

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

Pat MacDonald was walking with her Walking Group (thank goodness) heading over the Tillicum Bridge when Pat tripped on a tree root and, as she stated, "did a full face plant!"

Betty Barbur was with her and assured her that it was just a scrape! They finished a 5.4-mile walk and lunch! Upon returning home, Pat was cleaning her wounds and just couldn't stop it from bleeding. She ended up with two stitches and many, many steri-strips. The next day, Pat says she felt fine and had no other aches or pains! She attributes this to her dedication to keep moving at any age! Take a look at Pat. She is doing something right!!! We all wish you a speedy recovery and are happy that you walk with a group!



The next HOA meeting is Thursday, May 17 at 5:30 PM in the Riverside Room. Everyone is welcome!

COMEDY COMING UP

Opening May 4 in Milwaukie for New Century Players, the delightful comedy "The Cemetery Club" will feature our resident diva Virginia Kincaid as Ida, one of three Jewish widows in various stages of rejoining a couples' world. Come see if Virginia masters a New Yawk Yiddish accent to mute her Texas drawl. See www.newcenturyplayers.org for ticket information.

Certainly, no obligation, but I'd LOVE to see you at this production!

Virginia Kincaid



YOU ARE ALL INVITED

As many of you know, our long-time neighbor, **Carol Keddy** has had a fun business called Miche Bags. Many of us have purchased them from her.

She is presenting a fabulous Accessory Fashion Showcase ...Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 am to 2:00pm in the Riverside Room. All OPV neighbors and friends are invited for free! The exciting fashion showcase features Magnolia and Vine Interchangeable jewelry. Carol will also present the closeout of her remaining Miche Inventory. There will be other vendors too. Door prizes and healthy refreshments will be served. Please come and enjoy. Bring a friend!

ATTIC ATTACK

Two of our attics have been retrofitted with designated dryer vents, new solid ducting, mold removal and abeyance and new insulation. It was a longer process then expected, but these two attics were the most affected by far. They are completed and ready for the independent inspector to come view. We will continue with this process until all our upstairs unit attics have been fixed.

The Dogwood at Ackermans'



SURPRISE ATTACK

Our dear neighbor **Adele Steinwinder** experienced a most dramatic event last week. She was meeting a friend downtown Portland and was waiting outside of her car, for her friend to get out of the car. A man was walking up the sidewalk. Adele turned to glance at him and then looked back at her friend in the car. The man lurched at her and pushed her, as hard as he could, into the side of her car. She smashed her head and the full front of her face into the side of her car door. She fell across the car door making it hard for her friend to get out and help her. THE MAN WALKED CALMING ON NEVER EVEN LOOKING BACK!

Luckily, people saw it and came to her assistance and someone called the police. The man was caught by security cameras. He has done this at least six times in the past! Adele is doing very, very well but she looks like a prize fighter who has gone 12 rounds. I'm not sure who won! She is pressing charges because she has to! This guy's needs to go away for a long, long time.

Adele understands that she was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Neighbors have been helpful and are watching over her. I asked her what she needed...she responded, "I could use a hug!" No kidding. I happen to know that she loves 'Very Berry iced Tea' from Starbucks!

We are all thinking of you Adele.



Peter Duck in the pool

PENNY PINCHERS

Wow.... I got a lot of great Penny Pincher ideas from Marge! Here are a few more discounts at local grocery stores:

First Tuesday of the month;

Rite Aid, Walgreens, Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet (9am - noon only)

Every Tuesday:

Safeway, 365, Target, Bales Thriftway,

First Wednesday of the month:

Albertson's

Every Wednesday:

New Seasons

Note...some of these discounts are not advertised. You must ask for the Senior Discount!

Marge Crow

To save money on groceries - I have been very pleased with this fruit-and-vegetable resource and the free delivery is a godsend.

<https://www.imperfectproduce.com/>

Mary Houseman

HVAC

By the time you read this our entire new HVAC system will be in and functioning! It was a big undertaking, (over two weeks of full time work.) and we had a few small glitches. Their venting didn't arrive on schedule and about three Clubhouse events were pretty chilly! One Guest Suite guest was saved by Diane! She brought over her personal space heater and all was well. (We didn't charge them for their stay and they were happy as clams!) We apologize to any who were disturbed, and we thank the rest of you who made the best of the situation!

