

# The Quail Runner

For and By the Residents Of Quail Run



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# June 6, Saturday—Yard Sale

Saturday, June 6th from 8:00 - 1:00, in individual garages or driveways.

If you think you would like to participate, please contact either Barbara Edelstein, 978-567-5909,

bedelst@yahoo.com, or

Barbara Baker, 978-562-2460,

bakerb2939@gmail.com.

Over 30 units have signed up so far, so we should have a lot of customers. See page 5 for more details.





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Strawberry Social Friday, 26 June, 7 P.M. at the Community Center

Fresh strawberries, shortcake biscuits, whipped cream.....yummy!!

\$2.00 per person.



**Board of** \* Governors (BOG)

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News

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# **Vacation Delivery**

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www.QuailRunHudson.com.

#### **Editor's Desk**

MJ Ebens, editor

 The annual meeting went well with a quorum+. Our volunteer
 BOG works hard to keep our community functioning and they need all the support that we can give them.



- The Social Committee is another hard working volunteer group. The delicious Pancake Breakfast last month was well attended. Thanks also to all the non-Social Committee residents who helped put all the tables and chairs back afterwards. That's a big help to the group and much appreciated at the end of a busy morning.
- This committee continues in June with both the Yard Sale and the Strawberry Social. The Yard Sale is a really fun way to clear out clutter and have a chance to walk around and chat with neighbors while eyeing their sale items.
- The **Strawberry Shortcake Social** should be particularly tasty! The group is going for real *shortcake*, and not the sponge cake cups sold in the local grocery stores.
- **Kevin Fitzgerald** continues to provide us with smiles with his *Children are Quick* quotes.

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# Welcome New Residents

Let Barbara Langley or Barbara Edelstein know when someone moves into your neighborhood.

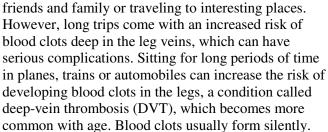


# HEALTHY LIVING

by Peggy Rittenhouse

### **Healthy Travel Tips**

We look forward to vacations and are refreshed and rejuvenated because of taking time to visit



They can grow in place and interfere with circulation in your leg, causing pain and swelling. If small pieces of the clot break off and travel to other parts of your body, they are known as emboli. A pulmonary embolus —a traveling clot that lodges in the lungs—can block oxygen supplies to your body, leading to fatigue, breathlessness, and even death.

A blood clot can also form in a varicose vein, producing a lump in the skin that may be red, warm, and tender. This type of clot called a superficial thrombus, is not as dangerous as a clot forming in a deep vein because it can't travel to your lungs.

The chances of developing a blood clot begins to increase after age 40 and continues throughout life. You are also more likely to develop blood clots if you are bedridden or inactive. Some people have a genetic tendency to form blood clots, and also certain medical conditions like cancer and heart disease also increase risk.

Because sitting for long periods can increase the risk of DVT, people at risk are more likely to develop blood clots during trips that take more than a couple of hours. Here are a few preventive measures that may help to prevent DVT: 1) Wear graduated compressions stockings. These are thigh-high or knee-high stockings made from an elastic material that exerts a slightly greater pressure around the ankles than around the calf. Usually your first pair would be fitted by a health professional to make sure of the correct size;

2) Don't sit still for long periods. Take a break every hour. If you are on a plane, bus, or train, walk the aisles; (Continued at right)



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# ROMEO's

# **Retired Old Men Eating Out**

(and having fun!)

Open to all men at Quail Run; it's a good opportunity to get acquainted and a chance for conversation.

**Pete Recklet** is arranging for the next lunch. Look for a email notice from him.

#### **HEALTHY LIVING** (continued from left)

if you're driving, stop at a rest area. Also while you are seated, practice raising your toes and ankles up toward your knees and lowering your ankles and toes sharply downward—called dorsiflexion and plantar flexion;

3) Stay awake. A long nap in a seatedposition allows your blood to pool in your legs; 4) Wear loose clothing. It's less likely to restrict your blood flow; 5) Keep hydrated. Drink plenty of water. Avoid alcohol, which is dehydrating. Of course, staying hydrated means more bathroom visits, but that keeps your blood circulating; 6) Talk to your doctor about low-dose aspirin. Apparently there is some evidence that it can prevent DVT. (Taken from the *Harvard Women's Health Watch*, March 2015)

#### **CHILDREN ARE QUICK**

**Teacher:** Maria, go to the map and find North America

Maria: Here it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered Amer-

ica?

