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Handypersons' Club – Dave Robinson

As previously mentioned, we are forming a “Handypersons’ Club” to provide readily available “fix-it” services to all Hillside owners. By so doing we can save owners a few pennies by not having to hire outside contractors for the simple repairs and projects. If you are interested in providing your skills to this group, please email me at (daverobinson7410@gmail.com).

To date Tom Prus, Dave Downer, Mike Holton, Dan Klein, and Dwight Huskey have thrown their hats (and tool belts) into the ring. Further information will be forth-coming as to how to contact the HC with your requests. The first project - paint the d— — mailboxes!!

Master Plan Follow-Up – Dave Robinson

During the coming winter months, the Landscape Committee will be considering modifications to the Master Plan in response to feedback from residents. Their review process will include a number of information sessions to gain further input and consensus. As an initial step, a two-dimensional mock-up of the sign will be positioned on the center entrance island for several days. Resident comments are welcome regarding its size and positioning. Send them to: daverobinson7410@gmail.com

Thank You Hillside Gardeners

I think, and I’ve heard many other people say, that the front entrance and north island have looked much better this year due to the flowers and other flora that were purchased and planted by skillful Hillside members. I am told by a usually reliable source that:

- Connie Delabbio and Susan Gelling were the gardeners for the entrance
- Lyn Crosby and Kerrie DeVries were the gardeners for the north island

If you happen to be talking with one or more of these gracious gardeners, please tell them, “Thank you from all of Hillside”.



Hillside Happenings – Cathy Downer

The trees have turned to beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow, there's a crispness in the air and the days are getting shorter. It's definitely Fall! And we all know what that means – winter is just around the corner and the holidays will be here before we know it.

Before your holiday calendars get too full, we wanted to let everyone know that we are planning a Hillside Christmas party. Plans have not yet been finalized, however we do have a date. Please mark your calendars for **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6**. Details will be coming soon. Our hope is that by making it early in the month it will not interfere with your many other commitments.

Snow Removal

I still remember the morning of the first significant snow, after we moved into our Hillside condo in November of 2016. I got up "early" to shovel the driveway and the sidewalk in front of our house. That was one of my jobs at our previous homes. Even with a snow plow service, I had to shovel the sidewalks and often clean-up the driveway.

To my surprise, that first Hillside snowfall morning, our driveway was already plowed appropriately and, amazingly, our sidewalk was shoveled! Not wanting to wake my wife, I stifled my urge to shout "Hallelujah" (I did do a little happy dance). Later, I told her, "This is one of the reasons we moved here".

So now its October 2018, our first below freezing night is approaching, and the snow can't be too far away. I apologize for printing it "out loud", while we are enjoying fall and the leaves are just starting to turn colors. But "to be forewarned is to be forearmed", so perhaps some information is appropriate.

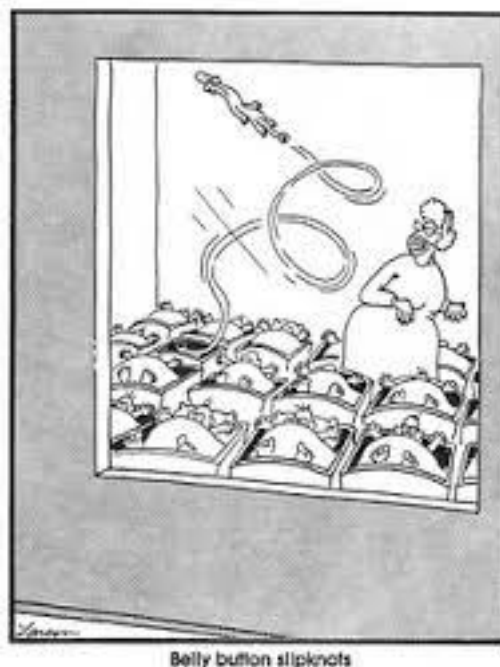
This is the first winter that Pepperidge will be handling our snow removal services. The Board and Landscape Committee have had discussions with Pepperidge about costs and

what we expect for quality of service. As it gets colder, there will be markers placed to guide the plows, both for the road and the driveways. We will have further road and snow removal updates, as they become available.

You are responsible for the sensible use of de-icing agents on the cement walk and driveway from your condo to the road. Treating ice and snow can improve traction and safety. However, it can also accelerate cement deterioration and other problems. The builders made a point of co-owners not using de-icing agents on those areas for at least the first year. So, this winter, you need to be cautious and find the right balance between too much and too little. (I find that's true for many things in life.)

Of Note:

The Board wishes to thank the Landscape Committee for their diligent work this past season. Landscape issues have been taking a lot of all our time. We are still learning about the COA concept, refining our processes, and making progress. Keep up the good work.



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