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President's Report

Our annual pool party was held July 9th, at the Aqua Center. Mother nature was in our favor and a great time was had by all. Enjoying the festivities were 100 members, including guests and children. A heartfelt thank you is extended to Vera Barber, Bob & Sandy Baggot, Neila Peacock and Theresa Salazar, for volunteering their time and for ensuring the evening went off without a hitch.

Periodically, Management has reminded membership about the board vacancy. We continue to seek another member of Cedarwood to fill the vacant position. Have you ever wondered who we are and what we truly do? The Board is comprised of elected members, who collectively make decisions that impact our cooperative. You have already made a great decision to select Cedarwood as your home. Consider volunteering your time as a board member.

Our membership consists of individuals and families of all ethnicities and ages. In a better effort to reach all in our cooperative community, Cedarwood now has a presence on twitter. Management will periodically post short messages with cooperative updates. Also revamped is Cedarwood's website. Take a moment to see the updates and changes to it. You won't be disappointed.

Jacquie Smith, President

"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only that ever has."

Margaret Mead

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Around Your Court

Stay in the Know: Did you know that at the monthly board meeting, after all board business has been conducted, we hold two drawings? One is for meeting attendance, the second is the maintenance card drawing. The winner of each drawing will receive \$25.00. In addition to staying informed of decisions by the Board and Management updates, you may be a winner of a drawing.

Idea Box: Think outside. Everyday life can be hectic for each of us. Remember the saying "stop and smell the roses?" Take a break and walk through the cooperative. After all, we have 70 acres of green to enjoy. You may meet some neighbors and see some of the pets that occupy Cedarwood, pick up an idea or two for your garden or yard, or view the many improvements around the courts.



Manager's Report

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CLASSIFIEDS

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MEMBERS SELLING

Summer arrived quickly and is leaving even faster, but we still continue with our projects. First and foremost, I want to really stress how we appreciate our member's effort in beautifying the exterior. Many of you take advantage of our beautification plant reimbursement. I see many beautiful flowers and new landscaping throughout. I want you to know that all our visitors (contractors, new member prospects, Village workers) comment on how beautiful our property looks. It really does take a "Cooperative" effort! I also want to thank our Pool Party Volunteers, Bob and Sandy Baggot, Neila Peacock, Vera Barber and Teresa Salazar for their hard work.

In August, we completed the rear porch replacement in Court D-8, but the dust did

not settle for long as All-Pro Paving has begun the complete tear out of the parking lot. DNR is also working in D-4, which is the third court this year for our rear porch replacements. When they finish, they will move on to Court C-7.

September will also prove to be a busy month as we will be replacing the roofs in six buildings. These buildings include 101-115, 117-123, 126-132, 134-140, 177-187 and 221-231 Dogwood. M & M Roofing is scheduled to begin this work early September. Notices will be sent to those members.

Other construction work on the property includes concrete and sidewalk replacement, minor tuck pointing work throughout, and seal coating for five courts (C-1, C-5, D-1, D-4, and D-10).

Finally, I'd like to welcome Lisa Severino as our new administrative assistant. She has vast experience in marketing, customer service, and in real estate. Her warm and pleasant nature is a welcome addition to our office. Please stop by to say hello.

Mary Arroyo-Ortiz,
Property Manager

**In observance of
Thanksgiving, the office
will be closed Nov. 24
and Nov. 25**



In other news...

Holiday Craft Show: There is still time and still room for members to sign up for the Cedarwood Craft show, to be held December 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Tables and space at this show are free. We will advertise for this event, and welcome your involvement. Contact Becky VanDuersen at 708-248-5826 or the Management Office to register.

Cedarwood Center: As the holiday season approaches, consider hosting your event at the Cedarwood Center. You can rent the Center for \$125, plus a \$150 deposit. There is ample parking for your guests and you won't have to worry about lack of space. For availability or for more information, please contact the Management Office.

Office Hours: The last night for late office hours (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) will be Wednesday September 28, 2011. Office hours will be Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Time Change: Please remember to change your clocks back on Sunday, November 6, 2011.

Farmer's Market: The Park Forest Farmer's Market is still open every Saturday through October 29, 2011.

Maintenance Report



This summer has been a very busy one. We have addressed many more maintenance work orders than normal. I would like to thank the membership for

being patient as it may have taken a little more time than normal in some cases.

The Rear Porch Project is going well and on schedule. Curb painting in areas of "No Parking" is complete and seal coating will be occurring in some courts. Reconstruction of court D-8 is underway and should be completed within the next two weeks, weather permitting. The sidewalk replacement program is also

starting soon. Due to standing water problems we've had to regrade a few areas in court D-10.

We still have several weeks left for air conditioner use. Please keep articles at least 1' away from the outside condenser units. This will help air flow and be more efficient and more cost effective for you.

You may have noticed Homer Tree Service on the property. Several trees had to be removed due to disease and damaged foundations and will be trimming others away from roof and gutters.

Rick Tidd,

Maintenance Supervisor

Village Water Issues

For those of you who have noticed or have been affected by the brown water, relief is on its way. Recently, the Village of Park Forest announced plans to address this issue by means of a through flushing of the hydrants. Typically the Village does hydrant flushing twice a year to eliminate build-up of sediment in the water mains. This is a standard, temporary solution, which produces a short period of water discoloration as sediment is flushed out of targeted areas. This has produced shorter relief recently, prompting greater measures to be taken. The Village plans to bring in an independent contractor that specializes in a new method of flushing, unidirectional flushing, which will clean the entire water system this fall. The process is expected

to take 6-8 weeks and should eliminate 90 percent of sediment. Fewer episodes of water discoloration should occur as a result. Residents will be notified when dates of flushing will be done in your area.

