

# Villas Vidette

*The Official News and Notification Forum of the Villas of Bailey's Grove*

The Villa monthly dues were increased to \$130.00 per month beginning January 2010. The Bailey's Grove Property Owners Association annual dues are \$250.00. We thank all of our homeowners for their prompt monthly payments.

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board met in December to review and discuss the concerns noted at our annual meeting and the information we received from Eastbrook a few days before the meeting. After much discussion, the Board made the following decisions:

1. Our trees are the source of our most valuable aesthetic appeal, which sets us apart from many other condominium neighborhoods. The Association will maintain the trees in Limited Common and General Common Areas which includes spraying of diseased trees, removal of diseased trees, and replacement trees. The Board must be financially responsible and must work within our budget. Therefore, the Board will determine the following after consultation with Bartlett Tree Experts:
    1. The necessity to provide treatment for a diseased tree.
    2. The necessity to remove a diseased tree.
    3. The necessity to replace a tree. The Board will determine the type and size of a replacement tree and when a tree will be replaced. If it is determined that a tree will be replaced, homeowners may suggest the type of replacement tree, but the final decision will be made by the Board.
  2. All mulch will be provided by the Association. All front mulched areas, our entrance, the island on Mill Point Ct. and the two dead ends of our streets will be mulched annually. Backyards, side yards, and the area under decks will be mulched every other year. J. P. Landscaping will determine whether a light "dressing" of mulch or a heavier coat is needed.
    3. If any pear tree on a homeowner's lot should die, the homeowner will be expected to replace it with a pear tree.
    4. Edging of the beds will be done every other year.
    5. We are also researching the best and most economical way to resolve the discrepancy in the By-laws regarding the sprinkler systems. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.
- Again, we thank all of the homeowners for your input and your patience as we worked through these issues.



# SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## Happy Hour

Our next Happy Hour will be on Wednesday, February 24th at the clubhouse from 6-8 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own drink.

## The Villas Men's Club - Educational Series

The Villa Men will meet on Monday, February 1st and on Monday, February 15th at the clubhouse from 6 - 8:30 pm. They have just started a new series on religions. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring your own drink.



## The Villas Men's Club - Lunch Meeting

The Villa men will meet for lunch on Tuesday, February 9th at the Village Inn (2215 44<sup>th</sup> Street) at 11:30 am.

## Book Club

We will meet on Wednesday, February 10th at the clubhouse from 2 - 4 pm to discuss the novel The Red Leather Diary by Lily Koppel. This is a non-fiction book about a discarded 75 year old diary, rescued from a dumpster, based on Koppel's 2006 New York Times city section cover story. The diary was kept from 1929 to 1934 by a young Manhattanite with literary and artistic aspirations. With the help of a private investigator, Koppel found the diarist, 90 year old Florence Wolfson Howitt.

## Villas Ladies Lunch

The Villa ladies will meet for lunch on Thursday, February, 18th at the Grand Traverse Pie Company (located at 3224 28th Street by the Woodland Mall) at 11:30. Please join us!

# REMINDERS

Please continue to save your plastic newspaper bags. Please bring them to Marge's house (5987 Mill Point Ct.) or call her at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.

Recycling days in February are Friday, February 12th and Friday, February 26th. There was a misprint in the recycling information last month. We apologized for any inconvenience!!

# HAVE A PROBLEM? CONTACT REALICO

Again, we ask all homeowners to contact REALICO with any problems or concerns. You should contact our Property Manager, Mary Harrison, at 942.7055 ext. 8. You may also contact her by email a [maryh@realico.com](mailto:maryh@realico.com). **Please do not contact individual Board members.**

Of the many scenic wonders found within the Inyo National Forest, one of the most amazing is the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, located between 10,000 and 11,000 ft. in the White Mountains, east of the Sierra Nevada. These trees are the oldest known living trees on earth. The ancient trees have survived more than 40 centuries in the White Mountains, exceeding the age of the oldest Giant Sequoia by 1,500 years.