



The Linksletter

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HOA CORNER

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It's time for the Courtyard Homes HOA Annual Meeting. It will be held at the **Premier Clubhouse** on **Thursday October 18, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.** Please mark your calendars. This year's meeting will feature changes in the budget for 2012 based on new charges that have been levied. There are also questions and suggestions that have been made during the year that we need to address.

The holiday season is fast approaching, so please adhere to the instructions on displaying Flags and Decorations. All Holiday decorations, including external lights shall be permitted for a period beginning 10 days prior to the Holiday and must be removed no later than 5 days after the Holiday. This includes Halloween and Thanksgiv-

ing. For the Christmas holiday, you may display decorations beginning on Thanksgiving and must be removed by January 15, 2013. Please see the Public Offering Statement (POS) in the Rules and Regulations section Paragraph #19.

This is also an Election year, so please follow the rules regarding electioneering and candidate placards and signage. Basically the POS states that 'Vote For' signage can only be displayed on the inside of windows and kept to 20 inches by 30 inches. No placards and/or signage are to be placed on the outside of homes, in the mulch, on lawns, and in the Common Areas

To view past newsletters and Courtyards information and happenings please go to our website at; www.courtyardshoa.org

Calling all Idea People and Writers

We are looking for idea input for articles and columns for our HOA Newsletter. Please forward any ideas you may have for future articles and/or columns that you would like to see in the newsletters. Let us know if you would be willing to actually write them. An article or column doesn't necessarily have to run in each quarter's newsletter, two or more neighbors can collaborate on them, and we certainly won't hold your feet to the fire if you are unable to write the article or column for a given quarter's newsletter. All ideas and help will be warmly welcomed. Please forward your ideas and/or willingness to write an article or column to alkabatt@embarqmail.com

Upcoming Events

- 10/9 Second Tuesday Group
- 10/19 Ladies' Breakfast at Yuthud's
- 10/24 Ladies' Book Club
- 10/31 Trick or Treating
- 11/6 Election Day
- 11/13 Second Tuesday Group
- 11/? Ladies' Breakfast at Barb G.
- 12/5 Ladies' Book Club
- 12/8 Children's Holiday Traditions
- 12/11 Second Tuesday Group
- 12/? Ladies' Breakfast at Claudia's

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

HAWAIIAN OPEN

On Friday, August 31st the 6th Annual Hawaiian Open was held here at the Links. Frank Negro has organized this event to promote friendship and competition among teams made up of neighbors and employees. This year there were 6 men's foursomes and 3 women's threesomes. The event raised \$400.00 for the HACC Gettysburg Campus Scholarship Fund. Prizes were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin winners. Also, door prizes were given out, totaling \$1287.00. A good time was had by all.



Look for the announcement next year for the 7th Annual Hawaiian Open.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: POOL CLOSING FOR SEASON

On Sunday, September 9th, some 65 Links residents and their families came out for an Ice Cream Social at the Community Center. Our neighbors; Hilde Young, Mark & Michelle Williams, Gloria Stem, Stacey Rice and Bonni Klein put on a fun event for all ages! There was ice cream with all of the toppings; hot fudge, sprinkles, gummy bears, etc. Then after dessert, the hot dogs were



served, following that age-old adage “Life is short, so eat dessert first”! We were glad to see so many kids enjoying the event and it was also nice to see some of our “young at heart” neighbors out enjoying the festivities as well. The Piñata proved to be more challenging than anticipated, but that only added to the excitement when it finally “broke”! The plan is to make this an annual event, so keep an eye out next pool season for your invitation.



ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Michaela Biba has resigned from the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Michaela's spot is being filled by Bud Vance. A big Thank You to Michaela for all her hard work on behalf of the ARC and best of wishes in all your future endeavors. Welcome aboard Bud, thank you for accepting the position and, good luck to you.

LINKS FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Links Family Activities Committee recently held its first meeting and we have some exciting things planned in the next seven months!

First, we are planning a group outing on Halloween. We plan to meet at Stacey Rice's house, 64 Garrison Falls Drive; at 5:45 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to join the group as we start the evening trick-or-treating in Garrison Falls and then head over to the Courtyards. We hope to see you Wednesday, October 31!! We are asking neighbors who would like to hand out candy to please leave on their porch lights between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The committee is also looking for folks who are interested in developing ideas and activities to engage the older youth in the community. We would love to plan things for the

"tweens" and teens in the neighborhood. Perhaps they'd even like to join in the planning themselves! Please feel free to contact Stacey Rice, Michaela Biba, Jill Bordatto, or Karen Marron if you or someone you know is interested! We plan to meet as needed.

Thinking ahead... we're planning a holiday party for Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m. at the Community Center. Children of all ages are welcome to experience the holiday traditions around the world, and this year we'll be focusing on the Philippines!! Come experience the food, the clothing, and the games! If you are available to help, please contact one of the committee members. Thank you!!!

And mark your calendars for Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 1 p.m. The children will get to hunt for Easter eggs!!

LINKS CLUB NEWS

Ladies' Book Club

The book club took a break over the summer but will resume our monthly discussions this month. Our September talk will be on the 26th and we will discuss our biography choices. Our book for October will be *American Eve* by Paula Uruburu and the discussion will be on Wed. the 24th. The final book for the year will be *The Marriage Plot* by Jeffrey Eugenides. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will not have that discussion until Dec. 5th.

Men's Book Club

The book club will not reactivate this year.

Second Tuesday Group

The Bring Your Own Project Group has a new name to more accurately reflect its history and progress. Having started as a crafts group in 2006, it evolved into a group whose members brought an assortment of crafts and other small projects to work on while enjoying good conversation and each other's company. The new name, Second Tuesday Group, is derived

from the fact that we have met almost every second Tuesday of each month since 2006, having not met only three times.

Every Links Lady is welcome to come to the meetings which are always at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. You may bring a project and are encouraged to bring a beverage. Conversations are cordial, information about local places and things to do is often exchanged, and new things are occasionally demonstrated.