

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



Duff Marentette was interred at Willamette Cemetery on February 4th during a small family ceremony. Duff was 82 and he and Sandy were married for 52 years.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you wonderful neighbors for the cards and kind thoughts during this time. It has meant so much to me and my family."

Sandy Marentette

William and Nicci Klutho have sold their unit (5061G) to a young couple. They should be moving in soon. Welcome!

We want to officially welcome Anne Meisen as a new owner! Anne has rented here for the past year. She now lives at 5058 H.

Happy Birthday Pat Mc Donald (Feb. 27th).

Charly, Dave Elliot's 18-year-old cat passed Feb. 1. He went quietly while being held. We'll miss seeing Charly peeking over the deck this summer.



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

COVID

We can feel blessed that we have been fairly lucky with Covid in our community. Most folks have been very respectful about wearing masks when they are in public spaces in the neighborhood. But we need to do even better in the future. We need to do it for others.

The CDC, a known scientific body, has determined that wearing a mask in public, social distancing, washing your hands and limiting the size of your gatherings, both indoors and outdoors, will help limit illness and death.

THIS IS NOT POLITICAL. THIS IS SCIENCE.



YARD CLEAN UP

We have a few “yards” that need to be tidied up. They contain too many empty pots, too many pieces of “yard art,” too many faded knickknacks and too many old holiday decorations. All past holiday decor needs to be removed NOW and unrelated yard objects (shoes, brooms, buckets, hoses, woodpiles etc.) need to be removed.

Owners have leeway in decorating their actual decks and patios. Please remember that what can be put in the Common Area is much more limited.

You may think of the area surrounding your unit as YOUR yard, but it really belongs to the community, as a whole. The Landscape Committee decides what can be there so that we have a cohesive look to the neighborhood. If you want to put personal items in the common area, you must get permission from the Landscape Committee.

And please DO NOT THROW HUMAN FOOD OFF YOUR DECKS OR PORCHES TO THE SQUIRRELS, CROWS OR OTHER VARMINTS!

The Board makes an effort to live and let live in this community, but when we receive enough complaints about a “yard” we have to take action. Our rule of thumb is to wait until we have at least three complaints (unless it is a safety issue.) before we talk with the owner. We try to give each owner a chance to work WITH us and make most folks feel comfortable with the end result. Bottom line, please take a look at your porch, deck and “yard.” Please remove excess personal items in the common area. The Board will be talking with specific neighbors very soon. Please take this in the spirit it is offered. It’s not personal. We want the neighborhood to have a cohesive feel.

The Board



TOOLS FOR TROOPS

Our long-time neighbor, Pat McDonald, belongs to a group who gathers tools to give to returning service men and women. Some folks return to the states without a trade. Many of them do carpentry, become Jacks & Jills of many trades or just need to make repairs on their own houses since they have been away for a time. Problem is...they don't have tools.

You can donate your old, but in good condition, tools to this group! Pat is happy to take your donation!

You can learn more about this important organization at www.tools4troops.org.



Marilyn Sanders and Bob Dressler add color to our community! Thanks!

SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME

Annie and Judy are doing a great job in the newly organized library! Judy wants to thank everyone for following her request to drop returned books into the basket by the door. This gives them the opportunity to reshelve books in the correct place. Have you noticed the new BEST SELLER shelf? They have also put late edition magazines out for your enjoyment.

Thanks everyone!

BIG PROJECTS FOR 2021

Roofing

OPV will start the second phase of roofing in early March. (Buildings 5060 - 5064 and garages.) This will carry a cost of approximately \$260,000. This is to replace additional sheeting under the actual shingles. The venting that we finished in late 2019 will stop much of this "rotting" of the underlayment.

Presently, the new sheeting and roofing stands at about \$600,500.

We will set up tables and chairs in the back hallway of the Clubhouse (in front of the pool bathrooms) so that the roofers can have a warm place to take breaks and lunch. They will also have access to the bathrooms.

