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2014 COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year, 3 Fairways Council positions came due for election. We were fortunate to have 4 volunteer candidates run for office. They were: Bruce Cosentino, Chuck DeNinno, Caroline Seely and Will Stanisky. Due to the poor turnout at the annual meeting, (under 20 residents including the 7 Council members) Council provided mail-in ballots to the community in addition to the annual meeting ballots. The 3 candidates with the most votes will serve on Council. **The final results are:**

Bruce Costentino—69 votes, Will Stansiky—67 votes, Caroline Seely—60 votes, and Chuck DeNinno—37 votes. Thank you to all who volunteered to participate in this year's election.

COUNCIL MEETING—JUNE 24TH

Please plan to attend the next Fairways Council meeting on Tuesday, June 24th at 7:00 PM at the pool. If you tune into WII-FM (What's In it For Me?), consider these benefits:

1. You have the opportunity to help decide the social and financial direction of the Fairways.
2. You help promote a sense of community.
3. You stay informed.
4. You have a forum to voice your concerns.

Mark your calendar and see you at the meeting!

OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Current Fairways Council and the Fairways community would like to sincerely thank outgoing Council members Peggy Christmas and William "Buzz" Miller for the past 4+ years of service on Fairways Council. Many worthwhile improvements to our community were accomplished during that time as a result of their hard work and dedication to teamwork. Both Peggy and Buzz have volunteered to stay active and help current Council with various current and future projects. Thanks again for a great job!

POOL NEWS

"Aquatic Watch" is the new pool management company for the 2014 pool season. In an effort to get to know our residents, Aquatic Watch wants to make a "big splash" by inviting you to get summer officially started with a social gathering at the pool on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided by Aquatic Watch. Please come and meet the folks from Aquatic Watch, chat with your neighbors and enjoy our new putting green & green space. See you there!

NEED A POOL PASS?

Please contact Holly Drylie or Melissa Claflin at Acri Commercial Realty, Inc. Allow at least 7 days for processing.

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RESALE CERTIFICATES

When selling your unit, you are required to produce a resale certificate for your potential buyer prior to your closing date. Your realtor normally handles this for you and is familiar with the procedure. **Effective June 1, 2014, the Fairways Treasurer will no longer process requests for resale certificates. All resale certificates will be processed by Acri Commercial Realty, Inc. To obtain your resale disclosure package, please go to www.condocerts.com to get started.** In addition to properly providing the required information, there is a \$295 processing fee. Please follow the instructions carefully to avoid delays in processing. Information regarding Fairways Resale Certificates can also be found on our website, www.thefairwaysfoakmont.org.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

When parking on the streets in our community, please be careful not to drive your vehicle over the curb onto the grass. This damages the grass and adds an additional expense to the Fairways for turf repair. Fairways Drive is a specific trouble spot. Also, please do not "extend" this parking lots or driveways by parking on the grass or sidewalks. Please note that the parking lot areas serve visitors as well as residents. Do not use these areas to "store" your vehicles)). Driveways and garages should be your primary parking spots. As a reminder: Merion, Pinehurst, St. Andrews, and Fairways entrance drive are "no parking or stopping" streets. Please observe the rules and park only where permitted. Do not exceed the speed limit of 25 mph and come to a complete stop at the stop signs. Traffic safety is a community effort.

PET ETIQUETTE

The Issue: Many residents have commented on the large patches of grass that have been damaged, at least in part, by pet urination. The problem is especially evident on St. Andrews Drive and Merion Lane. It is important that we pet owners act responsibly to keep our community green. Our "curb appeal" affects our property values. Large sections of dead or dying grass are unsightly and paint a negative picture of the community at large. Reseeding the affected areas is not practical as dogs tend to use the same spots to urinate.

The Science: The reason dog urine causes dead patches and lawn burn is due to the high levels of nitrogen that is released into the lawn through the urine. Nitrogen is actually a lawn-growth stimulant that encourages lawn growth when properly applied as a fertilizer. The problem presented with dog urine is that since most dogs urinate in one spot, they introduce large amounts of liquid nitrogen (urine) to that spot, causing a burning reaction and dead spots in the lawn. As a related problem, pet feces are not only smelly and unsightly, they often contain parasites will contaminate the water, soil, and can even cause infection in both pets and humans. When feces are allowed to remain on the soil for long periods, rainstorms will begin to dilute and break apart the feces and slowly spread the bacteria and other contaminants into local water sources.

The Solution: The best way to prevent urine burns and dead spots is to saturate the affected areas with water after your pet urinates. This will allow the excess nitrogen to leach or dilute through the lawn and reduce the concentration in one area. *Please treat the areas immediately after urination and apply at least three times the amount of water to urine to the area.* The best way to avoid contaminating our water sources and preventing possible infections is picking up solid pet waste immediately.

A Reminder: Fairways unit owners, tenants, occupants, and visitors are fully responsible for their pet's behavior, and for the cleanup and repair of damage caused by the pet within the common areas. All pets must be leashed and attended when outdoors. The large common areas are not dog parks. Solid waste must be picked up immediately. Outdoor storage of waste is not allowed. In addition to possible fines levied by the Fairways, Oakmont Borough can impose fines up to \$600 and/or imprisonment for up to 30 days for not cleaning up after your pet.

We need to work together to keep our community clean and green. Please help the cause by being a responsible pet owner.

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FIRE PREVENTION

Recently a patch of mulch caught fire in the Fairways. Due to the quick action of a resident who observed the smoke and flames, the fire was extinguished without damage to the structure or occupants. As a safety reminder, please be aware that mulch is flammable and a fire can easily spread to any adjacent buildings. If you smoke, discard your cigarette/cigar butts and matches properly and do not toss them on the ground. If you see smoke or flames in the mulch (or anywhere), immediately call 911 and attempt to alert occupants of the nearest units if you can safely do so. A special thank you to our alert resident who helped avoid a larger fire.

LANDSCAPING UPDATE

In addition to the routine lawn maintenance, tree pruning, and mulching activities, we approved several projects that address turf repair and replacement plantings for the ash trees. If there is an area near your unit that has been seeded recently, please try to water that area during dry spells.

As a reminder, mowing occurs on Thursdays unless there are weather issues. *Please do not put out your trash until later afternoon after the mowing is completed.* We can not expect the JML crew to move trash bags and cans around to complete their job. Your cooperation is appreciated.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

The Spring/Summer schedule is:

May 16—Carnivore's (Oakmont)

June 20—Tai Pei (Fox Chapel)

July 18—Narcissi Winery (Gibsonia)

Please contact Laverne Claus (412-517-8930) to reserve your seat. Luncheons start at 11:30 AM.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Fairways Community welcomes our newest neighbors:

Geoffrey W. & Cynthia G. Clarke and John Peyronel.