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President's Report

Summer is almost here and the grounds are looking very nice. Thanks to all our volunteers who contributed their time and energy to make our home, Cedarwood, look attractive. During the Open House in May, I had the opportunity to meet with visitors to the Cedarwood property. Many commented on the care exhibited by our membership regarding tending their lawns and gardens. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, and Cedarwood staff, who came out to support the Open House by being Cedarwood ambassadors helping our visitors to find their way and answering all kinds of questions about living here at Cedarwood. We members are the best advocates for growing our membership. Do not forget the referral bonus to existing Cedarwood members is not just during the Open House but year round, so spread the word about living here at Cedarwood. In an effort to continue to make our property more visible we will leave the red and yellow flags in front of the property up during the summer months.

I want to remind all members to mark their calendars that we have our pool party coming up, Saturday, July 24 at the Aqua Center. We are always looking for volunteers to help make our party a special one. If you would like to help, just call, or stop by the office and add your name to the list.

Many members are planning their getaways to those special destinations. Did I turn off the stove? I think I left the garden hose running? Did you call the newspaper guy? It is always a good idea to alert the office, or even a neighbor, that you are planning on being away. Providing an emergency contact number for any concerns or questions that may arise that pertain to your home while you are away helps prevent any miscommunication or confusion. Also do not forget to change your air filters, check your batteries in smoke detectors, secure your trash cans, and always remember to call J.U.L.I.E. before you dig that hole.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Cedarwood Board of Directors, thank you for the privilege to serve you. Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Robert (Bob) Baggot
President, Cedarwood Cooperative

Important Phone #'s

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(708) 747-4422

EMERGENCY POLICE or
FIRE: **911**

Non-Emergency Police:
(708) 748-4700

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P.F. Water Department
and Village Hall:
(708) 748-1112

J.U.L.I.E.: **(800) 892-0123**

Jolly Trolley:
(708) 748-4433



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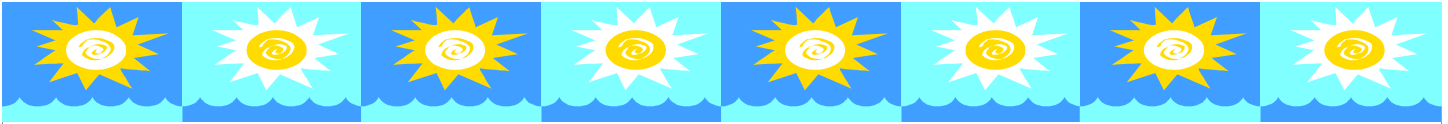
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Pool Party Volunteers Needed



The Annual Cedarwood Pool Party will be held on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aqua Center. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables, collect tickets, and clean up.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office at 747-3833 or e-mail your name, address, and phone number to info@mycedarwood.com.



Property Manager's Report

I hope everyone is enjoying and taking advantage of this nice weather. I noticed many members have planted many flowers and gardens. I'd like to take the time to thank you. Due to your efforts, the property looked great for our Open House.

Our Open House was held May 15th & 16th with 23 units participating. We had an excellent turn out partly because the weather cooperated and partly because of all of the advertising. On Saturday, we had 23 people register and on Sunday we had 15 people register; however approximately 50 people visited. Most people heard about our Open House from our own Cedarwood members. Once again, thank you for that! We also tried new forms of advertising which were very effective. So far, we have sold a total of 10 units as of the end of May and we have quite a few with contracts pending.

We have taken measurements to order windows for 10 units this year. The total cost of this years project will run around \$75,000.

The new porch program will begin in Court C-1 sometime in June. These members will receive a notice to explain the construction process in detail and the exact start date.

We are currently updating our specifications for the roof replacements and the sealing and striping of 5 courts. You will also begin to see contractors on the property as we will be doing some tuck pointing, sidewalk replacement, and drain tile installations, throughout the property. We'd like to thank you in advance, for your patience for all these great property improvements.

Mary Arroyo-Ortiz, Property Manager

Maintenance Minute

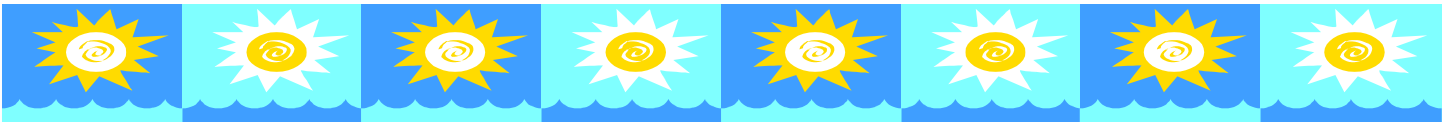
HOT! HOT! HOT! Summer is finally here! As much as we enjoy the warmth and the opportunity to get outside, it's nice to step back inside and enjoy the comfort of a well cooled home.

Without much effort, you can perform these tips to keep your air conditioner running efficiently and save on energy costs in the process.

1. Change the air filter. If the filter is dirty, the blower can't move the air efficiently and your air conditioner has to work extra hard to keep up with the cooling needs of your home.
2. Watch the grass clippings. When you are mowing the lawn make sure to point the mower's grass clipping discharge away from the A/C unit. Grass clippings can clog the coil and make it harder for the unit to move air and cool the refrigerant circulating through the system.
3. Leave the furnace blower running continuously. Many times the upper level of a home can be 8-10 degrees warmer than the lower level. If you switch the fan switch from the "Auto" position to the "On" position, the furnace blower will draw in air from all over the house. It then mixes the warmer upstairs air with the cooler downstairs air and blows it back into the home. Think of it as a whole house ceiling fan. The effectiveness of this trick may vary from house to house. Once a comfortable temperature has been reached, remember to put the fan switch back to the "Auto" position.
4. Leave all or most of the vents open. Often times, people think that if they close off the vents in rooms that are warmer or downstairs, it will force more cooling to the rest of the house. While this may be marginally true, the fact is, you are probably robbing the system of the airflow it needs to run properly. Starving a system of airflow can cause higher utility bills and possibly equipment malfunction.

