

# TO THE POINTE

*A monthly newsletter for a community of condos where people of diverse backgrounds and ages live in close proximity to one another and share common elements with their neighbors.*

## NEIGHBOR NEWS

I got a cold a week ago. I felt miserable and didn't attend some get togethers, which is not like me as I am such a social person! However, when the word got out that I was under the weather I got some wonderful surprises. Two friends brought me soup, another gave me a book about Hanukkah to give to my granddaughters because their other grandparents are Jewish. Another cut greens for me as I was helping decorate for a luncheon. Then another brought home-made cookies. Several have sent wishes for me to get better and asked if they could get something for me, thus showing they care. The best was when my youngest granddaughter left a note that said, "Nana is the best and I love her!"

This has made me realize that friends and a community where people help those in need is alive and well here at Oswego Pointe Village.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Annie



## HERE YE, HERE YE

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, January 17 at 5:00 in the Riverside room.

## LIGHTING

All of the lights have now been installed! Most neighbors have had positive things to say. We still have a few glitches with sensors but we are working quickly to fix those issues.

The Gazebo Committee was very unhappy with the light fixtures presented to us. They were too bright, too white and just too many lights. We are back at the drawing board with the gazebo and we are also waiting for the final fixtures for the two trees in front of the Clubhouse.

We budgeted \$70,000 for this entire project with 15% overage and I think we will come in at \$75,000!

Thank you all for your patience.

*The Lighting Committee*



## YUM YUM!

We had so many requests for Julyanne Pang's Broccoli Blast Salad that we finally just asked her for it! (She brought it to the Summer BBQ!) It was so fun talking about our neighbors' great cooking that we have decided to offer a few recipes that neighbors are "famous" for. We have a number of good ideas waiting in the wings for our next publication. If you want to add one of your special treats, send me the recipe! We will do our best to print them! Think: Barb L's Baked Beans, Sue D's Meatballs, Pat M's Slow Cooker Lava Cake, Gary O's deviled eggs!!!!

## BROCCOLI BLAST SALAD

1 pound raw Broccoli  
 2 cups Broccoli Slaw  
 1 small Onion  
 1/2 cup Craisins (or raisins)  
 1/2 cup Sunflower Seeds (or walnuts or slivered almonds)  
 (Some folks add 1/2 Cup chopped crispy bacon)  
 One jar coleslaw dressing

Cut broccoli into small flowerettes. Cut onion into thin rings. (If using bacon fry crisp and crumble)

Mix all ingredients and add dressing to your taste. (Light dressing works best!)

Or just order from Bales Palisades Market and enjoy!

*Julyanne Pang*

## PENNY PINCHERS

Let's share our penny pincher ideas!

Did you know that EVERY Tuesday 365 offers seniors a 10% discount on everything? Yes, including alcohol! IF you buy 6 bottles, you automatically get a 10% discount. If you wait until Tuesday to pick out your wine (and groceries), the wine would be 20% off.

Got a penny pinching hint? Please email Mary Beth at [sweetcoffey@hotmail.com](mailto:sweetcoffey@hotmail.com)



## IT'S A HARD KNOCK LIFE

The Ackermans, Sandy and MBC spent an afternoon last month TRYING to put in a few color spots of flowers in the front of the community! Gary had to use a pick ax to even dig out enough dirt to put these tiny little flowers in! It was quite a job!

We thank everyone, especially Gary very, very much for working so hard, physically, to brighten up the look of the neighborhood.



## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



### CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Please place your used Christmas tree by the Orange Cones in the parking lot on the North side of the parking lot. CMI will pick them up on **January 8th for NO CHARGE**. After that date, you must take your tree to a tree removal station.

**DO NOT PUT ANY TREES IN THE GARBAGE OR RECYCLE AREAS. THEY WILL NOT BE REMOVED BY OUR GARBAGE COMPANY!**

### LIBRARY LOWDOWN

Marian the Librarian has done it again! We now have an art ledge to display framed items ... without nail holes in the wall!

The plan for this \$30 investment is to showcase our Residents ... your photography, original art or even collections of art. Anything that is framed or has sturdy backing.

Marian will go first. Once you visit and visualize, send your interest to her (jb97034@me.com) and get a month to display your items!

G-rated items only (no private etchings, please!)

*JB Lockhart*

### JUST HOW WE ROLL

Our Bike Room is being reorganized and new Registration Forms are available for people wanting to keep a bike in the room. Contact Annie Arkebauer at 5055 #H ... 503-636-4347 or aarkebauer@aol.com. This is a year-to-year contract and the cost is just \$50 per year. (Please read the form as money will not be prorated).

You may store one bike per person and you must live onsite.

In January CMI will charge your HOA account \$50.00 for bike storage. (All bikes not accounted for via the new registration form will be removed.)

We will generate a waiting list when we are full.

*Annie Arkebauer*

### FREEZING COLD WEATHER

Our community has already experienced icy weather and if you live upstairs, it can be a serious issue. The upper decks freeze very quickly and take quite a bit of time to thaw. Please hold the hand rails and go up and down with GREAT caution.

There are snow shovels in the front room of the Riverside Room. Please replace them after use so that others can find them during snowy weather.

Don and Jane Pope have some sand in their storage closet that they are willing to share. Please ask them first!

Salt can be very destructive to our sidewalks, so please use sparingly, if at all.



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**Pool** - OPEN

**LIGHTS OUT?**

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**2017 IN REVIEW**

While I have only been on the Board since mid-August, this January issue of our monthly Newsletter seemed a perfect time to remember what your HOA accomplished during 2017.

Together we:

- Passed 2018 budget
- Appointed new Landscape Chair
- Are researching HVAC for Clubhouse
- Updated the library with more books, mags and puzzles
- 98% completed our new swimming pool and deck
- Prepared a comprehensive annual Maintenance Schedule - with a LOT of help from Angel, Annie, and CMI
- Obtained unanimous Board approval for VISITOR ONLY parking in front of the pool and Clubhouse and it is being enforced
- Installed new, larger downspouts on a few buildings to help prevent gutter overflow. While there is a tiny drip drip sound, we are now setting aside money to do all of our buildings.
- Designed and installed new outdoor lighting.
- Organized work parties and social events for all residents.
- Appointed a new Bike Room Manager, updated the rules and requirements and changed the lock. No waiting list currently!
- Survived some crazy winter weather and the following clean up.
- Had all attics inspected and now working with CMI to find a consultant so we can begin to get bids to update dryer ventilating systems in all buildings, one or two each year.
- Worked with Oregon State apiarists to have our massive bee colony safely moved to a new location.

While we accomplished a lot, 2018 also has a few big projects (and a million small ones!) in store. Our landscape irrigation system is over 30 years old. Sandy, our Landscape Chair, has asked Mary Beth to head up this project to work closely with Willamette Landscape. The Board is researching money to continue to add large downspouts. We are interviewing consultants to upgrade the attics, building by building. We will continue to follow our maintenance schedule and add additional tasks as we accrue the funds.

All in all, we really do need more help from our owners and tenants. Please speak up if you have ideas. When we ask your opinion, let us know! The only way we know what would make life at OPV better is when you provide input. Thank you for your trust and encouragement. Being a Board member is a bit of work yet many hands make it lighter!

*JB Lockhart*