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President's Report

Is it spring yet? Not much of the snow is left, but we sure did get our share of it this year! Many thanks to all the neighbors that helped shovel our way out of the record snowfall. In a true cooperative effort, I saw so many neighbors out helping each other dig out. Thank you.

Seems like so long ago but the Cedarwood Annual Holiday Party was held Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Cedarwood Center. Over 100 members and guests were in attendance. The catering by Dal Santo's and Cakes by Michelle all helped make it a special evening. Thank you to board members Jacquie Smith, Vera Barber, and Laurie Miller for their volunteer spirit. Also, big kudos to Mary, Bob Lulis, and our staff for their assistance with making the party a success.

On January 31, 2011 the Cedarwood Board of Directors appointed Ms. Vera Barber as Assistant Secretary. The Cedarwood Board of Directors held a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 10, 2011. At this meeting, the Board elected Ms. Laurie Miller as Secretary.

The Park Forest Mayoral Election is Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The two candidates seeking office are scheduled to speak at a forum on March 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Park Forest Public Library.

The Cedarwood Cooperative Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at the Marcus Western Heights Theater in Chicago Heights. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. More information will follow soon. The Cedarwood Board of Directors Reorganization meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2011. The Cedarwood Cooperative Annual Open House is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please call the office if you would like to help. Also, please remember 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 addition, please mark your calendar and ready those swimsuits; the Cedarwood Annual Pool Party is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Park Forest Aqua Center.

I want to mention the recent fire that fellow cooperative owners, over in Area B, recently endured. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the effected families.

Please help to keep Cedarwood clean. Be a good neighbor and always remember to please pick up after your pet.

Have a great spring everyone!

Bob Baggot, President

Important Phone #s

Emergency Maintenance:
(708) 747-4422

EMERGENCY POLICE or
FIRE: **911**

Non-Emergency Police:
(708) 748-4700

NICOR: **(708) 756-5100**

COMED: **(708) 339-9700**

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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Manager's Report

Now that winter is behind us, let's think Spring. Can you believe we are starting to work on the preparations for our Annual Meeting once again, and our Open House is only 8 weeks away!

During the February 17, 2011 meeting, the board discussed two important contracts. The first was for lawn maintenance and snow removal. Three bids were received ranging from \$35,000 (plus the cost of snow removal) to \$74,000. This year, the board voted to replace Supreme Landscaping, and a new contract was awarded to Green Arbor Landscape for \$35,000. The board also discussed bids for Garbage Pick-Up and Recycling. Three bids were received ranging from \$85,000 to \$111,800, and a new two year contract was awarded to our current vendor Star/A&J Disposal for \$85,500.

Lawn maintenance will now be on Tuesdays. Yard waste pick-up will begin on Thursday, April 7th. Stickers are not necessary but bio-degradable yard waste bags must be used. Yard waste bags can be placed in the court pick up area after 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

Management is currently assessing our property needs and we will be presenting our findings to the board at the March 17th board meeting. Some of the items we will be discussing include rear porches, sewer lining, Acorn window replacement, Thermal window replacement, roof replacement, sidewalk/concrete repairs, tuckpointing, and parking lot repairs and replacements.

Pet Registration is now due. Don't forget to register your pet at the Cedarwood office by May 31st. To properly register your pet with the Cedarwood office, you must bring in the Village license and certification signed by a veterinarian showing proof of vaccinations. Young pups

and kittens unable to receive their vaccinations must also be registered with the office. Any pet owner that does not register by May 31st will receive an automatic fine of \$25.00, with higher subsequent fines. If you no longer have a pet, be sure to send a note to the office to remove your name as a pet owner. Phone calls to the office will not be accepted. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Recently, there was a tragic fire that engulfed a duplex at Birch Street Townhomes Cooperative. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries, but sadly, both members lost all of their possessions and to make matters worse, they did not have personal belongings insurance. We periodically send out information about insurance, and we cannot stress enough the importance of owning personal insurance. Please take the time to read the information on page 3 to help you understand what Cedarwood's insurance covers and what personal H06 insurance covers. The best way for you to obtain coverage is to contact your auto insurance carrier, and to obtain an H06, or Condo/Contents Insurance policy. Homeowners insurance provides too much coverage, while Renter's Insurance does not provide enough. On average, most H06 policies cost as little as \$30.00 a month. For your convenience, we have scheduled our insurance agent to be at the Annual Meeting. They will be available to answer and clarify any insurance questions you may have.

