

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

Welcome Renters:

Ann Meisen 51 H
Bridget and her daughter 53 H

Welcome New Owners:

June Upchurch 60 E
Vicki Love now owns 54 E

Pat McDonald has a new cast on her foot and is doing well

Jessie Champlain had a bit of a health scare and is improving daily.

Darrius and Colleen Baker have decided to sell their unit and follow their son, who starts a fantastic new job, to NH. They sold their unit to very close friends. We will miss our "snowbird" friends and wish them the very best. While they are very sad to be leaving, they are excited to start a new future in a beautiful state with family. Hey, you guys...don't forget all of your old friends on the West Coast!!!!



The next board meeting will be October 16 at 5:30 in the Riverside Room. All residents are invited.

ATTIC RETROFITTING WILL START AGAIN

JR Johnson will be starting with the retrofitting of the attic vents very soon. We have finished eight buildings and have eight more in the schedule for 2019. We are under budget so far and that is letting us get this job done sooner than we expected!

If your building is scheduled for retrofitting, we will call you individually and set a day and time to go into your attic and do the work. It takes about 1.5 days or less to do the venting work. **WE REALLY NEED YOU TO WORK WITH US AND GET THIS JOB DONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** (Of course, this only encumbers upstairs units as that is how the attics are entered.)

In advance, thank you for helping this upgrade go smoothly and efficiently.



If you have an article, photo, or story idea for the Newsletter, please send it to Mary Beth at Sweetcoffey@ Hotmail.com for consideration.



THE BIG BASH

The annual BBQ was a great success with so many neighbors attending. Over 80 folks came to enjoy each other's company and taste the great homemade treats that folks brought.



We owe a big thank you to Gary O'Connell for donating the use of his BBQ. (It took him over an hour to clean the grease out of it!!!) And a special "Thanks" to Gary Brentano, (known as "My Gary") for cooking all of the hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection!

Cathi and Sandy helped set up the night before and Cathi, Sandy, Lelonie, Judy, Betty and a few others did a great job cleaning up. Jesse did a deep clean the next day to put everything back in order. We also want to send a special "shout out" to Robbin and Tim, Julyenne's German Exchange students, for doing the heavy work of putting tables, both out and away. You gents were very, very helpful!

These gatherings are a great way to meet new neighbors and to catch up with the old gang again.

TUESDAY IS FUN DAY AT OPV

The LOACC decided that they can no longer accommodate the weekly Tuesday afternoon Mahjong game. Claire Cohen, a long time Mahjong Devil, asked if she could bring the game to OPV. The board voted a resounding YES!

Tuesdays will start off with Qigong at 9:00 in the morning and move into Mahjong at 12:30. Both of these inclusive activities are open to our community and are FREE! Claire has offered to teach Mahjong to anyone interested. It's easy to learn and fun to play. Mahjong will start mid-October. Both activities will be held in the Riverside Room. (Check the schedule as some Tuesdays have been scheduled for special events.)

GUEST ROOM ETIQUETTE

We are very fortunate to have this fantastic amenity here at OPV. It is inexpensive, on site and a wonderful way to make money for OPV. Most people are perfect guests; but here are a few reminders for guests and owners alike:

1. This is NOT a hotel. Guests must leave the room looking just like they found it, meaning wash the dishes they use, clean up spills, turn the lights out when they aren't in the unit and in general...treat it like the amenity it is.

Jessie does a basic cleaning between guests ...but he is not a slave to clean up whatever guests don't want to do! Owners are responsible for their Guest's behavior. If cleanup is extensive, the Owner will be charged for additional clean up.

2. You may book up to two weeks at a time. (There are special circumstances for Owners who need extended times and will be considered on a case by case basis.)
3. Owners must provide towels and sheets. Sheets are available in the suite, but the Owner must wash them and return them within 24 hours of use.
4. Owners must be related to the guests. Please do not schedule for people you don't know. Please...no friends of a friend.
5. Check out is Noon and Check in is 4:00 PM. The keys must be left on the hook by the front door when guests check out or a charge of \$100.00 will be applied to the bill. (This is to keep folks from going home with the keys!) We only had one lost key incident this year! That's pretty great considering how many folks used it!

THANKS SO MUCH

Please send a shout out to WILL ROOKER for donating a Flat Screen TV to the Guest Suite. It's great, and guests have noticed the improvement!

