ROUNDWOOD RIDGE II E-NEWSLETTER

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Sun, sand, ocean, steamed crabs, fireworks, picnics, outside seating at Kooper's on burger night – Yep! that sounds like summer to me!! ©

Our "Welcome Spring" Happy Hour...

was held on April 6th in the RR II Lobby. Everyone enjoyed the good food, good drink, and good conversation with good company. Thanks to everyone who attended! ❖

(See pictures on pp. 4-5)

The **Spring Fling** at the Gazebo...

was held on June 15th and the weather couldn't have been more beautiful! What a great time to gather with friends and neighbors from RR II and all the other Roundwood buildings! *

(See pictures on p. 6)

Do you know about the Homestead Property Tax Credit?

The amount of the credit is dependent on how much the "assessed value" of your primary home increases from the prior year. This could mean no savings at all (if the increase is four percent or less), or it could potentially save several hundred dollars (if the increase is over four percent). You qualify for this credit if you (1) own your unit, AND (2) it is your primary home (meaning it's your residence at least six months of the year).

To receive this credit, an application must be filed. Tax bills for this year are already out, but by filing an application now, you will be prepared to get any potential credit on future tax bills. This is a one-time application, so once it is approved, it will stay in effect year after year.

You may have already filed an application, or your title company may have done it for you (as part of the settlement process). To see if you need to file an application, check the State Department of Assessments & Taxation website (Real Property Database).

For additional information, you can go to the Maryland State website or the Baltimore County website. If you want help determining your status, you may contact Christina Shearman at 410-560-1543 or clshear52@gmail.com. ❖

Smoke detector issues?

If the smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in your unit are original, they are likely overdue to be replaced. Many residents have recently reported issues with their detectors "chirping" or "buzzing" and replacing the battery did not fix the problem. This is a definite indication that the detector itself needs replacement. If your unit has the original detectors, it is advisable to have them checked out by a professional as soon as possible. •

Welcome . . .

to our new mail carrier, Dana, who has been permanently assigned to Rocky's route. We wish her well in her new role. ❖

Still love a parade?

Towson – July 4 @ 10:30 am Catonsville – July 4 @ 3:00 pm Havre de Grace – July 6 @ 2:00 pm

Still love fireworks?

The Baltimore County Independence Day Extravaganza will be held at Oregon Ridge Park, 13401 Beaver Dam Road, on Wednesday, July 3. There is a full day of activities, culminating in the BSO performance (with fireworks) starting at 8:00pm. Check their website for further details. ❖

Community Room Coordinator – Volunteer needed . . .

After many years of dedicated service, Paul Douglas has decided it's time to step down from his role as coordinator for the third-floor community room and calendar. Therefore, we are looking for someone to take over his duties. Those duties would include monitoring the community room (including the kitchen and bathroom); ordering supplies as needed for those rooms; and being the contact person for residents to schedule and reserve community room use. If you have an interest or would like more information, please contact Christina Shearman at 410-560-1543 or clshear52@gmail.com. �

Mini-Library Monitor – Volunteer needed . . .

We are looking for someone to take over the duties involved in monitoring the minilibrary located on the third floor (outside the community room). Duties would include keeping the bookshelves organized and donating excess books to charity when needed. If you have an interest or would like more information, please contact Christina Shearman at 410-560-1543 or clshear52@gmail.com. ❖

Question: Why are plastic bags an unacceptable way to dispose of my recyclable items in the recycle dumpster?

Answer: Baltimore County has a singlestream recycling program which means that all recyclables (paper, plastic, and aluminum) can be mixed together in the same container for collection and are later sorted at a sorting facility. Plastic bags cause complications at the sorting facility as malfunctions can occur when plastic bags get wrapped around their equipment. Even if a plastic bag is marked "for recycling," "recyclable" or "compostable," it is not recyclable in Baltimore County. Please use a paper container of some sort when placing recyclables in the recycle dumpster. *

Question: Where is the water turn-off valve for the unit's main water supply, and how do you turn it off?

Answer: The turn-off valve is in your utility room on the wall by the hot water heater. The "off" position is when the handle is at a right angle to the pipe. The picture below shows the main turn-off valve in the "open" position (running in the same direction of the pipe). •





"Wælcomæ Spring" Happy Hour April 6, 2019

































SPRING FLING at the Gazebo

June 15, 2019



















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