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# Grapevine Newsletter

First of all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all that live in our beautiful Vineyard neighborhood! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas. If I have this newsletter timed right, we are heading for a new year, 2020! Where is the time going?

We had several events take place in the Vineyards this 4th quarter. Here are some: Party on the Commons, Halloween, Craft & Vendor Fair, Holiday Decoration Social, Adopt a Family, and Breakfast with Santa. Our Social Committee keeps things hopping around here. Stay tuned for 2020; it will be another fun pack time here at the Vineyards!

Remember, if you have something you want in our newsletter, let me know. Just drop me an email, and I will take it from there.

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2019**

**Meeting Start Time: 7:05pm**

**Trustees in Attendance:**

Michael Eilers, Keith Ernst, Greg Greenwell

**Board of Representatives in Attendance:** Terry Schachsiek

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

**Homeowners in Attendance:** Jennifer Bailey, Bob Isermann

**Homeowner Concerns or Reports:**

- A homeowner passed on his praise and gratitude for the Saturday morning dog playdate at the tennis courts.
- There have been questions about a fall large item pickup from Grace. Our deal with Grace includes one large pickup a year, which we do in the spring. However, if someone with Grace needs a large item pickup, then they can call Grace anytime and schedule one. Reported costs for this have been around \$10.
- A resident wanted to express concern about expired plates on immobile vehicles as well as some yard care concerns.

**Social Update:**

- Sue ordered porta potty for the common ground party. They will coordinate delivery and placement with Katie. Trash cans will be borrowed from the pool deck and can be placed on the curb afterward for pickup. Tablecloths and other party items are available to be borrowed from the social cabinets.
- Greg will ensure that the common ground is mowed close to the party.
- Clubhouse holiday decorating is the Friday after Thanksgiving. Sue will get with Gena, Irina, and Dee to coordinate refreshments, flyers, etc. Everyone, especially those hosting holiday parties at the clubhouse, is encouraged to come to decorate!

**Clubhouse Review:**

- The Schwinn machine in the weight room had a cable snap. Gena is currently working with Fitness Machine Technicians to get a quote on repair.
- Carpet cleaning is scheduled for Thursday, 11/7, and the clubhouse will be closed for it to dry.
- Irina's painting, drapery panels, etc. are completed for now. We are still looking into furniture replacements, artwork, and decorative touches.
- We still want to replace at least one patio door before the end of this year. Terry, Dee, and Keith are looking into the options and installation.

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- There have been several communication failure notifications from Alarm 24. We are looking into Spectrum to see if it is due to an issue on their end.
- The wet spot discovered while painting the wall seems to have dried, and no mold found within or around it.

### **Pool:**

- There will be a season wrap-up meeting in the near future.
- The board is looking into options on repairs, so there is no need to replace the pool fence this year. Mike is looking into having the gate welded, and there is a possibility of repairs to the center drain as well as the bathhouse fences to get more time out of them.
- The coping stones will have to be replaced all at once. We are looking into bids currently.

### **Grounds:**

- Greg is working with tree services to take down the problem trees mentioned last meeting. There was some trouble finding someone to bid on taking down the huge one on Napa, but it is underway. They are expected to start next week.
- The annual cleanup will be happening soon. Planting new trees by the pool is under consideration.
- Keith brought in the new additions for the signs.

### **Finance:**

- Despite the huge unexpected cost from the pool this summer, we are still on track with the budget this year.

**Meeting Ended at 8:05pm**

## **Meeting Minutes** **NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

**The meeting began at: 7:00pm.**

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dee Barnett, Sue Blasé, Keith Ernst, Greg Greenwell

**Board of Representatives in Attendance:** Terry Schachsiek, Sarah Claus

**Homeowners in Attendance:** Sandy Prince

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### **Homeowners Concerns or reports:**

- A resident is concerned about long term parking in the street due to snowplows and the school bus not being able to fit. Trustees will check into it.
- There is a street sewer that has been taking a long time to drain. County will be contacted to come out for it.
- There are streetlamps out on French Oak. Cuvier River Electric will be contacted for maintenance.

### **Social Update:**

- The Common Ground Party was deemed a success among residents. However, we apologize for the port-a-potty company that mistreated some of the neighbor's yards.
- We have our family present requests from Adopt-a-Family. Residents suggested using the site Sign-up Genius for donation tracking. Gena set it up.
- There will be a Holiday Decorating Social Event on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The decorating is expected to roll into Saturday morning.

### **Pool:**

- The pool furniture pickup happened on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed the repairs needed on the drain and gate. Due to budget and weather, it may be pushed into the spring.

### **Grounds:**

- The tree removal is underway. The large tree on Napa is scheduled to be removed later this month.

### **Clubhouse:**

- The outdoor water fountain and the hose will need to be disconnected for winter.
- Discusses options for snow shoveling of the Clubhouse path this winter.
- Irina is continuing the Clubhouse updates. New sofas are expected in January.
- The lower level carpets were cleaned on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be adjustments to the office hours for the holidays. Residents renting the Clubhouse during those times should check the sign for key card pick up.
- Options for the two patio doors were discussed. The main door is on track to be replaced before the end of the year.

### **Finance:**

- Budget adjustments discussed were made the following day, and the 2020 budget has been approved.

Meeting ended: 8:00.

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2019**

Meeting Start Time: 7:07pm

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dee Barnett, Sue Blasé, Michael Eilers, Keith Ernst

**Board of Representatives in Attendance:** Bob Emery, Irina Hale

**Homeowners in Attendance:** Bob Isermann

**Homeowner Concerns or Reports:**

- The trees growing in a home's gutters have been addressed but have not yet been resolved. Due to the weather, leeway is offered until the end of the month.
- Cracks in the Clubhouse ceiling were noted; checking it out will wait until the new year.
- There is also a wood piece of the Clubhouse sign that will need to be addressed as well.
- We are low on letters for the Seven Hills sign, will probably order a small set.