ANGEL IN JAPAN

One of your residents, Angel Pilato, a retired USAF Lt. Col. was invited to be the Keynote Speaker for the Wing Ball at [Misawa Air Base, Japan](#). A huge aircraft hangar was completely transformed for the event with two [F-22 Jet Fighters](#) on display. There were 550 people that attended, and after the talk, one of them said, "This is the first time I didn't fall asleep during the speaker's talk at the wing dinner!"



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REFRESH

In the last newsletter, Will Rooker called for folks to join his committee to "refresh" the Riverside room. The committee now includes Barb Laird, Teri Jane, Wendy Odiaga and Will. They are shopping for new tables, (we have a group who will make good use of our old tables.) new pillows, fresh paint and new baseboards. Additional and improved lighting will be part of the refresh.

Thanks for volunteering to help.

CORRECTION

We apologize for a typo in the article about Bruce, Kristina and Fiona's Mt. Hood adventure. We spelled their name as Hopkins and it should be HAWKINS!

BLINDS CLEANING

Over this past few weeks a number of our neighbors have had their binds cleaned by *All Pro Blinds*. Every one of them was completely happy with the price, the operation, and the results of a gentleman who comes on site to do the job.

He cleans all types of blinds, and he repairs broken blinds and restrings mini blinds as well. He comes to OPV, removes the blinds, takes them to his truck to clean them and replaces them all within an hour. (They do need to hang in the window for an hour to totally dry.)

Mary, Lori and Dianne have used him this week and three more neighbors have him scheduled for next week! The price is reasonable, and he is fully licensed and insured.

Lance Hammond
ALL PRO BLIND CLEANERS
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LET THERE BE LIGHT

Mike Hopkins has been bullied into being the "light man" because he is just so able! If you have an outdoor light issue, please contact Mike for a "consultation and a fix".

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HVAC VOTE

The HVAC votes started off with a bang but have slowed down. The vote so far is 30% positive, 3% negative.

We will reach out to Owners once again, asking them to vote. The majority of the missing votes are from absentee owners. Stayed tune!

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LIGHTS OUT?**Mike Hopkins**,Mike.Beach3@Comcast.net**TIME TO CLEAN YOUR HEATERS**

It's hard to believe that Autumn is here! Cadet recommends cleaning your electric heater at least once a year. If you have pets or more than two people living in your condo, you may want to clean it more often, since excessive dirt and dust might get into your heater.

STEP ONE Turn off any circuits that correspond with your heaters

Tech Tip: Once the breaker is turned off, it is important that you test the circuit with your voltage detector to ensure power has been completely turned off to your heater.

STEP TWO Remove the grill

Tech Tip: If you have a thermostat on your heater, be sure to remove the knob first very carefully with your flat head screwdriver. Take your time with this. We get a lot of calls from customers who try and force the knob off quickly or who have removed the grill without first removing the knob. This will damage the thermostat, which you will have to replace or possibly you will have to replace the whole heater.

STEP THREE Blow out the Heater

Tech Tip: If you do not have an air compressor or a vacuum with a blower, a good old-fashioned hair dryer will do the trick. But, do NOT use canned air. This is a potentially serious safety hazard because many of these products contain a flammable propellant. Regardless of the blower you use, be sure to keep the fan blades from spinning around while blowing out the dust, this can damage the motor.

STEP FOUR Clean the Grill

Tech Tip: Put the grill into a bucket of soapy water as soon as you remove it. That will allow it time to soak while you are blowing the dust out from the heater.

STEP FIVE Reinstall the Grill

Tech Tip: be sure the grill is completely dry before you reinstall it. Any moisture that gets into the heater can damage the heater or be a safety hazard. Also, when replacing the screws, just screw them in snug. Do not bury them to prevent stripping or damaging the grill.

After your heater has been cleaned you can turn the breaker back on. Turn the thermostat up until the heater comes on, letting it run for a few minutes. Make sure that it warms up normally and listen to make sure it sounds like it is running smoothly. Then set it back to the level you want it.

Following these simple steps will keep your heater running normally and keep you and your family warm when you need it most.

ALTERNATE METHOD

Jesse Booth is available, for hire, to clean your Cadet heaters. His text is 503-801-3177. He charges \$30.00.