



October 12, 2020

Re: **Resident Update**

Dear Residents,

I apologize for my delinquent update. As some of you may know I have been away for several days, but now I'm back in the saddle. I will do my best to share the most recent events.

### **The Meadows Paving**

The long overdue paving and striping has been completed. The process was obviously not an easy logistical task with all the unpredictable detours. However, I think you would agree the outcome was successful and the finished work looks great. I would like to publicly thank Blake Irwin, maintenance manager; Bob Sherzi, protective services supervisor; and the respective staff members for their outstanding work managing this difficult process to a successful outcome.

### **Key Fobs for the Meadows**

Beginning in December, work will begin to replace all exterior "red cap door keys" with a programmed key fob. The reason for the change is primarily for security purposes. One key fob will be assigned to each resident (one fob for a single occupant and two fobs for two occupants). If and when a resident moves out of the community, the key fob will be "deactivated" and then reprogrammed with a new number for the next user. Key fobs will also be assigned to the cottages and Brickstone residents for access to the Meadows community. The plan is to complete the project by December 31, 2020. More details will follow as we get closer to the actual commencement of the work.

## **Plantings for Brickstone**

In January of this year, a presentation was made by Birchcrest Tree and landscape for the folks who reside on the western and southern border. The goal was to fulfill my commitment to provide a natural border between the bungalows and the newly constructed Highland Trail for privacy and enhanced landscape. As a result we now have a number of forsythias, viburnums, lilacs, dogwoods, beautyberry, and mock orange bushes to add to the maturing growth of the originally planted trees and shrubs.

## **Voting**

Tony thoughtfully delivered a message to you last week detailing the updated voting location and how we can assist you. Below is an excerpt from last week's message in case you missed it:

***We have confirmed our designated voting location will be SUNY Empire College on Westfall Road. We will be providing free transportation for both early voting days as well as the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election Day.***

***The days and times transportation will be provided are listed below:***

***Early Voting: SUNY Empire College***

***Monday, 10/26            9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***Tuesday, 10/27        1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***Wednesday, 10/28    9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***Thursday, 10/29      1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***Friday, 10/30         9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***Election Day: SUNY Empire College***

***Tuesday, 11/3           9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.***

***To schedule a trip for voting on one of the days listed above, please contact: **Dave Kunz, transportation manager, at 242-7014.*****

## **Security**

Our security team has noticed lately that garage doors at the cottages and bungalows are being accidentally left open at night, which will potentially leave an opportunity for vandalism. For your security and safety, lock your windows and doors and do not forget to close your garage door. As a reminder, your PERS button is a great security system to have in the event of any emergency. You may use it for a medical emergency, such as if you detect fire or

smoke or if you notice any suspicious activity. Your PERS button will work in your apartment and within the community property. Once activated, our security team will immediately call you to check on your status. If you are unable to respond or you request that they come to your home, security will arrive shortly to assist you. When in doubt, push your PERS button.

## COVID-19

I remember making the prediction in March that we would still be managing the challenges of the virus until August, 2020. Well, so much for my prognosticating. Yes, sadly we will be dealing with this well into 2021. I continue to be grateful that our community residents and staff take all the necessary precautions day after day to keep everyone safe. However, I am also discouraged by the visitors who insist on skirting the rules by not complying with screening protocols at the entryways, by entering the buildings through secondary entrances, not wearing masks, not maintaining social distancing, not making appointments for visitation, etc. The virus can spread and it only takes one careless person to make that happen.

Yes, there are family members with “visiting exceptions,” but the exceptions are only authorized by me. If in doubt, please call my office at 242-7036. Yes, those with exceptions still need to follow all safety precautions.

Simple rules for not catching COVID by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Wear your mask properly – completely cover the nose and mouth!**
- Maintain at least a six feet distance between you and other people.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Refrain from smoking and other activities that weaken the lungs.
- Practice physical distancing by avoiding unnecessary travel and staying away from large groups of people.

## Flu Season

The cold and flu season is now upon us. Be aware that as some of the symptoms of the common cold are similar to COVID. We ask that when you are exhibiting symptoms, please stay home. Do not attend activities and refrain from common areas to reduce the spread of infection. We all need to do our part this cold and flu season to reduce infection and prevent the secondary issues that are new this year related to COVID.

## Unsung Hero Award

From time to time we hand out a special award to someone who demonstrates selfless service, positive attitude, and dependability without measure. This person never looks for recognition, and is the first to credit others for their success. This past month we were thrilled to award the ***Unsung Hero Award*** to **Lisa Griffin**. When you see Lisa, please offer her a well-deserved “congratulations.”

Thank you,  
Paul



*Sunset from Falmouth, Massachusetts: September 30, 2020*