**Clubhouse:**

- Furniture & Fixture Update:
  - Decorations
    - Additional holiday decorations for the Clubhouse were purchased by Irina Hale with some of the remaining budget.
    - Sandy Prince donated some poinsettias, which were placed around the Clubhouse.
    - We will need to purchase more strands of LED lights, as the older ones go out more quickly.
  - January Decoration Takedown
    - We need volunteers to take down the holiday decorations on a date in January- TBA
    - Families that hosted parties during the holidays should sign up.
  - Patio Doors
    - We will be buying both doors by the end of the month. The mainly used door will be fitted for keyless entry in January, and the other will have a regular lock.
  - Fitness Bike
    - There is some remaining budget that could be used for a new fitness bike, but we may hold out and wait to get a better quality/ longer lasting one instead.

**Social Update:**

- Decorating Social- Enjoyed beverages, snacks, and holiday music
  - Volunteers: Irina & girls, Julie, Dee, Sue, Steve, Keith, Chris, Bob, Gena, Kathy
  - We may hold a social event for the decoration takedown- TBD
- Adopt-a-Family
  - Donations were dropped off to our contact. Lisa Viet shopped for the remaining items that were not signed up for and was reimbursed.

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- It was proposed to pick a different charity without a “quota” next year in case we are unable to fill all of the requests.
- Breakfast with Santa
  - Approximately 35 children attended between both sessions.
  - Food was provided by Mike, crafts by Lisa, photos by Bob, and picture frames by Keith.

### **Grounds:**

- Fall clean-up was completed; several dead/dying trees had to be taken down.
- Discussed potentially replanting trees or adding flagpoles in front of the Clubhouse to replace one that had to be taken down.
- **Finance**
  - Clubhouse rentals started to go up a bit over projected, which is nice.
  - The budget for 2020 was approved last month.

**Meeting Ended 7:45pm**



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## LET'S TAKE A BREAK FOR SOME PICTURES

What a great time at Breakfast with Santa

Remember, I only have so much room 😊



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## LET'S GET TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

We didn't pick this neighborhood; you can say it picked us. My former boss, 27 years ago, owned this house, and was moving and insisted we buy her home, and she would leave her furniture, appliances, and curtains, a deal we couldn't pass up.

I am from the Chicago area, and my husband Jim is a native North County MO guy, so I had no idea of what was in store here in the "country." There were horses down Towers back then, which was something I only saw in a zoo back home.

The first few days in the Vineyards, I noticed everyone was waving at me. I felt like Mrs. America, and I told my husband everyone is so friendly they keep waving to welcome me to the neighborhood. He laughed and said, what do you mean. I said every time I go outside everyone waves at me; I asked how long does that last? He said they will do that every time they see you. I thought I had moved to Pleasantville! Then within a few days, the neighbor behind me baked me a cake to welcome me to the neighborhood. I couldn't believe it; I had never received such hospitality.

We raised our daughter Jackie here and settled in and have no desire to leave. All of our neighbors are so nice and when the tornado knocked down a lot of trees on

our block, neighbors went house to house, helping people chainsaw the trees that fell in everyone's yard.

We know everyone by name now and stop and chat when we are outside. One real gem that I love is how close we are to the Katy Trail. I bought a \$14.00 bike at one of our annual garage sales and haven't looked back and try to get out there every day. You may recognize my trail buddy Odie. (see attached photo of him wearing his doggles)

In life, you make a few big decisions that can really shape your life, and I feel that moving to this loving community has made our life happier.

As for the neighborhood traditions, you bet I have kept it alive! When you move anywhere near my house, you better believe I will be knocking on your door to say hello and give you some yummy baked goods to say welcome to the Vineyards.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Main  
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**Thank you, Ingrid, for sharing your story about your joy in living in the Vineyards! We are glad you are here!**

**Everyone, let's recognize a neighbor or a good friend, letting them know that you appreciate them. Surprise them with an article about them. You may go to the pool with a friend of friends during the summer months. Let them know how much you enjoy their company.**

## *Neighborhood Dog Etiquette*

*(Let's not forget **CAT** Etiquette too-I know they don't bark. But they roam. 😊 )*



Please..... Dog Owners... Don't let your dogs bark endlessly in the yard while you're inside enjoying the peace and quiet. We all want to enjoy the outdoors without the constant sounds of excessive dog barking. Please be a courteous pet owner.



Just a friendly reminder that when walking your furry friends, please make sure that you pick up after them. Also, as a courtesy, please do not dispose of the waste in your neighbor's trash cans.



Remember.... Doggies must be on a leash at all times. If it's important to let your dog run free, please take them to the local dog park. Per the Vineyard's Indentures, there is a 2 dog limit per home.

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*HERE IS WHAT'S COMING OUR WAY!*

**Stay Tune**

**A date will be coming out soon on the TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATION**

**Come help us out!! We also have a good time.**

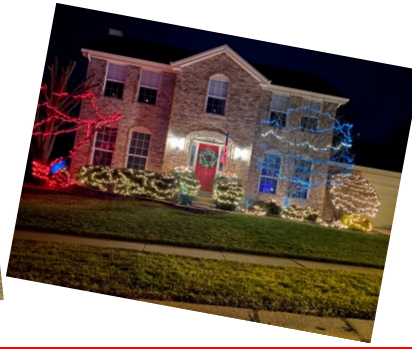


**THE VINEYARDS ON CRHISTMAS EVE NIGHT**





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**Picture Time from our Neighborhood Past Social Events**  
**As you can see, our Social Team has been busy**



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**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**





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