



**Packages Missing?**

Recently we have had a few reports of deliveries missing off of the mail shelves in the unlocked entryways. This is an issue all across America. Amazon, UPS etc. leave packages unattended on the mail shelves. Here are a few things you can do:

1. Buy locally.
2. Set times of delivery when possible in the morning hours.
3. Bring packages for neighbors inside the locked doors.
4. Remove boxes off the shelves as quickly as possible.
5. If you see suspicious people/activity report this to the police.

**Mike's Tip of the Week**

During the winter months plumbing drains can evaporate causing sewer gas to enter your home. Add a quart of water to all your drains that are not used regularly to avoid evaporation.

It is always good to exercise your faucets too. The guest tub that is rarely used will benefit by opening and closing the faucet every so often to avoid corrosion from damaging the internal components of the faucet.

*Mike*

Dear Residents,

It is hard to believe 2023 has come and gone. Entering 2024 we are in good financial shape half way through the fiscal year. We had a moderate fall and a much above average December, temperature wise, which has helped our heating budget considerably. January is also starting off fairly moderate so we are ahead on our heating budget. With heating cost being our biggest building expense, we all benefit from the mild temperatures.

Tree removal has been a big expense as several mature trees have developed issues requiring removal. We try to keep safety the top concern when developing a tree removal plan. Interference with buildings is also an important consideration. Our professional arborist have helped us identify issues before they become serious problems. Tree care has become a year around project for our Association and we are doing our dormant season pruning now.

I would like to remind everyone to be careful on our roadways during the winter. Winter is a time our plow trucks are doing their best, at odd hours, removing snow and backing into and out of the driveways. The crew does a great job but these large vehicles have to negotiate tight places and we need everyone to drive carefully on our internal roads. We also have a lot of people walking pets on leashes along the roadways and we don't want to have any close calls, so please watch your speed. Dog walkers please consider using a sturdy leash that keeps your dog in complete control. The retractable leashes can allow dogs to get out of your control quickly. If you have a retractable leash you might want to reserve this leash for the internal walks versus walking along the roadways.

On behalf of our staff, I want to thank all of you for a great 2023 and we hope 2024 is a healthy and prosperous year for everyone.

Happy New Year!

**Q. Can I use Paper Bags for Trash?**

**A. No.** Many owners do an excellent job packaging the trash for the maintenance team to pick up on Wednesday mornings. There seems to be some confusion on when paper bags can be used for trash. You can place your newspapers inside a paper sack but it must be tied before placing in the trash rooms or at the curb. Never use paper bags for normal trash or loose recyclables, The bags get wet, tear and spill all over the room and in the transport trailer. Use plastic bags for all trash, use clear bags for mixed recycling and loose paper. **Maintenance**

## Upcoming Cherokee Events

**Bridge:** Join us for our weekly social bridge game held at the Cherokee Garden Condos Clubhouse each Monday at 12:30 pm. For more information contact Rosemary LaBounty at 608-772-0111

**Euchre Club:** The Cherokee Garden group will meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month, at 7:00pm in the Clubhouse. Please contact Yvonne at [ypawlow@yahoo.com](mailto:ypawlow@yahoo.com) or (608) 334-8062 for more information.

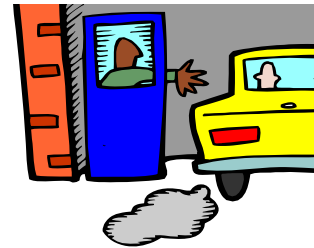
### Outdoor Parking

Outdoor parking spaces are limited. Guests may park outdoors, but must move their vehicle every 48 hours. Always use your indoor parking spaces to the fullest extent possible.

### Parking Stalls for Rent:

Bldg #23, \$40.00, Call Ed 920-858-1235

Owners interested in renting an extra parking space, please contact the office by email at: [cherokeegc@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeegc@gmail.com) or call 608-244-8144.



**For Sale:** X-country skis with Rotefella NNB Bindings \$80; poles (130cm); Fischer Boots (women's size 38 euro) \$40 all like- new, excellent condition. Please contact Carolyn at 608-628-2635.

Christmas trees must be removed by January 22nd. Do not drag through the hallways unless fully enclosed in a bag. Just set them outside the building or place along the roadway and the staff will pick them up from there.

