

Dear Residents,

It's been a difficult and very unusual summer for our maintenance department. The pools have been busy and few problems to report. With the high temperatures the pool heaters have not worked very hard this year but we have used more chemicals than normal. We installed a new heater in the Wheeler Road pool earlier this summer and it is working great.

We have a significant number of other projects going on: Deck replacements on building 6, 7, 8, and 9. We are starting a retaining wall replacement between building 30 and 34. Our mud-jackers are leveling sidewalks in a number of areas. (The City is also doing sidewalk repairs on the City walks around the outside of the development on Sherman, Wheeler and Comanche Way.) Our office staff led by Lisa Gilbertson is working her way around the development installing the new easier to read nameplates for the intercoms, mailboxes and doors. The entrance awnings are getting professionally washed and treated to extend their life. The railing company finished installing new deck railings on buildings 40-41. Our foundation water proofer finished repairing foundations in building 5 and 10. Our painting contractors are doing some summer painting projects. Several buildings will be getting roofs done this summer. Our mason is fixing several masonry projects on several entry ways and on some brick walls and window lintels. Our elevator contractor is replacing a motor on an elevator in building 30. Our elevator and pool phones are also being converted to cellular systems to save cost of the ever more expensive land lines. Our office phone system is also being converted to a cellular system. ATT is abandoning the lines feeding our building so this was our only option.

Obviously we have used a considerable amount of water trying to save the plantings and turf. There will be a number of plant replacements needed at the end of this hot summer, so please be patient, we do plan to do a significant amount of planting going into the fall.

The drought has been a challenge for the staff. We are thankful for the recent rainfall but we tried to keep the water bill from skyrocketing. Water costs are very high but with the amount of plant life we have in this development a certain amount of watering is essential. Lets hope the reset of the summer includes at least occasional rainfalls.

Air-conditioners have really worked overtime this summer too. During an air-conditioning season like this, your air conditioner's filter and your outdoor compressor will become very dirty from running for such a long time. If you are unable to keep your filter clean by yourself, you should plan on having your system serviced once per year. If you are able to keep your filter clean, and the outside compressor clean, you can save yourself some money and have it serviced less frequently. By keeping the system clean you will avoid down time and use less electricity.

Have a great month!

Tom Martin, General Manager



Security Reminder

The security of your building is everyone's responsibility. Never press the opener unless you can see the garage door. Also, be sure you do not rely on the automatic timer to close the overhead garage door. Get into the habit of closing the door behind you promptly when you enter or leave the building and be sure nobody is coming in right behind you. Thank you! **Congratulations** to the following residents who won a \$10.00 gift card to Ace Hardware for turning in their annual meeting proxy on time or were in attendance at the meeting so we could make our quorum!

Andrew Natvig, Leroy Swiecichowski, Rob Marks, Susan Lebergen, Ralph Jensen, Rose Turnley, Sandra Haynes, Therese Duranso, Kirsten Harrison, Patricia Hackett

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A big Thank You to our resident volunteers who helped with registration and made our annual meeting run smooth!! Carol McCollum, Jill Varnell, Judy Raebel-McKinley, and Mary Pierce.

Thank you ladies!



Eric's tip of the week:

Grease clogs are very avoidable if you are conscientious about the grease and oil used for cooking. Dispose of old grease carefully in your trash, be creative and find a suitable secure container and get it in the garbage, not in your drains. (Be sure it doesn't leak out of your garbage bag!)

Also run plenty of hot water and soap down your drain when washing greasy pans.

Modern dishwashers use so little water they sometimes add to the problem by moving food particles a short way down the line. Every once in a while run a large sink full of hot soapy water down the drain to flush away grease accumulations. Eric

Upcoming Cherokee Events

Bridge: Join us for our weekly social bridge game held at the Cherokee Garden Condos Clubhouse each Monday at 12:45 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 <u>ypawlow@yahoo.com</u> or (608) 334-8062 for more information.

Reminder: Go Paperless! Send the office your email and any other updates!

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