

**PARK MEADOWS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER #2
MAY 2011**

Information from the Trustees

DRYER VENTS: - Some residents have noticed a problem with clothes drying taking too long. Andy Holyoke checked those units that reported the problem and apparently some of them had the wrong type of roof dryer vent which was causing lint build-up. On 4 May, Sheriff-Goslin (Roofing contractor) came and checked the vents on every unit. They identified the ones that needed to be replaced [#245 and 255].

WATER SOFTENERS: We now have 22 units with newer water softeners which use less salt, and so the Trustees have agreed to cut salt deliveries to 4 times per year instead of the current 6 times. This will result in savings to PMA. The most recent delivery was on 13 April and the next deliveries will be 13 July, 12 Oct., and 11 Jan 2012. (This supersedes the service schedule that was printed in the previous newsletter)

For those units (#s 120, 130, 155, 160, 170, 180, 205, 215, 235, 260, 270, 280) still having the older water softeners, residents will need check more closely and call if salt is needed prior to the July delivery. Make sure the salt level never goes below 12 inches from the bottom of the tank. Ideally it should stay about half full. (You can always take a small sample your tap water - 1/2 cup - to AC Plumbing and they will test it) If you are in need of a delivery, please call one of the Trustees and they will contact AC. Depending how much salt these older units need over the rest of the year, they will become candidates for replacement.

FURNACE FILTERS: This schedule will also change to 4 times per year, and will be done at the same time as the salt delivery. Tenants with pets may need to change the filter more often. AC will leave an extra filter if requested.

AIR-CONDITIONER UNITS: AC will soon be doing the spring maintenance for these. They have asked us to remind PM residents to check their units again in mid-summer and to keep them free of grass-clippings and other debris. Evidently they have seen some of the units become clogged with grass when mowers have gotten too close. This can affect the efficiency of the unit. AC suggests hosing them off on occasion.

ATTIC FANS: AC has approached the Trustees with regard to installing attic fans in Park Meadows units. According to them the advantages would be: (1) fans can lower the temperature of upstairs rooms by 10 degrees, (2) lengthen roof life, (3) save up to 30% on air conditioning, and when combined with a humidistat, (4) keep attics dry during the winter. If you are interested in this, please contact a Trustee.

PMA PAYMENTS: Please do not put PMA payments in the 195 mailbox. Everyone should have the bookkeeper's address: Emily Fine, PO Box 734, YSO. It is your responsibility to mail payments directly to her.

FLOWER BOXES: Andy Holyoke will be re-enforcing and restraining the flower boxes. He will be gone for the summer and Trustees are currently looking for a temporary replacement for Andy.

REMINDER: please keep the earth and/or mulch around your foundation at least 4 to 6 inches away from the bottom of the wood siding. This helps to keep pests, termites, etc from getting into your home. Also, keep firewood at least 10 feet away from the foundation.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC: Mark your calendars for the PMA picnic, part of YS neighborhood block party weekend - 20 Aug. (rain date - 21 Aug.)

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST: Please welcome our new neighbor, Jeanne Lemkau, #175.

Trustees:

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