

A Few Notes....May, 2009

- 1) **Profanity** We all need to let off steam every now and then, and some of us even choose to use words that others may find objectionable. I've done it myself, on occasion. ☺ The repairs to the pool have caused an increase in grumbings, and that is understandable.

What is not unacceptable or appropriate is using your payment check as your vehicle for expressing your disagreement. To put it bluntly: if you send me a check and have used profanity on it, it will be returned to you as not acceptable. Some of our residents have found this out the hard way.

- 2) **Special Assessments/Pass Thru** – For Shareholders, this was due May 15. For Renters, the Pass Thru charge is due June 15. I understand you may have a personal objection to paying this fee. Please keep in mind that we are a resident owned community – there is no hugely rich single owner of this park. If Grayce still owned Franics I, or Hickman for that matter, they'd be on the hook for the cost of the changes we need to make. Since we are resident owned, the residents are required to pool together (no pun intended. Ok..maybe a little pun) to get what needs to be done accomplished.

Again, please don't make me send a nasty letter. Our attorneys are currently creating the collection letter, and as soon as I get back from vacation they will be going out.

Also – I know the “feeling” out there is that this is something that ****I**** am doing to the residents. I'm pretty familiar with taking the brunt of the reactions, but this one we can put squarely on the government's shoulders for creating required changes, and not thinking it thru and creating some sort of financial help.

- 3) **Pool Update** - The engineers have done their magic, and just today the plans and specs came in. I turned around and prepared the package to the state. They are on their way. Now I heard a rumor that the state guy is heading out on vacation, which is just luck. I do not know if there is someone covering his approvals while he's away. I certainly hope there is. Our next step, after the state approving the plans, is putting it out for official bid. We'll be publishing what's called an RFP – Request for Proposal. We'll have a pre-bid meeting for all interested parties to come and have all the questions answered at the same time. So if you see construction-looking people around the pool, don't worry. The decision on the contractor will be made shortly after the submission deadline. Work will commence as soon as humanly possible. **I don't expect it to start before July.**
- 4) **Donations to Pool Fund** – We have received several donations to the pool fund from non-shareholders, which we greatly appreciate. We'll be posting a list of all those that donated so everyone can show their appreciation. If you did donate and do not wish to be listed, contact me at the office and I'll make sure you remain anonymous
- 5) **Clubhouse Updating Update** – I'll see how many times I can use the word “update” on an update to the clubhouse update. Alrighty, I'll stop. ☺ I have to have a little fun! We have NEW WINDOWS being installed the first week in June. That should help with our energy costs! They'll actually close all the way! Yay! We've sanded the walls in the bathrooms down (they were a little bit rough if you rubbed up against them), and painted them and added some border. Those were nice little projects to do on rainy days, which is when we're trying to work on the Clubhouse. It will be an ongoing project all summer. The funds we're using to do this work mainly come from the Fundraising Fund –all those coffee hours, dinners, yard sale...all those things added up!
- 6) **Phone Book Adjustment**– Larry Morgan has a new phone number: 863-202-6394
- 7) **Ahhh – Escape!**– As mentioned last month, I am heading out on vacation at the end of this week. In case you're wondering, I'm heading to visit my sister in England, whom I haven't seen in about 5 years, and taking a short family cruise around Ireland.

I warn you now – if I happen to meet a 6'6” tall, dark Celtic man who wants to sweep me off my feet ... well, I'll send everyone a postcard. ☺ Since the likelihood of that happening is slim to none, I'll be back the first week of June. Gerry will be making a guest appearance in the office while I'm away. If there is an EMERGENCY, she'll be able to get a hold of me. She will use her best discretion on what constitutes an emergency.

- 8) **Coffee Hour** – Coffee Hour will be suspended at the end of May. I'll keep you posted on when it will be starting up again in the fall. Luckily, this timing is pretty good considering the work we'll be doing all summer.
- 9) Mr. Arthur Fettig, a long time former resident, has passed away. Please contact the office if you would like contact information.

Have a safe and happy SUMMER! Drive Safe
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