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Message from the President

We recently had two septic system blockages. These had been pumped in 2015. Both of these could have been prevented with proper care and understanding of how the septic system works. Never allow grease to go down the drain. Collect grease in a container and dispose with your trash. Use a paper towel to remove grease from pan before washing. *Flushable wipes* are NOT to be flushed into the system. Consumer Reports states that none of "flushable" wipes tested broke apart in their disintegration tests. As a general rule, nothing should be disposed into any wastewater system that hasn't first been ingested, other than toilet tissue, mild detergents, and wash water. More can be found on our website under Septic Systems.

Don't ignore leaky plumbing fixtures; repair them. A leaky toilet can waste up to 2,000 gallons (7,500 liters) of water in a single day. That's 10-20 times more water than a household's typical daily usage. Leaky plumbing fixtures increase your water bill, waste natural resources, and overload your system. Our water is not free. Our water system cost in 2015 was over \$18,000 which comes out to about \$25 of the \$288 that we pay each month.

Hampstead Water will be blowing-out our water lines **Thursday, May 12th** beginning at 9am. Because this process uses a lot of water, please try to limit your usage of water while this is being done.

The Board will be doing its annual walk around this month. In the meantime, if you have potential rule issues this would be a good time to correct those.

If you need a table for the Yard Sale, we have some in the Cottage. Contact me if you want to borrow a table.

Richard



Landscape Committee

Now that spring has finally arrived, the Landscapers will be mowing & trimming the lawns in the community. Please do not park on the grass and don't park so close to the edge that your car is in the way of the mowers. Make sure your front & rear bumpers are not hanging over the edge too. And make sure your guests do the same. Please let's make it easy for them to do their job.

Andrea



Note from our Secretary

As of April 30, 2016, we have received 44 straw poll ballots. Thirty-five (35) of the ballots are in favor of the Association going forward to change our Condominium Documents to reflect that the maintenance and repairs of the septic systems will be the responsibility of the Association and nine (9) are against the Association going forward to change our Condominium Documents and that the Documents remain as they are now, which leaves the maintenance and repairs of the septic system the responsibility of the individual Unit Owners.

The Board will discuss this issue at its next meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016 at 1 PM.



Note from our Management Company

Dear Homeowners,

At our last meeting, the Board authorized “Got Gutters” to power wash the buildings. A date will be set in the next month and notices will be sent to all. We are seeking additional quotes for tree removal at two locations (a large pine left of the bridge on the hill and at the left entrance on Flat Rock). Doug’s Tree Service from Seabrook provided a quote and two other companies will be stopping by that the manager called as well as Meyer Tree provided by Andrea. Some paving work is needed at a couple driveways and a slight sink hole will need to be filled in a lawn. The landscaper is scheduling the repair of some garage doors that were damaged this winter. Every effort is being made to get this done ASAP. A new septic company was used to pump a blocked system recently (Pete’s Sewer Service). They are very customer friendly and work hard to do a job right. We continue to gain information on the roofing and prepare for eventual replacement. This process will be done using specifications drawn by an engineer to be sure contractors get it done correctly and can bid appropriately. This is a work in progress. I always appreciate your input and welcome your calls. Enjoy the well deserved better weather ahead.



Ken Foley



Irrigation Meeting

On May 3rd, the Board held an informal meeting at the Windham Library to discuss the possibility of irrigating our lawns this summer. There were 27 residents attending as well as Ken Foley from NextGen Management and Charlie Lanza, the Project Manager at Hampstead Water, who handle our water supply. Charlie was asked to discuss why the Association stopped irrigating in 2015 and to give his input as to whether we should irrigate this year. After reviewing some statistics, Charlie would be in favor of hand watering our lawns this year. He also noted the flushing of our tanks would be done next week. There were many discussions relating to whether or not to irrigate and the reasons for our problems with the brine being put back into the land. Richard asked Charlie to do water testing on Wells 1 and 2 to see how they are doing and then the Board will discuss the irrigation question at its Board meeting to be held on May 12th.



