

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



Happy Birthday Annie!

Welcome Home Bill and Nikki Klutho
(5061 G)

Our hearts go out to Will, who lost his little dog Max this week. Max was little but his personality was mighty!



*Happy Birthday Marge!
Her two best pals gave her the very same card! They really know her!*



We have not scheduled the next board meeting due to coronavirus precautions.

BOOK NOOK

Please take a look at the newly organized Clubhouse library. Annie and Judy have been working on this project and it sure shows.

If you want to donate books, magazines (not more than 2 months old) or puzzles just drop them in the basket by the Library door. Please place returned books in the same baskets. The gals will restock them for you!
Thank you ladies for your hard work. It looks great.
(Don't forget to enjoy the changing artwork in the Library, compliments of Thai Dang.)



LANDSCAPING

I'd like to thank Wendy, MB, Annie and Marilyn for helping me plant about 100 springtime bulbs in the front planter and pool area under the trees. We also cut back the pool pots and redied them for winter.

We added three large boulders in the front driveway entry so that folks will not drive over that structure.

We also added two boulders to the front hill (in front of Unit 5064) to help with winter erosion.



Fall at Oswego Pointe Village!

LEAVES

As usual, we are dealing with a huge amount of leaves, like we do every year.

The landscapers come and blow the leaves into specific areas. Once a week, they arrive and suck up these large piles of leaves from different zones. Please don't worry if you have a pile of leaves by your unit. They will be removed zone by zone.

Sandy, Landscape Chair, 503-348-6648

GUTTERS

The gutters will be cleaned very soon. The company is usually very good about cleaning the decks after, if necessary. If you have an issue just let a board member know and we will help.

EWWWWWW

There is a designated "Dog Relief" area in the back of the complex. Neighbors with dogs take their animals there for relief NOT to add dog poo to their shoes!!!!

So, even though that area is for dog relief, you STILL need to pick up after your dog. (Do we really need to say this???) I REPEAT, **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG** IN THE DESIGNATED AREA.

BROKEN RECORD

While we sound like a broken record, please, please PLEASE, follow the CDC recommendations for Covid-19. We are a physically close and somewhat ageing population here at OPV.

Behaviors like wearing a mask, washing your hands, social distancing, meeting outdoors and not having more than 6 people inside for short periods of time are very important to stopping the rapid virus spike.

Remember that wearing a mask is not political and you are being respectful of others by wearing a mask. By doing these things now we may be paving the way to a "getting back to normal summer!"

RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES

Last week I needed to go to DEQ and then go to DMV and renew my plates. Guess what?

Erickson's Automotive (101 Foothills Road, less than a block away) will check your car's emission for free and then give you written instructions on how to go online and get your stickers in 3 business days!

No trip to DEQ or DMV, no lines, no waiting!

I also needed an oil change and I got a coupon for \$25.00 off! I dropped my car off at 10:00 AM and picked it up at 3:00 PM and he threw in a bright keychain flashlight for fun!

Bill Erickson has owned this business since 1989 and is still going strong! This was a great service for me...one short trip in the neighborhood and it was taken care of.

Be sure to help this local business and really save you a long, drawn out trip!

[Erickson's Automotive](http://www.ericksonautomotive.com), 503-635-4116.

Mary Beth



Overwhelmed: First by Brain Surgery; Then by Gratitude

Bilateral Deep Brain (DBS) Stimulation surgery held the possibility to reduce Parkinson's symptoms, reduce medication and restore functionality. However, moving forward and into a place of acceptance and readiness that DBS surgery was the best next step took time to process.

And then came the outpouring of caring and support from the OPV community. And, Wow! - What an outpouring! As we approach the holidays, I sit here reflecting on the things for which I am grateful. I am overwhelmed by gratitude for each and every one of you in this community who showered me with love and support. I truly could not have made it through this process without your support. Thank you! I feel so grateful and blessed to live amongst such a caring "family" community. Wishing all of you a most joyful holiday season!

Teri Jane

FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY CLEANING

We had our chimneys inspected and only fourteen need to be cleaned! You will be receiving a letter, next week, if you need your specific chimney cleaned. Even if you don't use your fireplace, you could still need a cleaning. Leaves, dead branches, sticks, animal and bird nests can be lodged in your chimney after the summer. If you get the letter, you MUST get your chimney cleaned within 30 days.

We live in extremely close proximity, so you must be responsible to the community. The name and number of the cleaners will be on the letter. Call them to clean your chimney. They give us a nice discount if we use them. You then need to send proof that you had the chimney cleaned to CMI. NOW THE BAD NEWS: Eight of the fourteen units on the list did not clean their chimney last year and are on the list for the second year running. We will be calling you to get this important job done. NO EXCUSES!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

I am so appreciative to everyone who provided food, monetary gifts and delivery for this once a year dinner. Thank you so much!

This special dinner was accomplished mostly by YOU, the people here at OPV, and a few other friends who have been involved with this project before. This shows that people working together can do a lot of good. I am very grateful for everyone's generosity and good will! Let's do it again next year.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and will have a great Christmas too!

Thank you!

Judy Stafford and Bridgeview Community



*Lori Hoolihan sweeps the path daily to keep us safe!
Thanks Lori!*

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LIGHTS OUT?**Mike Hopkins,**Mike.Beach3@Comcast.net**RONNI BENNETT, 1941 - 2020**

October 30th, at 6:28 PM local time, Veronica "Ronni" Bennett passed away. Ronni bravely documented the aging process, with her Last Great Gift being the [documentation of her death](#). We spoke for sometime yesterday, and throughout our conversation, she circled back to you. It was very important to Ronni that this amazing community continue to have a place to come and discuss this amazing journey we are all in together. Your support and love was a gift that Ronni never could have imagined when she started this blog 16 years ago, and she was forever grateful for each and everyone of you.

We all will feel the pain of this loss for a long time to come, and although 30 years her junior and far from a writer, I will continue to make TGB accessible, and comments are always welcome. I will make many mistakes, I am sure, and please forgive my lack of HTML understanding, but I will get there.

I will leave you with knowing that she was ready. Just before she died, she said, "When you get here, it is really nice. I am not afraid."

Autumn



THE OPV Community sends our respect and admiration to our celebrated Military Veterans.

If you have holiday photos or stories you would like included in the newsletter, please send them to Sweetcoffey@Comcast.net. (NOTE: I was hacked so I have a new email!)