

# THE PARK MEADOWS NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

## House Staining Set for 2013 and 2014

The PMA Trustees announce that staining of PM houses has been scheduled to begin in summer 2013 and to be continued in summer 2014. The back two PM rows (205--285) will be stained in 2013, and the front two PM rows (100--185) will be stained in 2014. In preparation for the first stage, Bill Hardman will be making exterior repairs. He has compiled a list of needed repairs that he identified in the back rows, but residents of those houses should feel free to let the trustees know about specific exterior problems that require Bill's attention.

The trustees will provide further details about the staining schedule after a contractor has been selected.

## Landscaping Revitalizes Park Meadows

The PM landscape committee (Carolyn Ray, Jeannie Joyce, and Fran LaSalle) has been working with landscaping consultant Nadia Malarkey on a plan to refurbish plantings on both sides of the main entrance to Park Meadows and in the circle at the end of Park Meadows Drive.

The project began last fall, when Enoch Tree Care did extensive pruning of overgrown areas and removed dead and dying plantings. One casualty was the redbud tree that had stood in the circle for several years. The landscape committee recently resumed work on the circle. Later in the spring, PM residents can expect to see new plantings replace losses like the redbud, as well as other additions designed to enhance Park Meadows grounds.

In the meantime, trustees ask residents not to add any plants to the circle without consulting the committee. While contributions have been greatly appreciated in the past, the committee wishes to implement their design plan before inviting the participation of PM gardeners.

## Basic Maintenance 2013 Schedule\*\*

### July 17

Salt levels checked, furnace filters changed out, water softener filters changed out.

### October 16

Salt levels checked, furnace filters changed out.

\*\*Weather and unforeseen circumstances could be factors in changing the schedule.

## Revisions Approved

As the result of voting held in March and April, a majority of PM residents approved revised PMA policies and procedures. The revisions have been incorporated into the PMA Policies and Procedures manual.

## Zorrie and Zelda

PM neighbor Elaine Brown recently sent this note to the Newsletter:

"I have Dottie Limbaugh's cats, Zorrie and Zelda. I am concerned about what will happen to them when I cannot take care of them because of illness or death.

"Could I ask through the Newsletter if someone here would be willing to take over when that happens? They really are good companions and easy care. Well behaved. And funny!"

Anyone who is interested in being a guardian for Zorrie and Zelda may get in touch with Elaine or the Newsletter.

### Receive Invoices by Email

Residents are encouraged to request that the bookkeeper, Emily Fine ([efine@siscom.net](mailto:efine@siscom.net)), send their monthly fee invoice via email. This saves Emily time and reduces PMA mailing expenses.

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## Extended Stay Away From Home

Residents who will be away from home for three weeks or longer must inform the trustees of their plans in advance. Send a note or email to a trustee, providing your contact information, travel dates, and name of the person who will be checking your home. In addition, we recommend the following tips:

\*Your house needs to be checked every two weeks for water leaks. You may even want to turn off the water.

\*Turn the water heater down to the lowest setting to save on your energy bill.

\*Turn air conditioning down in summer, but keep the temperature somewhat cool. Although you may want to reduce energy bills, you might have to prevent the house from getting too warm in order to protect plants and electronics.

\*Turn heat down or off in spring and fall. In winter, however, be sure to leave the house warm enough to protect water pipes.

\*Unplug electronic devices such as computers in order to protect them if there is storm while you are away. Remember to unhook the phone line from the modem. If the computer is also your answering machine, the phone must remain hooked to the modem. Be sure surge protectors are properly installed.

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