Windows 10 Tech Talk

With over 270 million PCs running Windows 10 nine months after its release, Microsoft's latest desktop operating system has outpaced all previous Windows versions in adoption rate. Furthermore, the new version's installed base handily tops that of all Mac OS X versions. Microsoft has stated that Windows 10 would no longer be a static piece of code that's updated just once every few years, but continually updated in a software-as-a-service model.

Windows 10 is designed to appeal to Windows 7 users who were scared off by Windows 8's tiles by presenting a more-familiar desktop interface with the trusty-old Start menu. But the operating system represents a whole lot more than simply the return of the overly lamented Start Menu. It's intended to unify the desktop PC, tablet, smartphone, game console, and Internet of Things with a single OS and a single app store.

Windows 10 also includes a host of new capabilities like the Cortana voice-responsive assistant, faster startup speed, virtual desktops, touch capability, a notification center, and even a new Web browser that's

speedier and more standards-compatible than anything we've yet seen from Microsoft. Despite such a raft of new features, Microsoft has emulated Apple's OS update strategy by making the upgrade from Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 free.

If you're running Windows 7 or 8.1 on a desktop or laptop, you'll want Windows 10.

Getting Windows 10 for free is a simple matter of clicking the Taskbar icon with the new Windows logo and reserving a copy. You have until **July 29, 2016** to make the move, or you'll have to pay, unless Microsoft extends the offer. The icon launches a program that checks your system and software for compatibility, and you're notified when the update is ready to install. The minimum system requirements are surprisingly low: a 1GHz processor, 1GB of RAM, and 16GB of hard drive space. The 64-bit version of Windows 10 increases the RAM requirement to 2GB and the disk space to 20GB. Your data and programs come along for the ride when you update, though it's always a good idea to back up before an OS update.



Calendar of Events

May is: Hamburger Month, Lyme Disease Awareness Month, Photo Month, Barbecue Month & Get Caught Reading Month

- 05-11-2016 - National Root Canal Appreciation Day
- 05-15-2016 - Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 05-17-2016 - World Baking Day
- 05-18-2016 - Golf Day
- 05-21-2016 - Armed Forces Day and Town Shred-it Day
- 05-26-2016 - Blueberry Cheesecake Day
- 05-30-2016 - Memorial Day - Postal Holiday, no services, closed
- 06-03-2016 - Donut Day
- 06-06-2016 - D-Day and Drive-in Movie Day
- 06-08-2016 - World Ocean Day



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



The annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30th, 2016. The Parade will kick off at Windham Center School, where all participants in the parade will meet at 9:00 AM. The parade will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. There will be the annual Memorial Day Remembrance at the Cemetery on the Plain at the conclusion of the parade.



Our Website

Cheers to Phil Bova for scanning our large site plans for our water and septic locations and enabling us to post these on our website. These are very large diagrams that measure almost 4 square feet square. When these plans are used by different vendors they are exposed to being damaged or lost. Now we have them available online for anyone to use. Check them out on our website under The Pump House (for water) or Septic Systems.

Richard



ONGOING

Breakfast on Friday at 8:30 AM. An informal breakfast, open to all residents and guests of Hadleigh Woods, is held every Friday at 8:30 AM at Sammy J's Breakfast Café in Salem.

Bowling on Wednesday at 3:00 PM. The H-W "Open-To-All" bowling party is held every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM at Park Place Lanes. We bowl for fun & exercise never following the rules of the game. After our fun bowling, some of us go out for a meal.

Breakfast on Sunday at 8:30 AM. A number of the Hadleigh Woods Community residents are also going to breakfast at the Southside Diner in Derry on Sundays.



Carbon Monoxide Alarm Quiz Answer

(D) The first CO detectors were plug-in AC units, so they were mounted near the floor where outlets were usually found. People began thinking that's where they belonged because CO is heavier than air. But CO is only *slightly* heavier than air, and when it's generated by combustion from a stove or furnace, it's warm and rises, then quickly mixes with air and travels with normal air travel patterns. So wall- and ceiling-mounted CO detectors are both effective.

