



## **COTTAGE FORUM**

### **Monday, April 23, 2012**

Carol Holzman opened the meeting by letting everyone know that she was happy to be here at her first Cottage Forum and she will try to answer any questions that the residents may have.

Carol said that lots of landscaping is taking place around the East Wing and will continue along the back. We are also looking at completing a walkway around the pond.

Carol reviewed the following PMI's, and advised that Chuck was out of the office until Monday, as he father had recently passed away.

- Have we made any preparations for when landlines will become outdated in the next few years? Yes, but we will need to address with Chuck.
- Transportation to/from the Community Center for activities. Carol advised that pickups will be made at quarter of and quarter after the hour for dinner and evening events. For example, if an event begins at 7:00 pm, pickups will be made at 6:45 pm. At this time we are not in a position to transport cottage residents during the day for events and activities. Many residents stated that they would like us to bring back the 5:30 pm pickup. Carol advised that she will discuss with Dining Staff to help stagger times for dinner so too many people don't arrive at the same time.

Lois Nickerson asked to speak regarding a few items. She said that she is trying arrange some events for cottage residents only and would like to know which residents plan on not being here in May and June. She asked residents to just stick a note in her mailbox (Cottage #24). She advised this Gary Showers is working on coordinating a luncheon at Annabelle's so we can reminisce about our experiences from when we first moved in! Lois will be planning a picnic and/or luncheon.

Lois asked that cottage residents, especially those that live alone, use their outside light as signal. They should turn on their light before they go to bed and turn it off in the morning when they get up. If the light stays on too long, we will know to check on that resident. Residents that are away should complete a Resident Away Form and leave with the front desk. Those residents can leave their light off while they are away.

Some complaints have been received regarding the irrigation system. Many residents are getting their windows washed and gardens are being saturated. Is there a sensor on the irrigation panels to shut off the system if we get too much rain? Carol will speak to Chuck about this when he returns.

Barbara Cleaveland asked if we had any plans to provide bus service for cottage residents for daytime use on planned trips. It would help to avoid having many cars parked outside the Community Center. Carol advised that she will speak with Deb Hamilton about this as Deb is now in charge of transportation.

Some discussion was held about transportation for a private function that was held on Sunday. Carol advised that on the weekends we only have one guard on duty and that the host of the private party could have hired a driver through Cadbury, but we do not have funds available in our budget right now for additional staff.

Don Burgess asked whose responsibility it is to clean dryer vents that are underneath the cottages in the crawl space. If not cleaned, it can present a fire hazard. Carol said she is not sure if the ducts are part of the regular maintenance agreement and will check with Chuck.

Elaine Showers asked if the insides of cottages were going to be painted now that it's been 5 years. She said that it's part of the contract. Carol advised that she will review the contract and also speak with Chuck.

Dottie Seyfried asked if there was a schedule for weeding. Carol advised that Maintenance has been busy and will get to it.

Another resident asked about power washing of houses to be scheduled, as many porches have been done. Many areas on the northern side are getting green. This is usually done on an as-needed basis.

One resident said that in the past they were able to hire Gene for additional jobs and wanted to know if we could hire someone. Carol will speak to Chuck regarding this, but at a minimum we need a copy of the person's business license and insurance information. Betty Caslake said she spoke with Chuck and that staff are available for hire at \$28.00 per hour.

Don Burgess said that the area outside the Chart Room where the bird houses are is a mess and needs attention. Carol will contact Chuck about this.

Mildred Wiedmann mentioned that several garage door frames are starting to deteriorate. It looks like some of the waterproofing has failed and rusty nails or screws have left rust spots.

Sharon Britton said that the light fixtures in the Living Room need to be cleaned as you can see some bugs in them. Also, some of the bulbs are burned out.

Carol Bishop said that the overall cleanliness is not good. Elevator doors have fingerprints on them. Carol Holzman said that the lacquer has been wearing around the elevator door frames and front door latches. She and Chuck are aware and looking at solutions.

Mildred also said that the puzzle in the Living Room has been the same puzzle for months. Carol advised that it is another IL resident's puzzle and that she will speak with Doug Trout about it. She believes that might be a good project for the Resident Association.

Don Burgess added that at today's Body Balance there were 20 attendees, but it was too hot in the auditorium. He said that the windows are nailed shut. By the time Maintenance was called to adjust the thermostat, the class was over. Carol will look into the windows being nailed shut.

Someone asked if we had any more people moving in soon. Carol advised that Alyce Thomas will be moving in soon.

Betty Caslake said that the field across Gill's Neck Road belongs to Farmer Mitchell and that he donated the property to the Historical Society. She said that a young boy continually rides his motorcycle along the fence and that it produces a lot of dust, not to mention the noise he makes. She suggested that we let Farmer Mitchell know.

Carol Holzman thanked everyone for coming and will get back to you with answers to your questions.

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Barbara White, Recorder

