



The Retreat Community News January – February 2009



WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW RESIDENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Developers of Greenbrier
Tom Rund - 410-9331
Brian Rowe - 651-9144

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Architectural Review – Fayeelaine Haddaway
Social Committee – Susan Glaser

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION From the Directors



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS – RELOCATION OF THE RETREAT OFFICE



The Retreat Office has relocated to 1453 Carrolton Way. The phone number remains the same.



Association Dues – It has been our practice in the past to mail monthly invoices to all homeowners. This practice results in an expense to the Association of approximately \$250.00 in postage at our current level of homeowners. Effective February please mail your dues to the new address or P. O. Box 1404, Chesapeake, VA 23327. You can also drop your checks off at the address on Carrolton Way or take them by the sales office.

Association Budget – The budget for 2009 continues the monthly dues at \$200.00.



Parking – The parking rules seem to be one of the most frequently talked about issues in our community. Some like the fact that there is limited parking in the driveways and some dislike it. There are good arguments on both sides of the issue and to be fair to all concerned; we are going to try something new.

For the next 3 months, we will try a pilot program allowing parking in the driveways. During this period, owners are free to park in their driveways at all times. However, a few words of caution – all other parking rules remain in effect, including not parking on the streets or in common drive and turn-around areas. Permanent reductions in garage area space should not be made in reliance on this pilot program as it may be terminated at the end of March. We are asking for your written comments on this program to better gauge community sentiment. Please reserve sending your comments until the end of February so as to give us all the opportunity to observe the results of this program over a period of time.

NEWS – NOTES AND EVENTS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Activities –Update



First Quarter 2009

“HAPPY NEW YEAR”

The Holidays are over, and here we are already starting the New Year. I hope that this year will bring you good health, peace and much happiness. It's been a pleasure for me to have served you the last three months as chair of the Social Committee, and I wish to thank my committee members and the general membership for all their hard work to create a wonderful Holiday Season for our community with the beautiful Christmas Party. The greatest satisfaction for all of us was the large outcome: From 75 registered guests 68 were present. We were all honored by the presence of Tom and Linda, and thank them for attending. Many of us connected with new neighbors, and got the feeling that we are living in a great community, full of kind and interesting residents.

New ideas for our Social Calendar were brought forth at the December Christmas Party, and accepted by the committee members who attended the post party meeting.

AGENDA 2009

1. The Social Committee Meeting will be held twice a year: SPRING and EARLY FALL. Date for March or April Meeting will be announced.
2. Committee Members meet regularly once per month to initiate and organize specific activities, and events. These dates will be announced for those activities for which help is needed, and please join in with your active participation. Call Fayeelaine to help her with the February Chili Cook-Off (410-9037).
3. If you have any new announcements, (Tel. #, Fax #, E-mail), or other, please let Fayeelaine know the change(s).

These are the announcements from my side. Fayeelaine will write-up all the scheduled events, and new ideas from residents. Let's keep the activities rolling!

Thank you.

Susan D. Glaser, Chair

MOVIE NIGHT



Everyone had a great time at our first movie of the New Year. It was great to sit and relax after the busy holiday season. We watched "Cast Away" with Tom Hanks. Hopefully, we will see more residents at our next movie showing, "**The Bucket List**" with **Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson**. It will be shown on February 11th, Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Cross at 410-4713. Please bring your own snacks and drinks.

FUTURE SOCIAL PLANS



NOTICE TO ALL LADIES

The Social Committee would like to form a group especially for you. It will be an informal time for getting together over coffee, sharing with each other, and receiving inspiration from the Bible. There will be an organizational meeting at the clubhouse on January 21, 2009 at 10:00 am to receive input and settle on dates and time. After that we will begin meeting in our homes. Call Ann Wall at 436-1088 if you have any questions.



CELEBRATE AMERICAN PRIDE

FEBRUARY EVENT



There will be a CHILI COOKOFF on February 22, 2009 in the clubhouse. This should be a fun event for everyone. There will be a flyer distributed at a later date. If you want to help with planning this event, please call Fayeelaine at 410-9037 or email simbasin@cox.net. We will have a contest for the HOTTEST CHILI, BEST TASTING CHILI AND MOST ORIGINAL NAME FOR YOUR CHILI. Water will be provided!!!!

"SOCIAL POST IT NOTES"



Bob Nelson has posted a pool table signup sheet in the pool room. If anyone is interested in an Arts and Crafts Group, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Frens. Our committee chair, Susan has suggested that maybe now is the time to start forming "THE WALK GROUP." This can be for new walkers, those already experienced and those who have been walking for a while. We need a group leader to pull the activity together, dates and time to start and how long.



This is our community newsletter, please let me know if you have any ideas for future items/articles for the Newsletter, email simbasin@cox.net or call Fayeelaine at 410-9037.