

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



Meet our newest neighbor,
Patrick-Raylin Mi Nadado Meisenheimer, born 1-9-18!
Parents Drew and Elaine are doing fine!

Happy Birthday **Bob Dressler!!!**
He's ninety two years YOUNG!



Mike and Carol Hopkin's
"Ode To Spring"



The next HOA meeting is **Wednesday, March 21 at 5:00 PM** in the **Riverside Room**. **Everyone is welcome!**

SPRING CLEANING NOW?

Yes, now is a good time to clean your Cadet heaters. There are many videos that are very helpful. Just type, "How do I clean my Cadet Heater" into your browser bar and many will come up or try the Cadet video at "5 Steps to Clean Your Cadet Wall Heater" at <http://cadetheat.com/blog/clean-electric-wall-heater/>

Just remember to **TURN OFF YOUR ELECTRICITY WHILE YOU ARE CLEANING!**

Most of us do this yearly. It only takes a few minutes and you are good for the year. Good luck!

Speaking of cleaning. Our dryer vents were cleaned last week, from the outside of the building in. But if you want to clean your dryer vent from the inside out, and this is a **GREAT IDEA**, you can set it up through CMI (Amber, 503-445-1228) and you will get a discount of \$20.00 from your HOA! You make the appointment through Amber, they clean your vent, from inside the house, and they bill you right then and there. Send proof of the job being done to CMI and CMI will deposit \$20.00 into your HOA account. What a deal. It's good for all of us living in close quarters! (We are sorry to say that renters must work through their owners to get this deal.)

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

Over the past two months Mike Hopkins and Kevin Diamond have been working together to learn about our aging HVAC machinery in the Clubhouse. After extensive investigation, they have discovered that our main equipment is fine but our condensers are about 15 years past their life expectancy!

Together they talked to professionals for advice. The consensus is that we keep our machinery but replace the outside CONDENSERS only. The cost is approximately \$28,500. All but about two hundred dollars will be covered by our Reserve funding.

A representative from Watts Heating and Cooling came to the meeting and explain how they will replace our existing units. The units are still chugging along but could quit at any moment. We need to upgrade them before we hit a hot or cold period and they go completely out.

Mike and Kevin, thank you so much for such intensive and complete work and for keeping such a sharp pencil with the cost.

PENNY PINCHER HINT:

Last month, JB and I had a great experience at New Seasons Market. We took a store tour and it was FREE! They are held monthly and cover one topic. This tour was healthy ideas for the new year. The store's Nutritionist gives the tour. She took us to different areas of the store and discussed new products that are helpful on many levels. The tour is casual, Q & A in nature and very informative. She gave us samples and great written handouts.

While it is free, you need a ticket. Just go to their web site and click on, " Events and Classes"... put in your store location and click on the topic that interests you. Or go to the store and talk to Customer Service!

It was a pleasure and we learned so much. February's topic is Heart Healthy Foods.

A WOMAN'S...UH...GENTLEMAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE!

By a unanimous Board vote, Jesse Booth has been hired as our new Clubhouse Representative! We need to come up with a new title as this person is asked to do so much more than just keep the Clubhouse refreshed, stocked, clean, organized and running smoothly for all of us. Cleaning the Guest Suite, meeting and working with many vendors, helping organize move ins and outs, re-organizing closets and keeping the pool bathrooms up all summer, are just a few of the jobs he is called on to deal with.

Jessie lives with his partner Kate, their two little boys, Braeden and Deacon, and Kate's Mother, JB, in 5064D. If you've been to the pool...you know them all!

Clubhouse "Walkers" should now contact JESSE with issues as should neighbors who have questions or concerns. Welcome to the team Jesse!

JESSE BOOTH 971-801-3177. Please text or call him.



LIBRARY LOWDOWN:

Jane and Don donated puzzles and cookies. Lots of puzzles and books have been donated ... Gail, Marilyn, Mary Beth, JB, ... as well as a beautiful table for displaying magazines. You can come in and read or take them home to read!

The art shelf is available to display your items ... contact JB 503-341-8326

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LIGHTS OUT?

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SAD NEWS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS, BILL & PAT:

As many of you know, our long time and good neighbors, Bill and Pat McDonald (and Mary Ann) suffered the loss of their 12 year old grandson, Will. He stayed with his grandparents, here at Oswego Pointe, on multiple occasions. During his short life you may have seen him on his scooter darting around our parking lot or at Foothills Park. On this past Christmas Eve, without warning, Will inexplicably slipped into a coma. He was life flighted to the Children's Hospital in Aurora, Colorado. There was extensive brain damage and his condition was determined, medically, to be irreversible. After 18 days he was declared "brain dead" by the doctors. His life support was withdrawn and on Jan. 10 he entered into Heaven.

The cause is still not known. Pat and Bill drove to Lafayette, where Will and his family reside, to support their son Joey, his wife Diana and their teen daughters Ava and Ella. They will remain in Colorado through mid February. One positive thing we can add is that Will's family chose to let Will be a donor. Eight children have been given life or a better life because of this incredible gift.

Pat also talked about the mark that Will left on his community in such a short life span. There has been a community wide recognition of his passing at his school, in his community and at his church. Their Will was quite the boy, it seems.

Upon the McDonald's return, neighbor friends will hold a small, evening "Cake and Coffee" in the Fireplace Room. (Time and date information will be emailed to our community.) The family has requested a donation to the programs listed below instead of flowers.

Donor Alliance

This non-profit organization facilitates the donation and recovery of organs and tissues; they serve Colorado and most of Wyoming. The McDonald family worked with Donor Alliance to donate Will's organs and was very comforted by their professional and compassionate approach. On the donation page, there is a box where you can indicate that the donation is being made in honor of Will McDonald.

<https://www.donoralliance.org/contribute>

Wyldlife (Young Life) - The Will McDonald Camp Scholarship Fund

The McDonald family and Young Life serving Louisville and Superior have partnered to create a fund in Will's memory. The fund will help kids from Louisville, Lafayette and Superior get to camp to have some of the same fun experiences that Will had and loved.

<https://80027.younglife.org/Pages/WillsFund.aspx>

Bill, Pat and Mary Ann, many neighbors have called to express their sympathy. Please know that Oswego Pointe Village holds you closely in our hearts.