



On The Edge

Edgewater Condo Association News

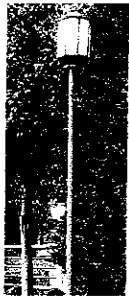
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Hi ho everyone!

Pathway lighting



As most of you know, our lighting down the path to the lake was vandalized early this summer. At long last new lighting will be put into place this fall. The new style lighting will be on slightly taller posts and will provide better lighting to the path areas. Along with this feature, this type of lighting is more resistant to damages. This will make Autumn strolls down to the gazebo and lake very pretty and safer.

Safety

When you encounter suspicious or possible illegal behavior on our property, please take a few minutes to report the incident to the police and to inform our property manager [Harry Anderson mail: handerson@procamlink.com] Mr. Anderson would like to know of these occurrences so that he can put up notices alerting residents to what is transpiring where they live. No matter how insignificant you deem a particular matter, it is strongly encouraged that you inform Mr. Anderson. Residents would be grateful to know of incidences that could possibly affect them - especially when it comes to their safety. --Connie Sisk



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Being a good neighbor at Edgewater

It's said one's home is one's castle, and while that may be true in general, at Edgewater we need to remember that our condominium 'castles' are closer together than those baronial estates of times past. The closeness of our condo units makes it important that we work together to maintain a safe, beautiful, and pleasant community, and the Edgewater association bylaws include several provisions that help with that goal.

In order to keep Edgewater a beautiful community and protect the value of our properties, it is important to maintain a neat and uniform appearance on all condominiums. To this end, externally visible window and sliding door treatments (such as curtains, drapes, shades, or blinds) must be maintained and are to be white, off-white, or beige in color. For similar reasons, nothing shall be left on balconies or patios which is visually offensive or unattractive, nor shall clothes lines or similar devices be permitted.



For safety reasons, it is important that the sidewalks, entrances, stairways, and corridors be kept clear at all times, and should not be used to store bicycles, wagons, shopping carts, chairs, benches, or any

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other objects. This insures clear passage in the event of fire. Also on a related item, please note that any electrical work (including the installation of major appliances) needs to be approved by the association to insure that everything is in code compliance and that no hazard will be created as a result.

Our ability to enjoy our units relies on the cooperation of all community members. All unit owners and occupants must use care with any device (e.g. televisions and stereos) which would disturb the occupants of other units. This is particular important on balconies and patios where the noise tends to carry. One other note on balcony usage: please use care when sweeping or cleaning, and look below to insure you're not disturbing neighbors also enjoying their balconies!

By following these few simple rules, Edgewater will continue to be a beautiful and pleasant community that we're all proud to call home.—John Curran



A new Edgewater Condo website has been launched. The new webmaster is **Sue Merk** (1705-12), a resident of Edgewater since June 2003, who is hosting the site

on her own domain name "seiz2day.com". Sue is a paralegal and webmaster for the Legal Department at MCI.

The site contains information on the Board, committees, management, etc. and also has a handy, comprehensive Calendar of Events for the Reston area. More information is planned for the site as it becomes available.

The URL for the new site is:
<http://seiz2day.com/edgewater>

Many thanks to Jeremy Leeser, webmaster for the old website, for his time and effort.

Thank you..thank you!

As the seasons change in Edgewater we have other changes. A big thank you to the following people who have given of their time, energy, and talents to our community:

Lisa Samuels—served on the Board for two years, the most recent year as President. Always available and very generous with her time, Lisa is now taking a break from the board and enjoying a new career move. Best wishes!!!



Carl Levine, a board member for over 8 years, his last year as Vice President. Carl is very active in other community organizations that will continue to benefit from his experience. These days Carl and his wife, Miriam, are enjoying traveling and their family.



Joe and Nancy Minton have been the guiding force of our Landscaping committee. They worked



closely with our contractor to create the beautiful gardens we all enjoy. Maintaining the grounds has been an ongoing project for them. With some free time now, they enjoyed being at the beach this summer and are enjoying friends and family.

As you see any of these wonderful folks, please take a minute to say "thanks." Each has spent many hours to help our community become a safe, beautiful, and enjoyable place to call home.

—JoAnnCarlyle

Splash, Splash.....and then let it snow?

Our pool party was a great success this year. The weather was fantastic! The turnout from the community was excellent. We all had the opportunity to enjoy some wonderful food and then work it off by playing some fun water games in the pool. We also spotted a couple people taking a nice nap on the rafts. A big thank you to **Connie Sisk** for organizing the party.

Holiday Party!!

Don't forget keep an eye out for the **Holiday Party** in December....for those of you who missed it last year, please join your neighbors this year...we had food, drinks, and music. Even some dancing! Watch the web site and bulletin boards for more information.

Help wanted!! Writers, reporters needed!

On the Edge needs help!

We need Edgewater community members who are interested in reporting on community activities of general interest to the community—and writing short articles about these activities.

If you are interested, please contact JoAnn Carlyle at

JCarlyle2@comcast.net



The President's Column

Paul's Few Words

Hello fellow residents of Edgewater Condominiums. I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Paul Schmidt and as of June 2003 I have been acting in the capacity of President of the Edgewater Condominium Association. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual meeting and the election of Board members to serve our community over the next year.



I look forward to the opportunity of working within our community and with the experience of my fellow board members to provide the service the residents of Edgewater have come to enjoy. Our community has experienced an unusual year with a long winter full of snow and a spring and summer full of rain. These conditions along with maintenance and repairs to our community have taken a heavier than normal toll on the communities resources. We hope for a peaceful fall season that would assist in the balancing of our overall expenditures for the 2003 budget year.

The Edgewater Condominium Association Board is currently reviewing several items of business that will be discussed in the upcoming Edgewater Association meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 PM in the evening. Please plan to attend the meeting even if you choose not to participate. We are always looking for ways to meet our neighbors and friends outside our hectic and busy schedules.

Deck flowers & plants

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over. For those of you who have enjoyed gardening on your decks the season can continue even thru December. Autumn plants include the standards of mums, fall pansies, and ornamental vegetables. Your summer geraniums will continue blooming through October. As it gets cooler and frost begins you can cover your planting containers with a sheet or newspaper in the evening to avoid frost burn on the leaves. As it gets cold you can move any pots with perennials in them to a sheltered area and wrap the pot in bubble wrap to prevent the soil from drying out. No need to cover the plants, they love the snow and need moisture. —JoAnn Carlisle

Two views of our community



Recipe Exchange

Several residents have suggested a recipe column for the newsletter. It



makes good sense. Anyone who has attended community parties has sampled the cooking and baking of neighbors. Starting with this issue we will include 2 recipes, space permitting. So dust the flour off your cookbooks and send in one of your favorites!

Recipes should be e-mailed to Bob Tripp at tripprm@yahoo.com

PINEAPPLE BREAD PUDDING

Combine the following and pour into greased 8x8 casserole:

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 large can undrained crushed pineapple (juice pack)

Drizzle 1/2 cup melted margarine over 2 cups cubed cinnamon-raisin bread and stir until bread is coated. Spread over pineapple mixture and bake at 350° for about 45 minutes. **Makes a delicious pineapple custard with a crunchy cinnamon-raisin topping.**



—Sue Merk

TZAJIKI (Cucumber Dip) *This is a Greek treat*

- One cucumber, peeled and finely chopped
- One liter of yogurt
- 4.5 ml of olive oil
- 1.5 ml of vinegar
- 4.5 ml of chopped dill
- 4 to 5 cloves of garlic (depending on how much one likes the taste of garlic!)

Stir together all ingredients. Chill for an hour to blend the flavors.

—Bob Tripp