

# January 2019 Condo Comments

## Mark's Tip of the week:

Vacuum off all your baseboard heating fins annually to maximize the heat transfer in your hot water baseboard heaters. Also be sure your drapes or furniture are not covering the baseboard heaters. Keep at least 6 inches of free space in front of the baseboards at all times.

Mark



## Eric's Tip of the week:

Walk to each window and patio door in your home and give it a good push to insure the windows and patio doors are closed tightly. We have had a number of low heat calls this winter due to partially open windows.

Eric

Dear Residents,

The mild winter weather has kept us a little under budget to date which is good news. The staff has been working on cleaning out the garages and grounds. Owners really did a great job keeping their parking spaces cleaned out. The association washes down the parking spaces this time of year. If possible, when you get your notice informing you of garage washing, please park your car outside during the time indicated on the notice. The crew can do a better job and your parking space will be extra clean. If your car is not moved we will do our best to go around you.

We had an unusual and unfortunate power outage the other day due to a traffic accident on Wheeler Road which caused a several hour power outage. Owners are reminded it is a good idea to have an emergency flashlight available at all times. One in the glove compartment is advised and a few in your unit are a good idea too. Even where there is emergency lighting it only lasts at most, 90 minutes. Fortunately most cell phones have a flashlight feature too.

In the event of a power outage maintenance will try to determine the timeline for power restoration, and will open garage doors if it is at a time of day where owners are coming and going out of the building. Sometimes this means in the late night hours we may leave garages closed for security reasons. During daytime hours staff will open them. If you come home in a power outage park outside, opening the large doors manually is difficult. Don't try to ride in the elevator, it can damage the elevator and you don't want to get trapped inside. If possible, stay put and stay safe inside. Flashlights are safer than candles so stock up now on some fresh batteries and be prepared.

Wintertime bird feeding is popular but you need to exercise caution if you feed birds. Please try to minimize the seed that spills on the ground. Mice and other rodents like to take up residence as near as possible to their food source, sometimes in buildings. Whenever possible do not set up your feeder above evergreens such as junipers. The inevitable spilled seed creates an irresistible environment for the small rodents. The mice take up residence under these evergreen plants and devour the bark which can kill the shrubs and makes seed cleanup nearly impossible. Ground feeding is also against our rules so keep your seed inside the feeders.

Happy New Year!

Tom Martin, General Manager

## Reminder....

Please remember to close the garage door every time you leave the building. Watch out for other cars when closing the door. As soon as your vehicle clears the door opening, please take a moment and be sure it closes before you lose sight of the door. Not only are you securing your building, you are reducing the chance of the door coming down on another car and reducing our heating costs. Thank you!

# Cherokee Country Club

Reminder: The Sports Lounge at the Club is open to everyone! The Friday night fish fry is one of Madison's best kept secrets! It is \$12.95 for baked or fried fish, choice of potato, and choice of soup, salad, or coleslaw. Be sure to check it out!

## *Upcoming Cherokee Events*

### **January 21 - Ladies Luncheon**

The Ladies Luncheon will be held at Murphy's on HWY 113 at 11:30 am. We will be ordering off the menu. Please feel free to join us - we would love to have more participation! If there are any questions please call Penny Traiber at 249-1499.

### **January 17 - Ladies Bridge and Lunch**

Sign-in at 11:00 am in the Sequoia Room of the Cherokee Country Club and order your lunch off the menu. Game play begins at 11:15, lunch begins around noon. Contact Nancy at 244-33883 with any questions.

### **January Weekly Bridge**

Our weekly social bridge game is held at the Cherokee Garden Condos Pow Wow room each Monday at 1:00 pm. For more information contact Phil at 445-0579.

**NEW** - social bridge **1st and last Wednesday** of the month at 1:00pm in the Pow Wow room. Contact Rosemary at 630-8280 for more information.

## *Parking Stalls for Rent!*

If you have a parking stall for rent, please let the office know and we will post it in the next Condo Comments Newsletter.

**IMPORTANT: If you do rent out your stall, you MUST CONTACT THE OFFICE to let us know the name, address, and phone number of your renter in case we need to contact them in an emergency situation. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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