

MAY 1, 2009

Villas Vidette

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

News from the Board

Spring is finally here and the Board is busy getting the Villas ready for the summer. JLH has completed the spring cleanup and Joy Phillips' crew has been out cleaning up our beds. More information about fertilization, tree maintenance and mulching will come in a separate flyer in the next couple of weeks.

Unfortunately, Ruth Kosturik resigned from her position as Treasurer of the Villas Board. We thank Ruth for all of her hard work as a member of our Board. Due to her resignation, we have a vacancy on the Board. If you are interested in serving on the Villas Board, please contact Jake at REALICO at 942.7055 ext.2 or email him at jake@realico.com.

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 3, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse.

Welcome!

We welcome Phillip and LeAnn Smart to the Villas neighborhood!

They will be moving into 3530 Mill Point Drive soon.



How to Contact REALICO



BILLING QUESTIONS - Please contact Deb Stone at 942-7055 ext. 4.



MAINTENANCE REQUESTS between 9 am and 5 pm - Please call Greta Gillespie, Maintenance Coordinator at 942-7055 ext. 1.



EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE ISSUES AFTER 5 PM - Please page Ron Koroleski of Professional Property Maintenance LLC at **480-1978**.

Spring Cleaning Time!

It is the responsibility of all homeowners to clean up their dog's droppings immediately.

Please empty your newspaper box. When your newspaper box gets too full, many of the advertisements fall out and end up all over the yards and streets of the Villas.

Please remember to secure your recycling. Again, when it's windy, paper can be scattered all over the Villas.

Window Washing Service

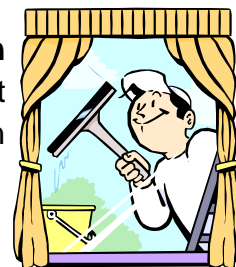
We are trying a new window washing company this year because many homeowners were not satisfied with the company we used last year. The name of the new company is Dr. Window. The company does **NOT** use poles, but uses ladders to clean the upper windows.

Virg Balazs received the following quote from Dr. Window for her home, which you can use as a guide for your own costs:

- \$58.00 All **exterior windows** only – all levels (no screens) includes windows cleaned by hand - frames and sills wiped with cloth
- \$48.00 All **interior windows** only – all levels (no screens) includes window dividers removed, wiped, replaced - sills wiped with cloth
- \$ 9.00 All **screens** removed, cleaned, and replaced – jambs wiped with cloth

This quote does not include storm windows or 4” surface windows, if applicable. If you have storms and wish them to be done, Dr. Window will provide you with a quote.

We have reserved time early in June with Dr. Window. **If you are interested in this service, please call Virg at 554.0792 by Monday, May 11th.** If you only want your exterior windows cleaned, please make sure your interior windows are clean prior to Dr. Window’s visit so he can be better able to get streak-free windows.



Social Events and Activities

Coffee Hour

The dates for coffee are May 13th and May 27th. We will meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 am. Please bring your own coffee.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour will be on May 27th. We will meet at the clubhouse from 6-8 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share and your own drink.

Men’s Club Luncheon

The next meeting of the Men’s Club will be our monthly luncheon scheduled for May 12th at the Fleetwood Diner (2222 44th Street SE) at 11:30 am. This is a great opportunity for all men of the Villas to meet and discuss topics of common interest and needs. We have about a third of the men in attendance at these luncheons. All men of the Villas are invited to both these luncheons and the evening meetings on geology (see geology schedule to follow). Join us on the 12th!

For further information and or to arrange a ride, contact Connie at 554.0792 or Bob Brady at 698.7880.

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Men's Club Geology Series – May Schedule

Villa men will meet **Tuesday (day changed)**, May 5th at the clubhouse from 6-8 pm. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring your own drink.

The Villa men will meet again on Monday, May 18th from 6-8 pm at **Connie's house (location changed)**. Pizza will be ordered. Please bring your own drink.

Book Club

We will meet for book club on May 13th at the clubhouse from 2-4 pm. We will be discussing the novel, Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. In 1993, a mountaineer named Greg Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram Mountains after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promises to return and build a school. This novel is a story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome.

We will meet in June to make our book list for upcoming book club meetings.

Meyer May House Tour

On Tuesday, June 30th we are planning a tour of the Meyer May House in Grand Rapids. Designed in 1908 by **Frank Lloyd Wright** for a prominent Grand Rapids clothier, the Meyer May house is an example of Wright's now-famous Prairie style of architecture.

We will meet at the Meyer May house at 10:00 am for a film, tour of the house, and a walk through the garden. There is no charge for the tour.

If you are interested in this tour, please give Marge LaBreck a call at 656.8661 by Monday, May 11th. We must have a group of ten or more to keep our reservation.



Reminders

Please continue to save your plastic newspaper bags. Just bring them to Marge's house or give her a call at 656.8661 and she will pick them up.

Recycling dates for the month of May are Friday, May 8th and Friday, May 22nd.



Directory Update

Bryant and Barbara Hutchinson have a **NEW** phone number. Attached to the newsletter is a label for your directory.

Rules and Regulations



Please be a good neighbor and review the Villas By-laws regularly. Associations find that some rules are necessary to set boundaries about where homeowner rights start and stop. These rules should be seen not as hindrances imposed by someone else, but rather as guidelines that members of an association impose on themselves to protect the rights of everyone in the community.

Security Reminders

- Remember to carry a cell phone when running or walking in case of an emergency.
- Look confident and purposeful when you walk. Stay alert to your surroundings at all times. Observe people and activities around you.
- Promptly report any suspicious activity to the Kentwood Police Department at 698-6580 (non-emergency number).
- When driving, keep doors locked and windows rolled up. Maintain at least half a tank of fuel and keep vehicle in good repair.

Interesting Trivia

The Heritage Hill Historic District, adjacent to downtown Grand Rapids, has 60 architectural styles and 1,300 homes.

Famous Wisconsinites include Harry Houdini, famous magician and escape artist, Douglas MacArthur, World War II and Korean War general and Frank Lloyd Wright, America's most famous architect.

Thomas Edison, light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark.

The oldest rainforest in the World is not the Amazon Rainforest but is the Daintree Rainforest in Queensland, Australia.

Music is the universal language of mankind.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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