Class: Maria

#### May Board of Governors (BOG) News

The Annual Meeting of the Villages of Quail Run was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board felt it was well attended. We had a quorum from unit owners who attended the meeting or via proxy. Therefore, the Board was officially elected. Thanks to everyone who voted and for those who attended the meeting.

The members of the Board are all incumbents and currently the roles remain unchanged. Two Board members were elected for two year terms and three members were elected for one year terms. This means that next May three members will be up for reelection and a quorum is again needed.

As mentioned in the prior *Quail Runner* article and at the Annual Meeting, we incurred costs this past winter not covered in our budget. The most significant cost was for the preventative roof raking and the removal of ice dams on units with water infiltration. The SPS cost was \$55,673. Other winter related costs were/are for:

- Dave's Landscaping to remove snow for the fourth time from the Autumn and Rotherham entrances. Our fixed price contract called for the push back/removal of snow at the entrances three times; however, a fourth removal was needed.
- The Dartmouth Group Roving Maintenance staff to remove snow from dryer and heat vents on the back of unit that do not have walkout basements. Normally this is a unit owner responsibility, but due to the significant snow fall that was not an option.
- The Dartmouth Group Roving Maintenance staff to also remove ice/snow on four blocked gas meters. Normally this is also a unit owner responsibility. But again due to the tremendous amount of snow, this was prohibitive.
- Several decks that incurred damage due to the ice and snow. Some have been repaired by The Dartmouth Group Roving Maintenance staff, while others still need attention.
- R. J. Curley Plumbing to check and reattach the gas lines that run from the gas meters into the units. Several of these lines became detached due to the snow/ice.
- SPS to repair damages to our roofs. Per our legal counsel, MEEB, since we have a roof warranty contract with SPS and based on the verbiage in the contract, SPS cannot be held liable for any roof damage incurred from the snow and ice removal. SPS has been back to walk all roofs looking for scarred shingles, and damaged/missing shingles. The Board is scheduled to meet with SPS to discuss the needed repairs the week of May 25th.

Note: There are two known units, and two suspected units, with water infiltration through the roof vents. SPS will repair as part of the roof warranty based on the vent manufacturer's recommendation. SPS will also repair related inter-

nal damage.

Some plants and shrubs sustained winter damage. Most damaged plants and shrubs have already been addressed by unit owners. The Board voted to not incur additional costs for damage to plants and shrubs at this time.

As indicated previously, 60 plus units sustained minor to moderate water infiltration, some only on front porches. A master insurance claim has been opened with our insurance carrier, Arbella. All units with snow/ice related damage are included in the claim and have been inspected by an insurance adjuster. Also included in the claim are the SPS costs associated with removal of ice to stop water infiltration (this does not include the preventative roof raking costs). The insurance adjuster's estimate for these damages was filed with Arbella late the week of May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Until the insurance claim is settled and all snow related costs have been received, the Board is unable to determine our winter assessment cost. As soon as this data is available, we will let you know.

Our contract with Dave's Landscaping has expired. Our ValleyCrest contract will expire in the fall. These two contracts have gone out for bids.

The Board voted to have the basement casement windows painted. The contract was signed the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Board walked the property to check the trees planted last year by Weston Nurseries. The trees have a one year warranty. Five trees are dead. Peter from Weston Nurseries and the Board looked at these trees on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Weston Nurseries agreed to replace them. This will not occur until after June 15<sup>th</sup>. The replacement trees will not carry a warranty. Weston Nurseries also checked on a tree suspected to be in trouble (not a replacement tree). Peter believes it is suffering from borers. He suggested we purchase imidaclo-prid-bonide to treat the tree and see how it looks next year.

