

# Condo Comments



2021

Cherokee Garden Condominium Association, Inc.

Dear Residents,

The Cherokee maintenance department survived a long two months of snow and ice removal. The winter weather was ideal for the creation of ice dams, but no reports of actual ice related damage, which is great news considering how tough the conditions were. The most recent forecast looks promising with warm weather finally on the way it appears the ice dam season looks to be officially behind us. I am looking into various potential solutions or improvements we can make to help prevent ice formation in the most vulnerable areas.

Our tree trimming crews will be making the rounds as there are a number of large pruning projects on the schedule. The age and size of the trees keep this major pruning an annual event. We have been treating the ash trees for many years to avoid a total collapse of the ash tree population and in general the treatments have been very effective. The treatments have a 95% effectiveness rate but we still lose a few each year to ash borer.

We had a sprinkler pipe break in a condominium unit that had the heat go out while the owners were away and it allowed the unit to drop in temperature enough to freeze the pipe. When the pipe broke it caused significant damage. I suggest owners remember to follow the association's recommendation to keep heat at 62 degrees when gone.

In units that have your own furnace, have your furnace professionally serviced each fall and replace old equipment proactively and not wait for the equipment to fail, especially if you are gone for the winter. All units, including hot water heated units should talk to your heating/air-conditioning technician about ways to monitor your in unit temperature while you are away from home. There are numerous technologies available to monitor your house temperature when you are away. There are thermostats that connect to your wifi that will inform you if it dips below the desired setting which could prevent these types of losses. There are also simple devices that plug into an outlet that can turn on a radio or light that could inform neighbors of a low temperature situation. There are also phone dialers that will call you if temperatures dip below a certain preset temperature, all of these strategies could save us from a potentially catastrophic loss.

Lastly, have someone check your unit on a very regular basis when you are out of town for heat, minor leaks or other unforeseen issues to catch them before they get out of control.

Think spring! Tom Martin, General Manager

## Eric's tip of the week:

Grease clogs are avoidable if you are conscientious about the grease and oil used for cooking. Dispose of old grease carefully in your trash, be creative and find a suitable secure container and get it in the garbage, not your drains.

Also run plenty of hot water and soap down your drain when washing greasy pans. *Eric*

## Jim's Tip of the week:

Call the maintenance department if you need help disposing of a large item. Anything the City takes we can pick up.

Exceptions – TV sets now need stickers and must unfortunately be hauled down to the City Street Department at 4602 Sycamore Ave.

*Jim*



Spring planting season is just around the corner so, before you bring it out, here's a reminder: When planting around your unit, please avoid placing lawn ornaments and other items of personal taste and stick to flowers and bird feeders. Do not plant anything that needs a trellis, a cage, or a fence. No fake flowers, empty shepherds hooks or empty flower pots. Make the area around your unit beautiful but please respect the condo rules.

Thank you!



### **The Month of March is full of great things!!!**

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

St. Patrick's Day is on Wednesday, March 17th. Celebrate all that is Irish even though you may not be!

Spring begins on Saturday, March 20th. Can I have a hip hip hurray?!!!

The only full moon in March is on Sunday, March 28th!

#### **Quotes:**

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have!

Winds of March, we welcome you, there is work for you to do. Work and play and blow all day, Blow the winter cold away!

Lucky is believing you're lucky!

Hello March, Trust in the magic of a new beginning!



*March is National*  
**CRAFT**  
*Month!*

**HAVE SOME FUN AND BE CREATIVE!!**

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