

Country Village Voice



Country Village
Townhouse
Association

A Message from the Board of Directors

At the semi-annual meeting of the Country Village Townhouse Association, held on October 16, 2008, we had elections for four available Board seats. Congratulations to our newly elected members to the Board: Carolyn Houck, Perry Taglienti, Nancy White and the reelection of Jack Fairbank.

Country Village is a great place to live! It is a fascinating and diverse community of residents from many countries including: China, Korea, Columbia, Scotland, Australia, Taiwan, Canada, Panama, Russia, and the United States. These same residents bring an amazing variety of backgrounds, talents and interests to our neighborhood: chemists, law enforcement specialists, artists, magazine editors, business managers, educators, physical therapists, dental hygienist, retirees, ministers, rehabilitation counselors, engineers, financial consultants, dance instructor, professional driver, retail employees, landscapers, human resource specialists and students, just to name a few.

We are not just a collection of residents living in houses with good property values, but, rather, a neighborhood ... we care about each other: clearing driveways and mailboxes of snow; rushing to the aid of a neighbor with a plumbing emergency; rescuing an "escaped" puppy so it wouldn't run away; picking up trash that's been blown around by the wind; checking in on a disabled neighbor during a snow storm; maintaining beautiful lawns and landscaping; decorating houses during the holidays; asking speeders to slow down as they drive through; helping a neighbor cut down a dead tree; painting their house to match the adjoining house in their unit. It is these acts of kindness and generosity that give us reason to be proud of Country Village.

Maxwell Property Management

We are pleased to welcome our new managing agent, Maxwell Property Management.

Our property manager is Lee Lounsbury and he is our first line of contact for any questions or service. Lee can be reached by...

Cell Phone: (518) 428-9784. This is also the number to call in case of an emergency and he is available 24/7 for emergency response

E-Mail: lee@maxwellpm.com

Office: (518) 587-8324 Ext. 304

Any exterior changes still have to be approved by the Board of Directors. At this time please email your requests to lee@maxwellpm.com or send via U.S. mail to Maxwell Property Management, P.O. Box 332, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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Points of Interest:

- *New Management Company*
- *New Waste Company*
- *New additions to the Board of Directors*
- *October Parade*
- *New Lawn Service Company*
- *Winter Festivities*
- *New Year's Day Fund Drive*

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Committee Reports

Neighborhood Watch Committee

The Neighborhood Watch Committee meets quarterly at Town Hall and provides valuable help in keeping our community safe. The Guilderland Police Department provides an Officer liaison who attends our meetings. If you are interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch Committee please contact Dolores Carter at 369-1942.

Welcoming Committee

To the new home owners in the community we would like to take a moment to welcome you to Country Village. We have recently reactivated this committee and look forward to visiting you with a special welcome to the community. If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Committee please contact any Board member.

Residents Guide Committee

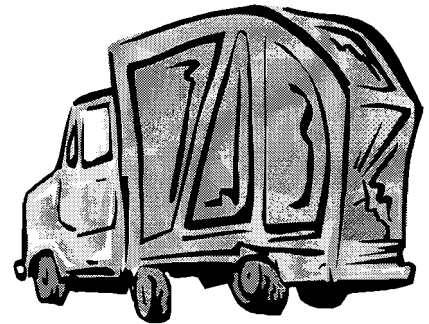
A committee of Country Village residents has been hard at work revamping our Community Information (By-Laws) guide. We thank you for your hard work and look forward to distributing the guide in the near future.

County Waste Company

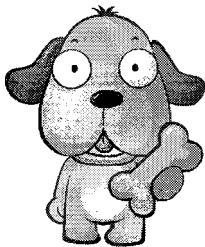
We welcome our new trash company, County Waste, to the neighborhood. You have received a welcome packet; new trash cans and recycle bins. Please follow the recycling guidelines. If you have any questions, concerns or if you need to change the size of your container, Contact County Waste at 518-877-7007.

REMINDER:

Please do not put out your trash containers until Tuesday evening and promptly store them in your garages once the trash is picked up. Thank you.



Speaking of Waste...



Dog owners PLEASE remember to pick-up after your dog.

A number of owners have complained about dog waste being left on their lawns. Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick-up after your pet!

