

# **ROUNDWOOD RIDGE II E-NEWSLETTER**

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## **WELCOME . . .**

to the first issue of RR II's e-newsletter. We hope you'll enjoy this new way to keep informed of news and happenings in our building and community. We'll be preparing these newsletters quarterly, so watch for them in your inbox or check the website!

If there are any announcements, articles of interest, or upcoming events that you would like to see in the newsletter, just let us know. And, we are always open to suggestions to make the newsletter better! Send an email to [clshear52@gmail.com](mailto:clshear52@gmail.com) or contact Christina Shearman (#204). ❖

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

We hope your holidays were wondrous and joyful! As another year ends and one begins, we wish all of our neighbors a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year! And good luck with those resolutions! ☺ ❖

## **RR II's Holiday Party . . .**

*was held on December 15. The crowd was large and the mood was festive!! In addition to the holiday spirit that filled the room, we had delicious party platters and lots of other great food – scrumptious appetizers and delectable desserts made by the residents! Thanks to all who planned, contributed, and came to the party. You're the reason for its success! ❖*



## It's winter, so let's talk about . . .



One of the many reasons that most residents move to condo living is to “never have to shovel snow again!”

### Am I right ??

Well, we may not have to shovel anymore, but we still have to deal with snow events. To make it as easy as possible for everyone, there are snow plans that maximize the amount of snow that is moved out of our way. But we need residents to help by following the plans that have been put into place. Depending on the amount of snow expected, residents will be asked to follow Snow Plan 1 or Snow Plan 2. The parking lots (front and rear) are broken down into zones, and any cars that need to remain on the lots during a snow event are asked to park in a specific zone so that snow plowing is optimized.

Please review the snow plans as posted on the website under the tab “Condo Living RR II.” There you’ll find all the information needed to be ready for the inevitable snow events. ❖



## Did you know . . .

*that there is a mini-library located outside of the Community Room on the third floor? Residents can drop off and/or pick up a book, or two, or three! There's a wide variety of subject matter. Come for a visit to see what's there for the taking!! ❖*



## Residents with Verizon asked . . .

about updating the wiring in the building because current wiring does not support the newer converter boxes/DVR's being offered by Verizon. The company was contacted to find out what steps need to be taken to get updated wiring in the building, but we were informed that there are no plans in the foreseeable future to update in this area. Basically, this means that residents with Verizon will need to keep their current equipment or contact Comcast to inquire if that company's wiring would support the newer equipment. ❖

## **Please be aware . . .**

*In December, there were two incidents of which all residents should be made aware.*

*First, in early December, a man entered our building posing as a Baltimore Sun employee. He fraudulently solicited residents who receive the newspaper. In reviewing the security footage, it was determined that he entered the building using a key code. We don't know for certain what key code was used, but he was also able to enter the other Roundwood buildings for the same purpose. This scam is ongoing, so be aware! Baltimore Sun confirms that it never solicits door-to-door.*

*Secondly, later in December, at about 4:30 a.m., a man entered the secure garage area and burglarized an unlocked vehicle. In reviewing the security footage, it was determined that he arrived by bicycle. He was able to lift the entrance gate about six inches, just enough for his small stature to be able to crawl under the gate to gain entry. This man also did the same thing at the other Roundwood buildings.*

*Our security cameras captured these incidents, but the culprits cannot be specifically identified. The garage door vendor was contacted and has adjusted the gate to prevent lifting more than two- three inches. ❖*

## **A reminder about safety and security . . .**

*The incidents in December have made us even more aware that, despite our best efforts, there will always be areas of vulnerability in the Roundwood buildings. Though we can never be entirely secure, there are steps that can be taken to maximize our security and thereby discourage criminals from targeting our buildings.*

*Once weaknesses are identified, we can take steps to try to correct them. Sometimes that will be as simple as alerting residents (as in the incident involving the fraudulent solicitor). Other times, it will be a matter of trying to fix the issue (as in the incident involving the garage gate).*

*Our residents are the first line of defense. It's appreciated when any areas of vulnerability that you see are reported to someone on the Board. As always, please make sure that you lock your vehicles, make sure the doors close completely behind you when leaving or entering the building, and your key code should be given only to those you trust.*

*Our security cameras have been a great help in capturing incidences of security breaches. Among other things, this information is used to determine ways to better secure our building. ❖*

## **Did you know . . .**

*that the gas fireplaces in our units should be serviced and cleaned every few years?*

*Whether the fireplace is used or not, the gas pilot light should be kept on in the winter so the heat from the pilot light keeps the flow of air going out of the flue, thereby preventing cold air from coming in. The pilot light can be turned off in the summer to help save on gas and reduce the heat load on your air conditioner; however, some service companies recommend leaving the pilot light on all year to prevent moisture and bugs from getting into the venting.*

*Additional information can be found on the website under the tab "Condo Living RR II." ❖*



## **Mark your calendars . . .**

*February 9 – Wine & Cheese Social – let's warm up the winter with some wine, cheese, and the company of our many wonderful residents! Further details to come!*

*April 6 – Welcome Spring! Get-Together – let's get together to say "good-bye" to winter and "hello" to spring! Further details to come!*

## **Things to do . . .**

The "Knitters & Stitchers" club meets the first and third Mondays of each month from 7-9pm. Enjoy knitting, stitching, or other crafts? Please join us!!

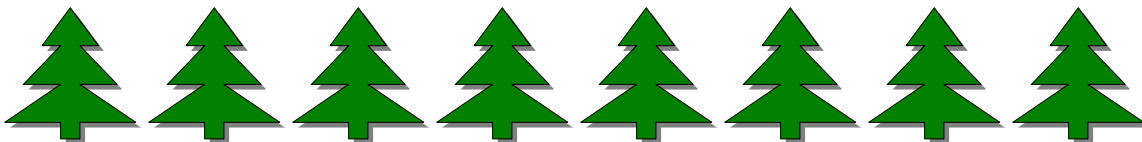
## **Looking for ideas . . .**

Have any ideas for some new clubs or activities? Maybe a book club? Or how about an exercise group? Let us know your thoughts.

## **Looking for help . . .**

Would you have some time to help in the planning of our gatherings? Or maybe you would have some time to help out on a committee? If so, let us know.

*Can't think of a better way to close than  
by posting pictures from the RR II Holiday Party.  
Thanks again to everyone for a wonderful holiday celebration, and  
a special thank you to Mary McGibbon for taking these great pictures!*







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