The Maintenance staff is doing a great job completing work orders. If you have any repair needs, please contact the office.

Tony Hernandez, Maintenance Manager



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MAHC Conference Update

It was a privilege to represent Cedarwood at the 46th annual Midwest Association of Housing Cooperative Conference. MAHC is a wonderful educational resource for cooperatives.

While attending the conference, I had the opportunity to attend a new board training session and several workshops, including "Duties of a President" and "How to Read Financial Reports". I was able to obtain handouts for several workshops I was unable to attend as well as visit the vendor area.

While attending, I gathered names of cooperatives that were in attendance, which represented several local states, including Michigan and Indiana. Cedarwood will now be able to network with other cooperatives in an effort to share best practices. I also discovered that many cooperatives do not have an internet presence, so we at Cedarwood are ahead of the curve, with an existing website.

Attending the MAHC conference was a valuable experience and exposure to further educate me a board member and a member of cooperative housing.

Jacque Smith
Vice-President

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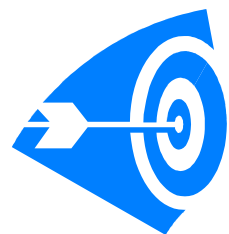
The Cedarpost will be published seasonally. All submissions should be 250 words or less and must be signed by the member. You may request that your name be withheld from actual publication. The deadlines for submitting articles, event information, recipes and photos is as follows:

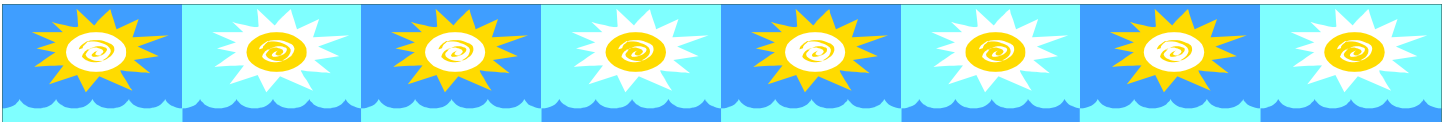
Deadline	Publication Date
Tuesday, August 31, 2010	Fall Edition, September 2010
Tuesday, November 30, 2010	Winter Edition, December 2010
Friday, February 25, 2011	Spring Edition, March 2011
Friday, May 27, 2011	Summer Edition, June 2011

The Cedarpost staff reserves the right to edit for content and form. Submissions may be sent in writing or emailed to info@mycedarwood.com. Ads placed for grass cutting, and the selling of personal items are free to Cedarwood members.

Advertisements for profit making businesses and services will be placed upon receipt of payment in the following amounts.

Full Page \$50.00
 1/2 Page \$30.00
 1/4 Page \$18.00
 Less than 10 lines \$10.00





Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time & Place
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday, June 17, 2010	7:00 p.m. @ Cedarwood Center
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday, July 15, 2010	7:00 p.m. @ Cedarwood Center
Cedarwood Pool Party	Saturday, July 24, 2010	7:00 p.m. @ Aqua Center
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday, August 19, 2010	7:00 p.m. @ Cedarwood Center
Cedarpost Submission Deadline	Tuesday, August 31, 2010	4:30 p.m. @ Cedarwood Office

Have you planted flowers or bushes in your yard? Cedarwood is once again offering the plant reimbursement program. Cedarwood will reimburse 1/2 of what you spent on green life, up to a maximum of \$20.00. Bring your dated receipts into the office for reimbursement. Hurry ...this is a "first-come first-serve" program, and once the funds are exhausted we will not be able to reimburse you.



Around Town...

Main Street Nights: Capture Ravinia in our own backyard! Grab a blanket, pack a snack, and head to the Downtown Village Green. Held every Wednesday evening beginning June 23rd through Wednesday August 4th; 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Join the top finalists of the 1st Annual Park Forest Idol contest, 7th Heaven (featuring American Idol golden-ticket winner Keith Semple), the Rich East Drumline, Creole Stomp, Jim Nesci and his reptilian friends, Ken Schultz "The Flying Fool", and much more for a night of free entertainment and fun.

4th of July Celebration: Celebrate July 4th at Central Park. Activities planned for the evening include a children's area with inflatables and temporary tattoos, a 4th of July Parade, a free concert by BBI (classics, Motown, R & B, Rock & Roll), and a fireworks display.

Park Forest Bark District's 1 Year Anniversary Extravaganza: Saturday, July 10th, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Grab your canine companion and come celebrate the Bark District's 1 Year Anniversary and have a "fur"bulous time! Giveaways, specialty dog vendors, silent auction, owner/dog look alike contest, most unique talent, best costume contest, and more!

Farmer's Market: 7:00 a.m. Saturday May 1st through Saturday, October 30th. 271 Lakewood Blvd.



Thank You To Our Volunteers



Flower Planting Volunteers

Open House Volunteers

Timothy Anderson
 Guadalupe (Lupe) Esquivel
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 Tom Fitzgerald
 Susan Parker

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 Cindy Peterson
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