling rooms on both the East and West Wings. The American Legion and the High School recycle areas also take batteries.

Jane Lord said that new people coming in often ask for clarification. She asked if we could put up a sandwich board type sign by the bin. She said that she also noticed that the contract says that Cadbury will pick up recyclables as well as trash. Early on, people didn't want door-to-door pickup. Carol said she will take a look at the contract and welcomes any feedback. Dick Cleaveland said they gave us a price of \$3 per pick and can do a monthly or quarterly basis.

- Occupancy in Independent Living is currently at 115 out of 130 for an occupancy rate of 88%. Assisted Living is 43 of 45 or 96%, and we're doing well in Health Care. Paula is working diligently and focusing on the cottages.
- The Gills Neck Road expansion will not start until 111 lots are sold in the Senators. Right now, they have sold 92. They will create turning lanes in and out of Cadbury and there will be minimal changes to Kings Highway. The sharpness of the curve near the Senator's entrance will be reduced. Most of the widening will come from the farm side of the road. We may lose some footage for a right hand turn lane going out of Cadbury.
- The fan in the Fitness Room is broken and we will look into replacing it.
- Take out dinner orders will now be taken past 4:00 pm. The manager on duty will take calls until 4:00 pm and then the cell phone will be answered by the person working in the Bistro. It makes sense to place your order before 4:00 pm if possible. Residents may have to be put on hold if the employee in the Bistro is helping someone else. Carol said we are listening and trying to resolve any resident issues. The number to call to place an order is 344-3250. Orders for delivery will incur a delivery charge.

Carol then opened the floor for questions/comments.

Tom Lord said that where the East and West circles come together, back by Cottage 45, there are almost no trees. He would like to see more trees planted to provide a sound barrier between Cadbury and Breakwater. Chuck said he will take a look at the area.

Someone said that Schell had planted some bushes last Spring, but they are brown and have died.

Tom Lord also said that he believes the problem with OSHER is that our technology is good, but we're not using it right. He asked if we could have a paid staff member to monitor during programs, or have one person identified as a go to person. Tom said as far as parking, they can park along the curb. We should be able to accommodate them and would applaud trying to get them back. Carol responded that we may look into it for the next year.

Lois Nickerson asked if people pay anything for using the facility. Carol advised that they are a non-profit organization, so we don't charge.

Jim Bazzoli said that the programs are open to residents and most residents don't have trouble getting there, but many attend the opera and there are at least a dozen or so that don't have a way to get to the Academy. Dick Kauffman added that it is good for public relations as most attendees are potential customers.

Carol Bradt asked for an update on the purchase of property. Carol Holzman said an area of approximately 5 acres beyond cottage 15 and 18 has been identified and we are in negotiations. It will become part of our Strategic Plan and may be used to build cottages or a type of carriage home. Part of the area may be used for storage/maintenance. Carol explained that a carriage home is a tall building with covered parking underneath, and an elevator in the middle that is shared by 4 units. Carol added that the census is only at 88%, so it will be a while. Mildred Wiedmann asked for clarification of the concept of 5 acres. Carol explained that it's out on Gills Neck Road between the two mobile homes and then back along the cottages.

Tom Lord asked about having a shuffleboard or croquet area. Carol said that we have talked about it in the past and there wasn't enough interest. Gil Kaufman said that the day we had mini-golf, there was more of an interest for that rather than shuffleboard. Carol said that we need to look at shuffleboard again through the Activity Committee and also a putting green. Someone asked if the horseshoe pit would be taken out for shuffleboard and said that it might enhance it. Another resident said that we would have to create teams like Wii and need someone to organize it.

Don Wiedmann asked what the status of having the foundation vents closed under the cottages. Chuck said they will get them done.

Mildred Wiedmann that when she goes home in the dark, she notices lights that are left on where employees were working for the day and that we need to conserve and turn them off. We will let Security know to look out for lights left on and have them turned off.

Mildred also said that the window washers don't wash the area between the screen and the window (the outside sills). She said that it's not part of the contract but they do it at other places. She would like this included for next year. Many people have said that the people we used don't come back timely after the furniture has been moved.

A resident said that Administration should notify residents of the date/time for the Cottage Forum and it should not be left up to the cottage representatives. Carol said we will put a notice in mailboxes. She said the reason they are not listed on the Activity Calendar is because the meeting is specific to cottage residents and not for everyone.

Joan Ellis said that the semi-annual cleaners from Salisbury were a young couple and they did a great job.

Don Burgess said that he has heard many people have complained about trying to get into the Community Building through the pool or fitness center, as the doors are often locked as late as 9:00 am. He said people are sensitive to entering through the Chart Room because it produces a cold draft. Chuck said he believes the fitness room should be opened by 8:00 am but it is locked to prevent strangers from walking in.

Joan Ellis said that in light of all the comments and complaints, she would like to give kudos to Security. They are cheerful and prompt in doing things for her.

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

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Barbara White, Recorder