

Villas Vidette

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

“May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.”

Have a very safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year!!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The Board of Directors met in November to discuss homeowners' concerns regarding the maintenance of Common and Limited areas in the Villas. Each concern recorded at the Annual Meeting was discussed. A revised letter regarding this topic will be sent to all homeowners in January. We thank you for your input and patience as we worked through this issue.

About a month ago, some of the Board members met with Justin Hickman from JLH Lawncare & Landscaping to discuss the reoccurring damage caused by crews using weed whips to trim close to the foundations of our homes when they cut our lawns this summer.

Justin suggested a 6" border or bed around the foundations of the houses to help prevent this damage. His crew would make a 6" wide bed by 4" deep of 2" round stones bordered by aluminum edging that would give the lawn a definite edge. Commercial weed fabric would be put down beneath the stones to help prevent weeds from growing through the stones. The cost of this project would be \$4.25 per foot for both materials and labor. We have received other bids for the same project and JLH's bid is very reasonable.

This stone border is **OPTIONAL** and will be at the homeowners' expense. If you are interested, please contact Justin at 616.262.4706 (cell).

Again, we ask homeowners to contact REALICO with any concerns or problems. You should contact our Property Manager, Mary Harrison, at 942.7055 ext. 8 or 942.6636 ext. 5. You may also contact her by email at maryh@realico.com. Please **DO NOT** contact individual Board members.

REMINDERS

Recycling days in January are Saturday, January 9th, Friday, January 15th and Friday, January 29th.

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

New Years is the oldest of all holidays.
It was first observed in ancient Babylon as many as 4000 years ago.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Christmas Party-A Huge Success!

The Christmas Party was a wonderful evening. Many homeowners joined us for good food, a fun game, and great conversation. A big thank you goes to the Social Committee for their work on the Christmas Party and their work on our “new and improved” mailbox swags - Thank you Virg Balazs, Dorothy Brady, Claire Elgersma, Marge LaBreck, Judy Mallen, Susan O’Connor, Carolyn Rubin, and Judie Thompson. Also, we want to thank Kirk DePree and Jerry LaBreck for helping us find the wire we used to attach the swags to the mailboxes.

Happy Hour

Our next Happy Hour will be held on Wednesday, January 27th 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, January 18th at the clubhouse from 6 - 8:30 pm. They will begin a new series on religions. Please see the attached flyer for more information on this new series. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring your own drink.

Villas Men’s Club

The Villa men will meet for lunch on Tuesday, January 12th at the Fleetwood Diner (2222 44th Street) at 11:30 am.

Book Club

We will meet on Wednesday, January 13th at the clubhouse from 2 - 4 pm to discuss the novel Sarah’s Keys by Tatiana de Rosnay.

The novel is set in Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel’ d’Hiv’ roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family’s apartment, thinking she will be back within a few hours. Paris May 2002: On Vel’ d’Hiv’ 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France’s past. Through her investigation, she stumbles on the trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl’s ordeal, from the terrible term in the Vel’d’ Hiv’, to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah’s past, she begins to question her own place in France, and reevaluates her marriage and her life.

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies of the Villas will meet for lunch on Thursday, January 21st at Applebee’s, located at 1685 Marketplace Drive, at 11:30 am. Since many of the ladies could not join us for coffee hour, we are trying something new. Please join us!



Let's do
Lunch!