Railings

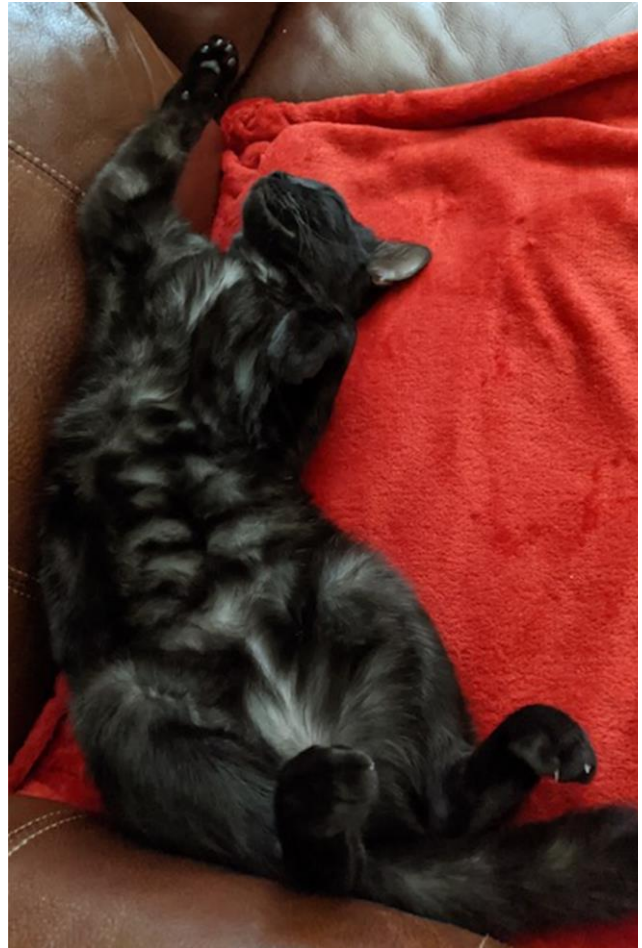
We will begin removing the black stairway hand railings. They will be cleaned, sanded and power coated anew. Each railing will be stamped with its building number so that they can be replaced on the same building after they are painted. We are expecting a cost of about \$8,000.

A new handrail will be built and installed on the steps up to 5064 H. These steps are very long, and a hand railing will be helpful.

Chimneys

Pono is inspecting our chimney spark arrests and grates. After thirty years, they are rusting out. This will help with chimney cleanliness and fire safety.

We have bids for the project and will ask Pono to help us decide on how to move forward. Bids range from \$45,000 to \$250,000.



Starr Marentette reacts to all of the political issues of 2020. It's nap time!

GUEST SUITE

The Guest Suite has started to become busy again. Jesse Booth is doing a wonderful job of cleaning it after every guest. (We also open the window for 24 hours before each guest moves in.)

IT'S BETTER TO CALL MIKE HOPKINS THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS

Believe it or not, we finally received all of the pieces of lighting equipment to get our outside lights working. (China sent some after 7 months of waiting! Thank you Covid!) Now we need your help. If you see outside lights flickering or out, please call Mike Hopkins at 503-939-1442. He will replace the bulbs or get them repaired.

AND I'M FEELING GOOD!!!!

I had the chance to speak with our property manager, Tom La Voie. I asked him how he was doing. Tom said that his tongue cancer came as a real surprise to him and that he has had a "rough year." But he went on to say that he is feeling much better and that he can see a light at the end of this tunnel. As usual, Tom always has a positive note to add and said that he lost over 60 plus pounds during his treatment!

Tom mentioned that they removed part of his tongue and that he felt like his speech was disrupted. To be honest, I thought that he sounded wonderful. I could understand every word that he said to me. Tom was fully engaged and was spot on with the complex information that we needed to move forward with the roofing.

It is nice to have Tom back on the team again. Bobi and Lynn have been very helpful to OPV during Tom's recovery. The Board always felt totally connected to CMI during this difficult time.

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Board Chair Judy enjoys a rare moment of sun with her boy Albert!



photo by Pat McDonald

Beautiful lady celebrates Chinese New Year at Foothills Park.

BIKE ROOM RENT

We will be collecting Bike Room rent for 2021 very soon. It will be \$20.00 for the year. There are a few spaces left. Please call Dianne Robbins for space information.

Dianne Robbins, 503-699-5528.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Chocolate is vital to our survival. Dinosaurs didn't have it and look what happened to them!



Sandy M.

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LIGHTS OUT?**Mike Hopkins**, 503-939-1442Mike.Beach3@Comcast.net**SPRING CLEANING NOW?**

Yes, now is a good time to clean your Cadet heaters. There are many videos that are 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](#). 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.

THE ANNUAL CLEANING OF YOUR CADET HEATERS**WARNING:**

1) Turn power **off** at the circuit breaker

2) Turn the heater thermostat all the way up and wait 30 seconds. If heater turns on, you have turned off the wrong circuit breaker.

If heater does not turn on, remove grill and wash with hot soapy water and dry immediately



3) While holding fan (to avoid damage), use a hair dryer or vacuum on blow cycle to blow debris through the top element.

4) Vacuum fan area without touching the elements.

5) Replace grill and secure with screws. Turn to desired setting. thermostat Turn power back on at circuit breaker.

Good luck! (Or call Jesse who is very affordable!)

JB Lockhart



photo by Pat McDonald

Rehearsing for Chinese New Year in the park

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If you have stories, ideas or photos of your family celebrations or outings, and want them in the newsletter, send them to Sweetcoffey@comcast.net.