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VANGUARD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT - AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER COMPANY

Redwing View Newsletter

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at the Antioch Assessor's Office, 1625 Deep Lake Road. Please plan to attend as we will be holding an election of officers for the Board.

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., but plan on arriving around 6:45 p.m. to sign in. Also, this will be the final chance to vote for the Amendment changes that were proposed in May. If we do not get enough votes to change the Amendment, all "For Sale" signs will need to be removed from front yards.



Please come to the meeting and exercise your right to have a voice in the community! If you cannot attend the meeting, there is a proxy vote for the Amendment changes available on our website, www.redwingview.com.

Friendly Reminders:

A&A Applications: Any changes to your landscaping or the outside structure of your home requires the submission of an A&A form to the Board of Directors. This applies to work that may have been done in the past, but was never approved by the Board. For the purpose of recordkeeping, we require that all forms be submitted and on file. You can find the form on our website, www.redwingview.com. Click on "Forms and Documents."

Snow Removal:

Please remember to clear the sidewalks in front of your house this winter. The Village of Antioch ordinance # 8-5-1 requires that "...all snow or ice be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours after cessation of 2 inches or more of snow." We were told the Village will be more diligent about enforcing the ordinance this winter.



Holiday Decorations: Please remember that holiday decorations should not be placed outside the house until 30 days prior to a holiday and should be removed within 30 days after the holiday, weather permitting. If the weather does not permit the removal of decorations within the 30-day period, holiday lights should not be lit after the 30-day period.



New Residents: If you did not receive a copy of the Covenants or By-laws at your closing, you can get them from our Website at www.redwingview.com. All residents should have received these documents upon purchasing a home in our community.

Landscaping and Common Areas:

The Village of Antioch will not replace the dead parkway trees until the spring, due to a budget shortfall this year. The dead trees will be removed at that time.

New additions to the playground area include two metal and vinyl picnic tables for the area just south of the playground and two new toddler swings, both to be installed soon.

We need your help! The Board is creating a new landscaping and decorating committee for the front entrance. This committee will be responsible for seasonal decorations, as well as minor plantings in the spring. If you are creative, have a green thumb or just like to work outdoors, contact Carolynne Vigil at bamaw47@gmail.com. We would like to get some fall decorations up soon!



Winterizing Your Home



This is the time of year that most of us start preparing for the holiday season. In addition to the home decorating that may be done for the holidays, we also need to prepare our homes for the winter season. If we fail to winterize our home, the cold temperatures of winter can cause some inconvenient problems. These problems can also turn into costly repairs.

Whether you live in a condominium, townhouse or single family home, there are things that should be done to prepare for winter temperatures. Here are some of the items that may need to be done.

- Check windows and exterior doors for leaks. Use weather stripping around doors to prevent drafts. Replace cracked glass in windows and caulk as needed. If you have storm windows, now is a good time to replace the screens with the storm windows.

- Check for adequate insulation. In addition to checking the attic insulation, make sure that the crawl spaces have proper insulation.
- Turn off the sprinkler system and blow out the system with compressed air. Sounds like a basic type of prevention, but a frozen sprinkler system can be a large headache when turned on in the spring.
- Check the roof for needed repairs. Inspect the flashing and the shingles or tiles.
- Clean gutters and downspouts. It is obvious when the gutters are clear of debris, but use a water hose to make sure that the downspouts are clear.
- Inspect the foundation for needed repairs. Clean debris from around the foundation to insure adequate drainage. Seal any cracks in the foundation to eliminate leaks and drafts.
- Drain outside faucets while checking the foundation. This includes unhooking any water hoses connected to the exterior faucets. Consider installing insulating covers for the faucets.
- Have a professional inspect the HVAC system. This is especially important for oil or gas systems that

have not been turned on since the previous spring. Consider having the HVAC professional install a programmable thermostat during the inspection. Also, change the filters and set up a monthly schedule to change the filters in the future.

- Have all fireplaces inspected. If needed, install a cap or screen to keep out pests. Check that the damper is working correctly. If the fireplace burns wood, an annual cleaning can prevent creosote fires.
- Check the batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. If your home does not have any detectors, now would be a good time to install them.

Because of the different climates and the different types of homes, preparing a single list that is perfect for everyone is impossible. Some areas of the country will require more extreme measures because of the extreme winter temperatures. A condominium will require less preparation than a single family home. Hopefully, using this list as a starting point will help you make a comfortable and efficient winter home.

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