Last fall the backflow preventers for the irrigation system were removed and stored in the pump house. They have been reinstalled with a few needing repair, but none needed to be replaced. Yeah! Amends go to any unit owner who was not home and whose unit was entered with the master key without prior given permission. This process was time sensitive and a Board member accompanied Dynamic Fire. Care was taken to make sure nothing except the turn-on of the interior water and subsequent testing was touched. We also made sure units were adequately locked on exit. Without the installation of all backflow preventer, our irrigation system could not be brought up by ValleyCrest.

ValleyCrest began the turn-on of the irrigation system on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Once the system is operational, Dave's Landscaping will be back to repair winter damage to our lawns. The reason for the delay is that previously when repairs were made but we had no irrigation, the new grass didn't grow.

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# Condo Care

- This is a good time to empty the built-in vacuum. It probably needs it once or twice a year
- Time to switch your overhead fans to the summer setting with the button down.
- Now is also a good time to clean the outside dryer vent. George Shaw has offered to help if you can't reach it.
- Water turn-off valves the next time a plumber visits your house, ask him to check the water valves under the various sinks and toilets. These can freeze up over time and when there is an emergency such as the toilet flooding, the valve won't work
- Garbage Disposal: To clean it, run ice cubes or baking soda and vinegar to scour away any gunky buildup.
- Smoke Detector: A better way to do your annual test is to hold a blown-out match or two under the unit
- Utility bills: Keep an eye on them to make sure there are no major changes from one month to the next; if there are, you've probably got a maintenance issue some-where in the house. For example if your electric bill suddenly jumps, one of your appliances, i.e. refrigerator may have a problem.

Master Key Access Many folks purchased previously owned units at Quail Run and had their locks changed. Not a bad idea. But, the master key no longer works. The new keys can be modified to work with the master key. This is especially critical in cases where access to a unit is required for emergencies. Repair crews may need to get into adjacent units. If the owner cannot be contacted, crews are left with no alternative to breaking in the front door.

Warner Eldredge, an approved Hudson locksmith, has the codes to re-key your locks. \$50 for a house call and \$12 per lock. You have 2 locks on your front door. He is quick and efficient and cheaper than replacing a front door.

Wanted: Good Cooks to Share Their Recipes with the *Quail Runner*!

Send your recipes to **Claire Kilcommins**. See page 8



Stitch & Knit

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. each month at members homes. All knitters (or other types of handwork) are welcome.

Here's the schedule for the next few months:

June 9 - Marie Kapsalis

June 23 - **Ginny** Fullam

July 14 – MJ Ebens

July 28 - Barbara Edelstein

Aug 11 - Nicole Baker

Aug 25 - Barbara Baker

Sept 8 - Ginny Bosio

Sept 22 - Ginny Fullam

#### Yard/Garage Sales Do's and Don'ts:

#### DO

- \* Keep your condo door locked.
- \* Keep your money on your person, not in a box or container.
- \* Have a second person with you. It's safer and more fun
- \* Set up the night before and price your items.
- \* Keep off the grass.

#### DON'T

- \* Let anyone in your condo for any reason. (ie: bathroom)
- \* Hold an item for anyone without a deposit.

The Yard sale goes on, rain or shine!





#### **Quail Run Birthdays**

June
David Bernhardt, Rosemary Hanlon, 2
Dan O'Keefe, Bernie Strauss, 3
Ray Samra, 4
Harold "Ted" Baker, 5
Mary Lewis, 7
Marlynn Stott, Lee Rouse, 8
James Donato, 9
Hugo Guidotti, 12
Nancy Reid, 18
Sherry Lupien, 24
Kay Aiello, 28



July
John Smith, 1
Margaret Derderian, 6
Barbara Edelstein, 8
Connie Nefzger, 11
Ginny Fullam, 12
Ginny Fernandes, 21
Ruth Carwile, 26
Ginnie Samra, 27
Peter Stott, 29
Ruth Durand, 29
Marion Anderson, 30

To include a birthday, contact your reporter or the editor

# Weight & Nutrition Support Group

We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 A.M. at the Community Center. Each of us set our own reasonable goal and the group helps us stay focused.

We've added a cardiovascular dance to aid our hearts!

No dues or fees. The group supports and helps one another by exchanging ideas, recipes, nutrition information and strategies.

