# **Autumn Heights**



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#### \*Welcome Committee\*

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## **Fire Danger and Prevention**

We have had quite a bit of rain in recent weeks so that the outdoor fire danger is lessened considerably. Nevertheless, we should all be vigilant at all times and take all the usual precautions to prevent fires outdoors, particularly when barbequing.

Another fire danger we might not be thinking about is the indoor fire danger. It deserves our attention and every homeowner and resident should take fire safety seriously. We have had one incident of a residential fire in Autumn Heights. It cost all of us collectively a lot of money because the AHCOA had to pay the deductible for the insurance settlement for the restoration costs of the residence.

Please be mindful of indoor fire hazards and take precautions. We live in a high-density development. Fire in one unit affects in many cases not just the owner or resident of that unit but the neighbors to the right and left as well.

## **Board Meetings**

.....are scheduled for the First Thursday of each month, however, there may be situations (schedules, holidays etc.) that arise that can cause the need to change the date and/or time. While the Board and our Property Management Company try to communicate any changes, sometimes it just doesn't happen. As residents we can help by:

- 1. Calling Z&R Property Management @594-0506 if you would like to attend a meeting. If the date has been changed Z& R will be able to inform you when the meeting will take place. This will also help plan the agenda. Because our Board is made up of volunteers who all have jobs and other commitments, they try to keep the meetings to approximately 60 minutes.
- 2. If you have an issue, call Z& R so that the situation/concern can be resolved without having to go to a meeting.

We will try to post any changes on the information boards, but with all our help, we can all keep informed.

## Pool/Hot Tub Closing for the Season

The pool and hot tub will be closing **September 18<sup>th</sup>** this year. The Sauna and Clubhouse are available for your use year round.

## ...Clubhouse Reservations...Clubhouse Reservations...Clubhouse Reservations...

If you would like to reserve the Clubhouse, please contact Z& R Property Management @ 594-0506. Smoking in the Clubhouse, Sauna and Restrooms is strictly prohibited. Smoking is not prohibited outside, but we ask that you be responsible and respectful by disposing of your cigarettes and garbage in the appropriate receptacles.

## Garage Sale

Due to a lack of response from the residents we will not be having a fall garage sale. We will have our annual spring garage sale in may! We will keep you posted on the details, as the date gets closer.

## BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 am in the Clubhouse. Please notify Z&R Management if you would like to attend. Thank You!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm AHCOA Fall Barbeque and Pot Luck the Clubhouse. Residents please bring a dish to share. The AHCOA will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and nonalcoholic beverages. In order to make sure we buy enough meat, please contact Jamie Ross @540-9899 or Grace Lynch 685-9455 with how many plan to attend by Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you ALL there! Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm @the Clubhouse

**Bunco** starts for the 2006-2007 season. If you are interested please call Rosemarie Hall-Heyduk @ 527-9196.



#### Homeowner's Corner

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Fall is right around the corner. Here are some tips to get ready for the cooler temps that are sure to come.

- 1. Change your furnace filters. It is recommended that you change your filter monthly during the heavy use months. Furnaces should be inspected annually to ensure they are working properly.
- 2. Check your front doors to make sure there is not a gap in the threshold. Adjusting the thresholds on your doors can help keep the cold weather out.
- 3. Open your blinds/curtains during the day to capture the warm sun and close them in the evenings to keep the colder temps outside.

## **Protect Your Home!**

Home break-ins are on the rise. Here are some tips from the experts on things you can do to help protect your home.

- 1. Keep a light, the television or radio on when you are not at home. You can purchase a timer that will automatically turn your lights on at different times.
- 2. Suspend your paper delivery. Papers that collect on the driveway are a sure hint to anyone that you are not around.
- 3. Lock your door even when you are home during the day. Home break-ins can and do happen when you are at home.
- 4. Close and lock your windows at night or when you are gone.
- 5. Do not hide a key under your doormat or in the rocks. That is the first place criminals look.

Know what you have in your house. Take inventory of your valuables (either write them down or take pictures) and make sure anything of value is insured.