

THE FAIRWAYS

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Winter Is Here and That Means Snow!!

Our snow removal contractor, Feerst, has parked his plow and trailer with shovels and calcium chloride in the lot on St. Andrews Drive. When a single snowfall reaches 3 inches or more they will be onsite to remove it from driveways and walkways. In addition a de-icing agent will be applied.

The Borough of Oakmont requires that all public sidewalks be cleared of any snow within 12 hours once a snowfall has ended. This applies to the walkway on Fairways Drive. Feerst has been contracted to comply with this requirement. Additionally they will take care of the private road.

Should you desire to salt your driveway and walk please use calcium chloride rather than rock salt. This is less destructive to the concrete.

Frozen Pipes

During the "arctic vortex" last year several residents experienced frozen pipes and the result was thousands of dollars in interior damage. Water lines expand when frozen and can split. When the pipe thaws, water shoots out of the split often inside the walls. There are several things you can do to prevent this situation:

1. Turn off water to outside faucets and/or faucets in your garage
2. Check your basement, garage, attic, crawl space, storage areas, cubby holes or sink cabinets for exposed water pipes that may freeze under the right conditions.
3. Allow an interior faucet to drip if you feel the water line may freeze.
4. Some unit owners with kitchen sinks abutting an exterior wall have found that leaving the doors under the sink open prevents a frozen pipe.

History Snippet

At one time (1920s) the Fairways property was at the same elevation as 15th Street. The Bessemer Loam & Sand Company came in and removed the soil. It was sold to the Pittsburgh steel mills. After that the property was referred to as the "clay hills" until the Fairways was built.

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Upcoming Events

Annual Budget Meeting Sunday February 15, 2015 2:00 PM Longwood at Oakmont
Annual Meeting Sunday April 26, 2015 2:00 PM Longwood at Oakmont

Ladies Luncheons Friday January 16, 2015 Oak Barrel (Oakmont)
 Friday February 20, 2015 Franco's (Aspinwall)
 Friday March 20, 2015 Aladdin (Fox Chapel)

Please contact LaVerne Claus 412-517-8930 to reserve your seat for the luncheons.

Recycling Bins

Last October the Borough of Oakmont announced that new 65 gallon recycling bins would be distributed to all residents of Oakmont. The green ones are 20 gallon. We were contacted by the borough asking if we would prefer a 32 gallon bin because the 65 gallon ones might be too big for our garages. Fairways Council agreed that the 32 gallon ones would be more appropriate and the borough was notified. For some unknown reason these were never ordered. At the January 5th Borough meeting this was a discussion item on their agenda. The 32 gallon bins are being ordered for both the Fairways and the Commons. As more information becomes available a notice will be sent out.

Windy nights and hungry critters can make a mess of trash that is not properly secured. Please make sure it will not blow away or serve as a midnight snack for the possums and raccoons. Boxes, cans and plastic containers are often left behind by the garbage collector. Please take a minute and pick up any items that he may have missed.

Annual Budget Meeting

Article V of our Code of Regulations requires unit owner approval of the budget for the next fiscal year which begins April 1st. At least 33 1/3% of all unit owners must cast a ballot of which at least 51% must approve the budget. You will be receiving a copy of the budget and ballot shortly. Please review this information and return your ballot. In addition a meeting will be held on Sunday February 15th at Longwood to discuss the "numbers" and answer any questions you may have.

Miscellaneous

Parking - When parking on the streets anywhere in our community, please do not pull your vehicle onto the grass. This damages the grass and creates ruts. Turf repair adds an additional and avoidable expense to the Association. Also Merion, Pinehurst, St. Andrews and Fairways entrance drive are "no parking" streets designated by the Oakmont Borough Vehicle & Traffic Control Ordinance. We all benefit by observing the rules – we have safer streets and nicer lawns. Please park only where permitted, keep your vehicle off the grass, obey stop signs and do not exceed the posted 15-mph speed limit.

Pets – Just a few reminders that will help keep our community clean and green. Fairways unit owners, renters, and visitors are fully responsible for their pet's behavior, and for the cleanup and repair of any damage caused by the pet within the common areas. Solid waste must be picked up and disposed of properly. Outdoor storage of waste in bags, cans or in any other manner is not allowed. Pet waste should not be deposited in recycling bins.

Christmas decorations – It is hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday season and will have a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Don't forget that all holiday decorations must be removed by January 15th.