Open to all ladies here at Quail Run. Contact **Marlynn Stott** or **Marcella Monte** – 978-562-0823

# Astrology — What's Up By Beverly Beyloune

#### CANCER June 21 - July 22

You have been under a lot of pressure lately, and your need for freedom will be strong. For too long you've felt tied down



with obligations at home and in your career, because planets and the eclipses have been limiting your movements. You are ready to break free of those bonds of restriction to create a better quality of life.

You have not had the time to nurture your private life so far this year, but during May June and July that will change. Spring and Summer brings with it dazzling social and romantic opportunities. You may be on a trip at this time, to a dazzling spot near a sea of jewel-like colors.

It's a good time to review what you have achieved over the past months of 2015 and decide if you'd like to make any changes in the road ahead. Until the end of June try not to make any major purchases like electronic or an appliance item, or anything expensive and hard to return, such as furniture. It is not a good time to buy anything new.

#### LEO July 23 - August 22

For a long time, a question involving a home or family situation, possibly involving your residence or care for a parent, stymied you. You were in charge of the situation, but the

answer was eluding you, for it was tricky and complex, with no easy answer. You may have been focused with home or family questions as early as October 2012 or as late as sometime in 2014.

Planets have been moving in to help, so if you didn't settle things between 2012 and 2014, or did, but still need to make additional changes, there's a good chance you will now. Transits ruling these same residential matters are in place, so you are likely to announce a final decision and conclude this chapter once and for all. For now, May - June - July... you may be seeing a home renovation wind down. Or, you may be finished collecting contractor estimates and be ready to name your choice, giving the contractor the green light to begin. Alternatively, you may be gratified to see a repair project finish up.

# Area Highlights

By Barbara Champine

#### **ECOTARIUM**

It's a great time to visit the EcoTarium for the first time or for a return visit. This is a unique indoor-outdoor museum in Worcester. Set in an urban oasis,



the EcoTarium offers a chance to walk through the treetops, take a thrilling multimedia journey through the galaxy at a digital planetarium, meet wildlife, stroll on nature trails, and get hands-on with family-friendly exhibits. The museum building features three floors of interactive exhibits that explore the natural and physical sciences and our New England environment. There are traveling exhibits and permanent installations. One featured exhibit, "The Artic Next Door" takes visitors on a virtual journey of Mount Washington. Another explores our area during the Jurassic period.

One of the newest features was recently installed just last October (2014). The EcoTarium has a five-year partnership with one of the world's largest nonprofit scientific and educational organizations, National Geographic. The partnership includes rebranding the EcoTarium's theater to the ALDEN DIGITAL PLANETARIUM: A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC THEATER. There are fewer than ten other museums in the United States having exclusive partnerships with National Geographic, and the EcoTarium is the first partner in New England. Featuring Digital Light Processing technology from Sky-Skan, Inc., the EcoTarium's planetarium uses images from NASA and the Hubble Space Telescope to create a threedimensional solar system projected onto a 40-foot dome. With immersive surround sound technology from Bose, the planetarium offers a 360-degree, multi-sensory experience. There are shows at 3pm Tues-Fri, shows 11, 12, 2 and 3 on Saturday and 1, 2 and 3 on Sunday.

There are three nature trails and trail guides, one trail loops over secluded lower pond, one traces our geologic history and a third takes you through a native New England meadow. Enjoy the treetop canopy walkway. Unfortunately the Explorer Express Train is not running this year. After 40 years it is in need of an upgrade to current technology. (Continued right)



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#### Area Highlights (Continued from left)

This will take several months that should provide another 40 + years of service. The museum shop shelves are overflowing with treasures and gifts and can be visited without admission if desired.

Food and drink are available at the Food for Thought Café in vending machines or during the summer enjoy sandwiches and snacks from Eric's Patisserie Café at the outdoor food pavilion.

The museum is located at 222 Harrington Way. Directions: 290 West to exit 21, bear right to second set of lights, turn left onto Plantation Street, pass U. Mass Medical center, cross Rt. 9, at first light after Rt. 9 turn left onto Franklin. Take second right onto Harrington Way. EcoTarium is on left after baseball field.

Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 12-5pm. Adults \$14, Seniors 65 and older \$10. Planetarium \$5, Tree Canopy Walkway \$10. The EcoTarium has many animals on exhibit and living on the grounds so no pets, PLEASE.

#### **Curtain Call**

The group finished off the season with a matinee performance of *Lucky Stiff* at the Calliope theater in Boylston. About 17 Quail Runners attended and got



special recognition from the management! The play is opening soon on Broadway (but not with the cast from Calliope, although they were very good!).

The group will finish the season with a light lunch at the Community Center.

If you'd like to join the group and get theater notices, contact **Toby Allen**, 978.562.7437. The group generally frequents matinees in the local area.

# JULIETS NEWS

# All Quail Run women are invited to Lunch —

Tuesday, 16 June, 12:30 Conrad's, 120 Boston Post Road (Route 20), Sudbury, first floor Order off the menu Separate checks

Contacts:

Marsha Strauss 978-212-5753 Barbara Edelstein 978-567-5909

**July's lunch** is TBD with more information coming at the June lunch and at the Community Center.

Contacts: Janice Painter

**Barbara Langley** 978 212 5006 Contact these ladies to sign up or use the sign-up sheet at the Community Center.



Our poker group is a bit depleted because of all the snowbirds trying to escape a New England winter. (What winter?) We are looking for a few new players and can expand to 2 or 3 tables when the *sissies* return.

We meet on the first and third Monday of the month and play from 4 P.M.—6 P.M. We play for nickels and dimes and it is rare for someone to lose 5 bucks. We play Dealer's Choice and it usually includes 7 card stud, deuces wild, baseball, follow

the Queen, etc. One cannot win or lose a lot but we have a lot of fun and a million laughs!! And women are cordially invited if they don't win too much!! **Sherry Lupien** is one of our most avid members but she wins too much!

Contact **Hugo Guidotti** for more information.



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# Quail Run Recipe Book

Hosted by Claire Kilcommins

#### **Blueberry Coffeecake**

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 tsp salt.
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cup floured blueberries

Sift dry ingredients together. Cream butter and sugar well. Add eggs one at a time. Add flour mixture alternately with milk. Mix well. Fold in blueberries and vanilla.

Pour into well greased 8 inch pan . Sprinkle cinnamon/sugar on top.

Bake at 350° for forty minutes in an 8" pan; Bake 45 to 50 minutes for 11x9 pan or make about 20 cupcakes.

# **Community Center Lights Left On**

Folks are forgetting to turn off lights when leav-

ing the Community Center. They are frequently left on.

Our good neighbor, **Toby Allen**, spots the lights when she's getting ready for bed and treks across the road to turn them off.







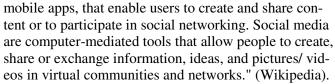
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Technology Corner by Carole Perla

# What is Social Media?

"Social media are websites and applications, mainly



Most social media can be used using a browser to access their website or via a mobile app.

Mobile apps are application for your smart phone and can be downloaded from an App Store such as iOS (iOS App Store) and Android (Google Play).

#### Instagram (www.instagram.com)

Instagram is a fun and quisrky way to share your life with friends through a series of pictures. Snap a photo with your mobile phone, then choose a filter to transform the image into a memory to keep around forever. Instagram to allow you to experience moments in your friends' lives through pictures as they happen. Instagram imagines a world more connected through photos.

#### Flickr (www.flickr.com)

Flickr is the best way to store, sort, search and share your photos online. Flickr helps you organize that huge mass of photos you have and offers a way for you and your friends and family to tell stories about them.

The best way to learn about Flickr is to upload some photos, explore the site, join some groups and make some friends.

#### Tumblr (www.tumblr.com)

Tumblr lets you effortlessly share anything. You can post text, photos, quotes, links, music, and videos from your browser, phone, desktop, email or wherever you happen to be. You can customize everything, from colors to your theme's HTML. It is a cross between a social networking site (like Facebook and Twitter) and a blog.

#### **Pinterest (www.pinterest.com)**

Pinterest is a place to discover ideas for all your projects and interests, hand-picked by people like you. Pinterest is all about collecting and sharing the things you find on the Web.