Mary Arroyo-Ortiz
Property Manager

Maintenance Report

The blizzard of 2011 is behind us, and we are looking forward to spring and beginning this year's Capital Improvements. The blizzard of 2011 left us with a record amount of snow fall, but the diligence of our staff, snow removal company, the Village of Park Forest, and our members, helped keep conditions under control and the streets and courts open to traffic and emergency vehicles.

The maintenance staff completed the furnace replacement program for this season. Everything went well and on schedule. Please remember to change your furnace filter once a month; it will help save you money and keep your furnace running efficiently.

Rick Tidd
Maintenance Supervisor



Personal Property Insurance

The Cooperative carries property insurance for the corporation; however, it does not cover members' personal property and betterments to the units. We strongly urge all members to carry an H06 (Contents or Condo Insurance) Policy.

Cooperative Insurance Covers:

- Building Structure
- Perimeter & partition walls and ceilings with paint
- Doors with primer & stain
- Windows and floor casings
- Standard cabinets & countertops
- Furnace, A/C, Hot Water Heater
- Original plumbing & light fixtures

Member's H06 Policy Covers:

- Clothing, furniture, dishes
- Appliances (stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washing machine, dryer, toaster, microwave)
- Electronics (TV's, computers, video game systems)
- Décor (curtains, paint, carpeting, wallpaper)
- Cabinetry and ceramic tile upgrades
- Plumbing fixtures and lighting upgrades
- Permanently installed improvements (2nd bathroom, patios, remodeled basements)
- Loss of Use (hotel/lodging stay if home is inhabitable)

Around Your Court

Planning a Party?

If you are having a party or special event, consider hosting it at the Cedarwood Center. The cost to rent the Cedarwood Center is \$125.00, plus a \$150.00 security deposit. It can comfortably seat 100 people in a climate controlled room, with two bathrooms, full kitchen and a coat rack.

Consider the Cedarwood Center for your next special event.

Pest Control

Cedarwood's contracted exterminator can treat the interior of your unit for basic pest control issues, including ants, water-bugs, crickets, roaches, and silverfish. This service is at no charge and is available on Thursdays. If you are having an issue with pests in your home, please call the office to be placed on the extermination list.

Garbage Tips

In an effort to discourage critters from snacking in your garbage, we recommend keeping the lid closed on your garbage cans, securing the lid with a bungee cord, and keeping the cans clean and free of any food residue.

Can You Hear Me Now?

The shared walls between units are not soundproofed and rather thin, so please be mindful when using your stereo, television, or radio. Loud talking or running up or down your stairs can be heard in the neighboring unit. Refer to your House & Grounds Manual for more information.



2010 Cedarwood Holiday Party





Blizzard of 2011





GUITAR LESSONS

ATTENTION ALL CEDARWOOD RESIDENTS!

Take guitar lessons with ERIC MANTEL (A NATIVE OF PARK FOREST, IL) and learn your favorite songs plus any other type of music! Eric Mantel has taught over 8,000 students since 1979 and is an AWARD WINNING internationally renowned guitarist who's on STEVE VAI'S RECORD LABEL! Eric's lessons are normally \$50.00 an hour! All CW residents GET 70% OFF on lessons! In order to get the 70% off on lessons, CW residents have to be taught in groups of four. CW residents can also be taught 1, 2 or 3 at a time. Lessons are taken once a week at the same time each week. It's highly advised that CW residents set up a car pool system. Eric teaches electric, acoustic and bass guitar! Lessons are 1 FULL HOUR once a week! All ages & levels welcome! All styles & techniques taught! Plus much much more!

