

NEWSLETTER

Park Meadows Association (PMA)

December 2003--January 2004

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News of note for December and January . . .

New trustee. Dimi Reber was elected PMA trustee at the annual meeting in October. Dimi will succeed outgoing trustee Bev Price. Dimi takes office in January 2004; beginning in January, PM residents may call her at 767-1078. Many thanks and much appreciation to Bev for her years of service to Park Meadows. Bev's fellow trustees wish her a fond farewell, noting that she had just the right sense of humor for the job!

Service update. AC Service has completed fall inspection of furnaces. The next salt delivery is scheduled around December 18. AC Service has increased the salt fee for the first time in five years. The Trustees are investigating other salt-delivery options, which they will report on in January.

Trash procedures reminder. According to Village policy, residents must use trash cans with tight lids, and garbage should be bagged and tied. These procedures are not always followed in Park Meadows, as trash often spills onto areas around pick-up sites. As noted in the October/November newsletter, the Trustees request that large trash items be placed at the curb no earlier than Wednesday evening for pick up on Thursday. In addition, the Trustees make this suggestion for especially large items: Since only one person loads the trash truck, other arrangements should be made for any item that requires more than one person to carry it to the pick-up location. Possibilities include calling the Salvation Army for pick up or contacting someone with a truck who can haul the item away.

PMA brush pile. The PMA brush pile has been well utilized this season. Currently, the brush pile is in the experimental stage; chipping will be done only when needed and possible--that is, when the pile is big enough and when the ground is hard. For other yard-waste recycling needs, residents might wish to go to a Greene County Environmental Services site, which provides facilities for brush, weeds, grass clippings, and leaves. Main sites are located in Xenia; there is a satellite site, with limited facilities, on the east side of Fairborn. A recently opened Xenia site also offers facilities for recycling paper, glass, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum cans. Call Greene County Services at 427-1199 for schedules and directions to the sites.

New neighbors! Park Meadows extends a warm welcome to our new neighbors, Robert Morrison and his children, Sarah and Sam, at 145 PM.

Have you seen Spark? Franklin Halley asks PM residents to be on the lookout for his black and white cat Spark, who has been missing since Franklin and his family moved in mid-October.

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THE RECIPE CORNER

Cranberry-Apple Crisp

from *Jane Brody's Good Food Cookbook*

This dessert is perfect for the holiday season--the only time when fresh cranberries are available.

3 cups cranberries (1 12-ounce package)
2 large apples, *unpeeled*, cored, and sliced thin
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup all-purpose flour, divided
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
3/4 cup rolled oats (regular or quick)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
3 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

1. In a large bowl, combine the cranberries, apples, sugar, cinnamon, and one tablespoon of flour. Transfer the mixture to a greased 6-cup shallow baking dish.
 2. In the same bowl (no need to wash it), combine the remaining flour, brown sugar, oats, and nuts, if desired. Stir in the melted butter or margarine and mix the ingredients well (the mixture should be crumbly). Sprinkle this mixture over the fruit mixture.
 3. Bake the crisp in a preheated 375 degree oven for 40 minutes or until the crisp is slightly browned. Let the crisp stand for 10 minutes before serving it. Top with ice cream, whipped cream, whipped topping, or yogurt.
- Sue and Bob Parker

Happy Holidays!