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Over the past three months, three neighbors have had their original thermostats fail. Remember, these little machines are over 26 years old. For two of the folks it wasn't a problem. They went to Home Depot and just got another thermostat.

But Caroline and Dennis Stock had this happen while they were on extended vacation. Caroline got a heat bill of \$160.00! She called me, and we went over to see what we could find out. We walked in the door and it was like a blast furnace! It must have been 99 degrees in that unit! Mike Creighton, the next-door neighbor and a Realtor by trade, knew exactly what was going on and *exactly* what to do! He turned off all of the heater circuit breakers. The heaters and fans stopped immediately! GREAT CALL MIKE!

While this is an easy fix, remember that our thermostats are powered by 220 volts of electricity. Please have a licensed electrician put your new thermostats in if and when you need them.

You will know that the thermostat has failed because the Cadet Heaters won't turn off. They continue to run until you pull the breaker. Most boxes are in the small bedroom behind the door.

WOW FACTOR IS HAPPENING FOLKS

Things are really happening here with Landscaping!

The Trellises are coming along, and we hope will be done and installed by the end of July. A number of neighbors have added plantings to their front areas and they look great.

The LC has decided to purchase and plant the front container by themselves, as a work party. They can't wait to get their hands in the dirt. We will save money and have some fun doing it ourselves.

Discussion continues about the front entry. Fountain, no fountain. Grass, no Grass...color spots or not. Lots to think about.

We are working with Jessie at Brightview to begin adding French Drains to areas in need again. We hope to have a bid to the board by the next Meeting.

On a personal note, if you want to "snazz" up your front area, I would be happy to help you. Gardening is my passion. I understand that we have rules and regulations in a group living situation, but there are many ways to keep to the rules while highlighting your own personal style in the garden. I work for wine and conversation!

Mulch will be blown in starting May 9th - May 10th, so be ready for workers to be all over the neighborhood.

Sandy, Landscape Chair



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Pool - OPEN

LIGHTS OUT?

Mary Beth Coffey, 503-740-6937

POOL CHEMICAL CHECKERS

The pool will open Saturday May 26th for Memorial Day weekend fun.

As you know, we rely on pool users to help check on the chemicals to keep our pool costs down.

You are NOT responsible to add chemicals to the pool, you just take two simple readings and write them on a prepared chart for "Phil The Pool Guy" to review.

If you use the pool...please take at least 6 days over the Summer to check the chemicals. (One day just isn't worth it, as you need to be trained and that takes your one day!!!)

We will show you how to do it...It's VERY SIMPLE and it takes about a total of 10 minutes to get the job done. You can do it anytime of the day or night and people can be in the pool when you do it.

Phil, The Pool Guy, checks chemicals and equipment, and cleans the pool 3 days a week for \$75 per day. We need to check chemicals the days he's not here. I hope you see why it is important for us to help care for our pool. IF YOU ENJOY THE POOL...PLEASE SHARE IN THE UPKEEP WITH ALL OF US!

Please call MB (503-740-6937) to sign up for your days. Most people like to choose one day, say Tuesday and do it every Tuesday for one month! It's easier to remember! We could have as many as 17 weeks to cover so we need lots of us to pitch in. (If you need to miss your day, we can cover for you!)

POOL SET UP WORK DAY....MAY 26TH 10:00 AM. TREATS WILL BE SERVED! "Many hands make light work!"

OPV IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO ACT AS POOL MANAGER FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. You will be asked to check the Pool Checker schedule a few times a week to be sure that the chemicals are being checked. You may be asked to do a few other simple tasks during the pool season. Please consider taking on this job for the summer. Again, if you use and enjoy the pool, please step up and help!

THE SPA IS CLOSED

We are installing new controllers in both the pool and spa this spring. The cost is close to \$16,000. These last about seven years and ours are about twelve years old! "Phil the Pool Guy" will install these as soon as they arrive. He would rather do it now and not have to close the pool/spa during Summer!