1 CW resident at a time = 40% off!

2 CW residents at a time = 50% off!

3 CW residents at a time = 60% off!

4 CW residents at a time = 70% off!

These DISCOUNTS are unheard of!

The average price for a guitar lesson is
\$20.00 to \$25.00 a 1/2 hour! Shop & Compare!

Call Eric at 708.747.2644
ericmantel.com or ericmantelinstruction.com
Located in Matteson, IL. 60443

Don't forget to ask about our
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT!



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CLASSIFIEDS

PLACE YOUR AD HERE!!

FREE TO CEDARWOOD
MEMBERS SELLING
PERSONAL ITEMS.

Member Mowing Program

Are you tired of mowing your lawn?

Our new landscape contractor, Green Arbor Landscape, can provide this service to you for \$5.00 a week; however, you must commit for the entire season of 35 weeks (from April 1st to November 30th). If you are interested, please call the office.

The deadline is March 30th.



Cedarpost Publishing Policies

The Cedarpost is 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 deadline for submitting articles, event information, recipes, and photos is as follows:

Deadline	Publication Date
Friday, May 27, 2011	Summer Edition, June 2011
Friday, August 26, 2011	Fall Edition, September 2011
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	Winter Edition, December 2011
Wednesday, February 29, 2012	Spring Edition, March 2012

The Cedarpost staff reserves the right to edit for content and form. Submissions may be sent in writing or e-mailed to info@mycedarwood.com. Ads placed for grass cutting, and 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, March 17, 2011	7:00 p.m. @ Cedarwood Center
Candidate's Coffee	Sunday, March 20, 2011	2:00 p.m. @ Village Hall
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday, April 21, 2011	7:00 p.m. @ Cedarwood Center
Annual Meeting	Tuesday, April 26, 2011	7:30 p.m. @ Marcus Theater
Annual Open House	Saturday, May 14, 2011	10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday, May 19, 2011	7:00 p.m. @ Cedarwood Center

Birch Street Townhomes Victim Explosion Fund:

A special fund has been established at First Midwest Bank to assist the two victims of the home explosion that recently took place at the Birch Street Townhomes Cooperative. All monies donated will go directly and equally to the two unit owners who both, unfortunately, lost all of their personal belongings. Donations may be sent to:

First Midwest Bank
2 Main Street, Park Forest, IL 60466

Checks should be made out to the bank but marked as contributions to the **Yolanda Collins & Christina Sandoval Funds**.

Park Forest Baseball 60th Season:

Park Forest Baseball is embarking on their 60th season. They are looking for former players, managers, board members, or volunteers who participated in the 1951 Inaugural Season. Please contact Mary Kay or Alan at (708) 503-1944 or email them at frostysmygirl@sbcglobal.net.

Candidates Coffee:

Yearly, all of the Park Forest Cooperatives host a "Candidates Coffee" so co-op members have the opportunity to meet the Village Trustee Candidates. The Candidates Coffee is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Park Forest Village Hall. Member's of all of the area cooperatives may attend.

Park Forest Village Elections:

The Park Forest Village Elections will take place on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. In addition to voting for the Village Trustees, residents will also have the opportunity to vote for Village President, and Library Trustee Board.

The voting location for all Cedarwood residents is at the South Suburban SDA Christian School, located at 119 Chestnut Street, Park Forest. The school is only a short walk from Cedarwood.



Cedarwood Craft Show

We are looking into hosting a Cedarwood Craft Show on Thursday, December 1st, Friday, December 2nd, and Saturday, December 3rd at the Cedarwood Center. If you are a crafter, or have handmade or homemade items you would like to display, please contact Becky VanDuersen at (708) 248-5826.