

SPRINGBROOK CONDO NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS TREES?

When you take your Christmas tree down, please do not leave it at the dumpster. Deposit your tree under the basketball net in the clubhouse parking lot.

Thanks!

FIRE SAFETY:

The holiday season is a good time to consider fire safety. Risk Management experts agree that to provide immediate first response to a small kitchen or electrical fire, every home should have a type ABC fire extinguisher. It should be a "1A 10 B-C" size extinguisher (usually red with the letters "ABC" printed in yellow). Give your household a gift of safety!

KIDS @ SPRINGBROOK:

In recent years there have been problems keeping snow stakes in the ground. Thanks to the respectful, well behaved kids living at Springbrook that no longer seems to be a problem!

For more winter weather issues - see reverse side.

AMERICAN FLAG:

As promised in our September newsletter the Board has investigated the cost of installing a flagpole and flying an American flag at Springbrook. Our intention was to fly the flag 24-hours a day. Since protocol requires that the American flag be lighted from dusk to dawn, we also investigated the price of getting lighting to the site. We chose a site (the clearing to your right as you enter the clubhouse parking lot), priced the flag, flagpole, and the cost of lighting. Lighting involved trenching and running lines from the clubhouse. The logistics of that were costly and the Board decided not to move forward at this time.

If we have veterans (or others) who are interested in assuming some responsibility for raising and lowering the flag (so that lighting would not be necessary) let us hear from you.

OUTSIDE LIGHTING:

We are looking for an able bodied volunteer willing to occasionally replace entry area light bulbs in between maintenance man site visits.

BEAVERS ?!

We have a family of beavers who are actively building a new house on the bank of our pond! They have felled many trees around the pond this fall, which is nature's way of clearing the woods. The beavers are working diligently to store birch and poplar bark for winter and can be seen in action in the early morning or at dusk. The reason they build dams is that they need water, and a dam ensures water for winter habitat. Once they have exhausted an area for food (tree bark) the clan moves on. So, enjoy them while they are here! The kits, or young, are born in late spring. Interested young environmentalists might want to explore the following website:

www.csh.rit.edu/~snell/beaver.html

HOLIDAY TRASH PU:

Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Tuesdays, our trash pick up day. Extra trucks will run on Mon & Wed. With increased trash and decreased pick-ups, please do your part and compact your trash as much as possible during these holiday weeks. **Thanks!**