Pinterest is a digital bulletin board or scrapbook for collecting the things you find online. For example, let's say you like using the Web to discover new knitting patterns. Whenever you find a pattern you like, you could pin that pattern to a Pinterest board. When you click a pin, it will link you back to the original website, turning your board into a collection of visual bookmarks.

#### LinkedIn (www.linkedin.com)

LinkedIn is the leading online professional directory of individuals and companies. LinkedIn has over 85 million members in more than 200 countries, including executives from every Fortune 500 company.

Individuals use LinkedIn for professional networking, connecting, and job searching. Companies use LinkedIn for recruiting and for providing company information to prospective employees.

LinkedIn members can search for jobs, join groups, research companies, and network with members of their network.

#### Twitter (www.twitter.com)

Twitter is an information network made up of 140-character messages called Tweets. It's an easy way to discover the latest news related to subjects you care about. It contains information you may find valuable. Messages from users you choose to follow will show up on your home page for you to read. It's like being delivered a newspaper whose headlines you'll always find interesting – you can discover news as it's happening, learn more about topics that are important to you, and get the inside scoop in real time.

Foursquare is a local search and discovery mobile app which provides a personalized local search experience for its users. "By taking into account the places a user goes, the things they have told the app that they like, and the other users whose advice they trust, Foursquare aims to provide highly personalized recommendations of the best places to go around a user's current location." (Wikipedia) It also allows (Continued of page 10)

**Technology Corner** (Continued from page 9) you to find out where your friends are and allows them to find out where you are.

#### MySpace (www.myspace.com)

MySpace allows users to create webpages to interact with others. Users of the service are able to create blogs, upload videos and photos, and design profiles to showcase their interests and talents. Myspace provids a place for users to meet new friends and keep in touch with people across the world. MySpace has a strong music emphasis, and is owned by Specific Media LLC and Justin Timberlake.

#### Ravelry (www.ravelry.com)

Ravelry is a place for knitters, crocheters, designers, spinners, weavers and dyers to keep track of their yarn, tools, project and pattern information, and look to others for ideas and inspiration. The content is all user-driven; the community makes the site what it is. Ravelry is a great place to keep notes about your projects, see what other people are making, find the perfect pattern and connect with people who love to play with yarn from all over the world in our forums.

#### Google+

Google+ is a social network for Google's services. It connects to all of Google's other services, such as Gmail, YouTube, and Blogger. Google+ brings popular social-media features like comments, photo and music sharing, and video chat to your social circles. It's basically what any user chooses it to be, from an ongoing conversation to a platform of self-expression, with tools for making it as individual or collective as you want.

#### **Snapchat** (<u>www.spapchat.com</u>)

Snapchat is a mobile app that is used to share photos, videos, text, and drawings. It's free to download the app and free to send messages using it. There is one feature that makes Snapchat different from other forms of texting and photo sharing. The Snapchat messages disappear from the recipient's phone after a few seconds.

#### CHILDREN ARE QUICK

Teacher: Glen, why do you always get so dirty? Glen: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are...



# Quail Run Real Estate News by Hugo Guidotti



Hugo's column will be back in our next issue. He's planning on discussing the various laws and ordinances in connection with our fire, smoke, and carbon monoxide detectors.

#### **BOG** News (Continued from page 4)

For the most part our arborvitaes look good. Some bushes did sustain winter damage and hopefully will recover. The Board will keep an eye on them.

At the Annual Meeting several unit owners expressed concern about the year-to-date performance of ValleyCrest. The Board will speak with them and keep a close eye on their future performance. At the meeting it was also mentioned that ValleyCrest is suspected of putting their trash on the Intel parking lot; this will be reviewed by the Board. There is "stuff" behind the storage shed that needs to be removed. The Board will follow-up.

Due to the need to dig out vents on the back of units without walkout basements and being unable to determine where gas meters were located this past winter, the Board plans to put up non-invasive plaques to identify their location. Also at the suggestion of unit owners at the Annual Meeting, the Board will try to identify the unit number on the rear plaques.

The following are goals in our 2015 budget that will be revisited by the Board once we know the total cost of our winter damages. These are one time expenditures.

- Landscape improvement on Rotherham.
- Mulch the hill between 11 Autumn and 2 Strawberry.
- Update the fire alarm system.