This is not only the respectful thing to do, it's the law.

Halloween Kids & Pets Parade

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, we held a Halloween parade for the neighborhood children and pets. We had a great turnout! Prizes were awarded to children and pets for scariest, funniest, and most creative costumes. Apple cider and donuts were enjoyed by all.



The parade was led by Grand Marshall, Cathy Hale, donning the Turkey Hat, Judi Michela, keeping everyone in step and Holly Livingston, closing-up the ranks.



Winter Holidays Caroling & Lighting

Holiday Caroling

On a snowy Sunday afternoon in December a hardy band of carolers strolled the neighborhood, visiting door-to-door, singing holiday carols and enjoying the seasonal decorations.

The Holiday Lighting Contest winners were...

1st Place: Catherine Hale, 7001 Suzanne Lane
2nd Place: Bill & Dorothy Lasak, 7053 Suzanne Lane
3rd Place: Michael & Janice Dougherty, 7312 Vic Court

The Holiday Lighting Runner-ups were...

Barbara Avgerinos, 7062 Suzanne Lane
Robert & Elizabeth Bethel, 7083 Suzanne Lane
Raymond & Susan Blair, 7505 Antoinette Court
Michael Conlon & Charlene Uhl, 7081 Suzanne Lane
Vidal & Katherine Deleon, 7314 Vic Court
Marge Fratine, 7332 Vic Court
Joanne Long, 7334 Vic Court

Community Regional Food Drive

On New Year's Day, Country Village held its first food drive to help the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. This drive was a great success. Below is the letter that we received from the Regional Food Bank...

Country Village Townhouse Association:

Thank you for your recent donation of 295 pounds of food, \$125 cash and \$50 in gift cards, to the Regional Food Bank. Your friendship and support mean so much to us.

These are very difficult times. The need is great, and it is a real challenge acquiring all the resources necessary to feed the growing number of hungry people in our community. But with your assistance, we are helping more people than ever, and are committed to expand our efforts even further in 2009. We have to do more because the need will be even greater next year, but we have faith we can do it because of people like you have been so generous to the Food Bank.

I can't thank you enough for your support right now when things are so tough for all of us. Hungry people are being fed and will continue to be fed because you care. Especially at this special time of year, nothing could be more meaningful than that.

I wish you all the blessings for the holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year!

Sincerely,

Tracy Martin
Associate Director

Dates to Remember

June 30th * Semi-Annual Community Meeting * 7:00pm @ Guilderland Town Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

June 13 & 14 * Community Garage Sale * Karen Taglienti is the chairperson and can be reached on 280-6537.

New Shed Policy

Lack of storage is a common problem in our homes and over the years many residents have expressed interest in installing yard sheds. To address this need the Board of Directors has adopted a policy. In summary:

Materials: A storage shed/box is defined as a pre-fabricated, portable storage unit. Acceptable storage units will consist of only those made of heavy duty plastic, vinyl, or PVC. Examples would be those made by Duramax, Rubbermaid, Arrow or other comparable brands which are widely available at most home improvement stores.

These sheds will be no larger than forty eight (48) square feet with a center height no greater than six (6) feet. The storage unit is not to be mounted permanently on a foundation or permanently attached to another structure. Placement will be such that it is screened from view from outside the property and not inhibiting the natural view of adjoining or surrounding dwellings. All attempts should be made to enhance the aesthetics of the storage unit.

An Exterior Change Request must be submitted for approval before work begins. Please contact Lee Lounsbury at Maxwell Property Management for additional information.

Common Property Maintenance

New Landscaping Company!

The Board received numerous complaints last year about the poor service provided by our previous landscaper/lawnmower company. Therefore, Maxwell Property Management has negotiated a contract for us with **Capital District Services**.

Please be patient as Capital District Services becomes familiar with the common property areas.

Spring Clean-Up

Spring has finally come and it's time to beautify our neighborhood. We can start by looking at our own homes and yards...

- Is your siding and trim clean and in good repair?
- Is your lawn and garden cleaned-up?
- Is the space between your driveway and your neighbors neatly maintained?

Let's welcome spring and keep Country Village the beautiful neighborhood we can all be proud of!

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