According to the Village of Park Forest, there is no health threat associated with using discolored water for cooking or drinking.

Discolored water will stain clothes; however, if you find your water to be discolored while washing clothes, keep the clothes wet and visit the Water Department at Village Hall. A staff member will provide you with a free bottle of the iron remover. Occasionally avoid using hot water to prevent sediment from entering your water heater.



Update Phone Numbers

We understand that it may be necessary to change phone numbers or you may have decided to disconnect your landline and now only have a cell phone, but there may be times when it is necessary for the office to contact you due to questions, emergencies or a work order. It is important that we have your current contact information on file. Please contact the office to make sure that the information we have is accurate so if a situation arises and do need to contact you, we are able to do so in a timely manner.

Calendar of Events



September

The Holiday Star Theater celebrates Scouting in America! Every youth aged scout that attends a movie with their family, wearing their class A uniform, will receive a FREE small popcorn. Special events and pricing can be planned for troops/units. Call for details!

October

On October 29th come on out and celebrate Harvest Festival with us. Join us in many fun activities before or after seeing a show! Activities include: Arts and Crafts, Pumpkin Painting, Hot Cider, Outdoor Games, and More!



November

Veterans and Service Men and Women are the backbone of our great nation. In their honor the Holiday Star Theater is offering a free small popcorn, with ID, from the first to the eleventh. All month long veterans will receive matinee prices all day. Additional honors will be held, details to follow.



December

Pictures with Santa! From December 12 to 16 groups that purchase a Kid's Pack and admission for their youth will receive free 4x6 professional photos with Santa. On December 17th all are welcome to come and sit on Santa's lap and have their picture taken for \$10.

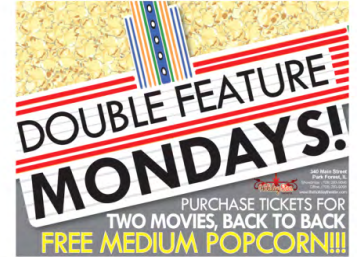


January

January is National Blood Donor Month. Come and participate with the Holiday Star Theater to help raise awareness for the need of donated blood. Special activities will be held at the theater.



Weekly Specials!



Cedarwood Residents receive a FREE small popcorn when presenting this ad to cashier.



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www.TheHolidayStarTheater.com

2011 Cedarwood Pool Party



Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time & Place
School Physicals	Friday, Sept. 9, 2011	1:00—6:00 p.m. 350 Victory Drive
56th Annual Park Forest Art Fair	Sept. 17 & 18, 2011	10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. on Main between Western Ave. & Orchard Dr
Park Forest Bark District's 2 Year Anniversary	Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011	11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. 218th Street & Wildwood Drive
Halloween Trick or Treat	Monday, Oct. 31, 2011	300 Victory Dr., Downtown Park Forest
Monthly Board Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 15, 2011	7 pm @ Cedarwood Center
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011	7 pm @ Cedarwood Center
Monthly Board Meeting	Thursday Nov. 17, 2011	7 pm @ Cedarwood Center
Thanksgiving—Office Closed	Nov 24 & Nov. 25, 2011	63 Cedar Street

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, even information, recipes, and photos is as follows:

Deadline	Publication
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	Winter Edition, December 2011
Wednesday, February 29, 2012	Spring Edition, March 2012
Thursday, May 31, 2012	Summer Edition, June 2012

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 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	1/4 Page \$18.00
1/2 Page \$30	Less than 10 lines \$10



Caller ID Tricks

Caller I.D.'s a great technology that lets you know who's on the phone before you pick up, but is it always truthful? Not necessarily.

For example, a spoofer could pretend to be your bank or credit card company, and ask for your PIN number or password. Or a spoofer could pretend to be your cell phone company, so they can get the code for your voicemail box and listen to your messages. So what can you do about it? Be suspicious! Never give out sensitive information to **anyone** who calls. Remember - your bank, credit card company, and utility providers already have your information in their computer. So, why would they need to call **you** to get it?

By John Tesh

You have just 7 seconds to make a good first impression

A man named Roger Ailes, a media strategist, famously said, "You have just 7 seconds to make a good first impression." And he was pretty much right. Our primitive ancestors needed to be able to size up a situation quickly and decide if they were faced with a friend or a foe. And we do the same thing today.



According to Yale University psychology professor Marianne LaFrance, 90% of a first impression is based on appearance, posture, facial expressions, and tone of voice. So here's how to put your best foot forward. First, know this, when you meet someone new, your hair style will get noticed more than your facial features. Long hair says, "My looks are important to me". Short hair says, "I'm confident and successful". Shoulder length hair says, "I'm intelligent and level-headed".

Next, your handshake matters. The Yale study found that people who make eye contact while offering a handshake that's firm, dry, and vigorous – as opposed to clammy, limp, and wimpy – not only makes a better impression, but makes people believe you possess the qualities associated with your grip. Also, here's something just for women.

Your instincts about other women are more accurate than your instincts about men. Why? Because women are programmed to want to make a connection with a man, so your opinions aren't as harsh.

Chemistry throws off your radar.

Now, what about charm versus cheekbones, which goes further? A good looking face or a charismatic presence? Charisma wins over beauty. If you seem confident, open to new experiences, and interested in others, you'll get better marks than the good looking guy next to you.

CRAFTERS NEEDED



As mentioned earlier, Cedarwood Cooperative is planning a craft show later this year. Members eager to sell their crafts must commit to the 3-day sign up.

Cedarwood will advertise for this special event.

Space is limited and filling up fast, so contact the office today!

HOLIDAY RECIPES

Do you have a recipe for a tasty holiday entree or dessert that you include at every holiday meal? We are looking for recipes to share and include for the next issue of the Cedarpost. Please drop off or email your recipe to Management Office.

