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CRIME WATCH

The following is being submitted by Tom Ashcroft, Lawrence Police Department Crime Watch. Welcome to 2009!

I am really looking forward to this year with all the new crime watch groups and the many more we plan to start. I want to thank you for 2008, you did a great job. I am not saying we completely stopped crime but we put a bite into it.

The theme for 2009 neighborhood crime watch is really simple. Neighbors helping Neighbors. I say this because we need you to help you. Communications is the key. Let's start planning a crime watch meeting now, I am also available for HOA meetings. The mayor enjoys meeting with the groups and discussing what we can do to help.

ANIMAL REMINDER

Several complaints have been received by Board members relative to pets on the Villas property. Two complaints center on cats roaming without supervision (not on a leash) and dogs pooping without the owner picking up. The following is taken from the Residents Man-

ual: ANIMALS- - No more than two household domestic pets, not bred or maintained for commercial purposes, may be kept in any one home. All animals when outdoors, shall be maintained on a leash. They shall be supervised by a responsible individual at all times. Such individuals shall be responsible for immediately cleaning up after their pets. No pet shall be tethered outside in the lawn or common area; nor shall any pet be tied to any patio fence. If pets become a nuisance, they may be ejected at the discretion of the Board of Managers. If complaints continue the owners will be notified by official letter. If no action is taken the City Animal Control will be asked to pick up the unsupervised animals. (JM)

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POLE LIGHT PROBLEMS

If you changed the bulb and it still doesn't work, call Bob Bergdoll at 826-8812 or Lee Harris at 826-8160. Maybe we can save the HOA an expensive service call.

STREET LIGHTS

If you notice any street lights that are not working, please call: IPL at 261-8222 as they are responsible. It's helpful to give them the number on the pole itself, and the address closest to it. We don't have many street lights, so it is vital that they all work properly. (B&JB)

MONEY SAVER

If you are among those leaving for the winter be advised that you may schedule Lawrence Utilities to remove your water meter. After they remove it, you won't receive any bills (for water or sewer) for the time you're gone. Then, you need to call them to

replace the meter before you get back home so you will have water available. Someone (neighbor or relative) must meet them in your home when they replace the meter. This could be a substantial saving over the winter. Call Lawrence Utilities for information: 542-0511

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Card games for the month will be held at the clubhouse from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. on the 4th, 11th, and 18th and 25th. Come and enjoy.

Men's breakfast will be on the 6th, 13th and 20th and 27th at Bob Evans on Pendleton Pike. The time is 7:30.

COFFEE CHAT

The coffee chat will be held Saturday, February 7th, 9:00 A.M. in the clubhouse and hosted by Roger and Donna Long.

FEBRUARY DINNER

Our dinner will be held on the 21st and hosted by Roger and Donna Long. RSVP to the Longs', 823-4342 or via e-mail at long.roger@gmail.com. Main dish - Chicken. Bring a covered dish that is an "All-American" favorite. Theme: Presidents Day Dinner. Come dressed in your red, white and blue.

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Let all of us remember those who are sick and shut-in in our thoughts and prayers during this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

TO OUR NEIGHBORS

It is with sadness that we report that our neighbor Ed Colley passed away in his sleep in the A.M. of January 7, 2009. Ed and wife, Sophie were among the first residents to choose the Villas as their home. They lived in Building #1 and watched most of the other buildings being built. Our sincere condolences to Sophie and family.

PLUMBING INFORMATION

The following is extracted from the Residence Manual for all residents.

Water Lines: All water lines have been installed in your home by a qualified plumber in accordance with local building codes. The shut off valve for the water in each unit is located in the kitchen/washer-dryer area or in the laundry room. The valve is normally located approximately 18 inches above the floor with a round blue hose bib-type or lever handle. This valve will turn off the water to your complete unit. Additionally, your home is equipped with individual shut off valves adjacent to each fixture in case a repair is needed to a particular fixture. In case of extreme cold, water pipes are not covered by the one-year warranty unless installation is incorrect and inconsistent with specification. (This area however has expired).

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 2—Groundhog day.
- 12—Abraham Lincoln's birthday.
- 14—Valentine's Day
- 14—National Donor Day — This day, make sure your family knows your heartfelt wishes about organ and tissue donation.
- 16—Presidents Day
- 22—George Washington's Birthday
- 25—Ash Wednesday.

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