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ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING

The Crossings Homeowners Association Annual Meeting will be held on November 11, 2001, with check-in beginning at 3:00 PM. Besides the important task of electing several members of the coming year's Board of Directors, some significant issues will be discussed.

Owners will have the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed 2002 budget included in the Call and Notice mailing that homeowners received in October. The budget gives the homeowners a fairly good picture of the maintenance and capitol improvement costs scheduled for 2002. A portion of the Annual Meeting will be set aside for homeowners to directly make comments, ask questions and express any concerns about the budget or the budget-setting process.

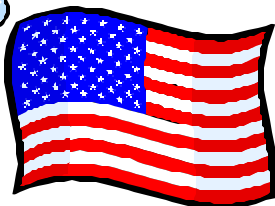
In addition, an open forum will be held giving homeowners the opportunity to give feedback to and ask questions directly of the board on any subject. A report will be given on the status of talks with the village on ways to alleviate Crossings flooding.

Each member of the all-



volunteer board has accepted the responsibility of leadership and of accountability to the owners and the board welcomes both criticism of things gone wrong and compliment for things done well. Our management company, PSI, assists in the administration of the Annual meeting and top-ranking members of their organization will be present to also answer owners' questions.

Finally, directly following the meeting a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and drinks will allow owners to meet and greet neighbors and friends. The Board urges all owners to plan to attend and express yourselves!



PROUDLY WE WAVE

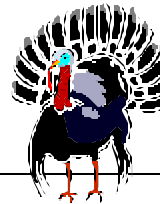
In the wake of the massacre at the twin towers, many owners are expressing their pride in and love for this country by flying American flags. Everyone is encouraged to do so. As we patriotically fly our flags in tribute, we must be mindful to do so respectfully, following the proper rules for flying our national symbol.

- Display only during the hours between sunrise and sunset (after dark flying is reserved for flags with spotlights).
- When displaying the flag vertically or horizontally, the canton (blue field of stars) should always be displayed on the upper left-hand side.
- A flag that is damaged and worn and can no longer be displayed should be destroyed by burning in a dignified way.
- Do not display in inclement weather.
- Do not let the flag touch the ground.

BOARD BRIEFS

- i Several owners were in attendance to again discuss the most recent flooding problems. President Catania outlined the actions that the Crossings has taken and announced that an ad hoc committee would be meeting with the Village on October 23 to seek Village assistance with water infiltration.
- i Minutes of regular September board meeting were approved
- i Unaudited financial reports were reviewed and accepted as presented
- i Owners were encouraged to purchase Christmas wreaths
- i Seven applications for alterations or additions were approved
- i The management report, Government Committee report, Hearing Committee report, Landscape Committee report and the Recreation Committee report were all reviewed and approved.

*The Crossings Homeowners Association Board of Directors
Wishes everyone a safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!*



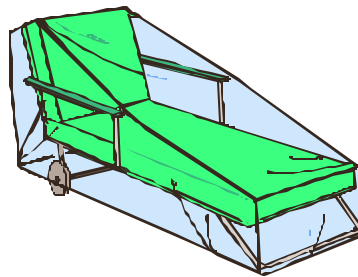
**BOARD ATTENDANCE
for the meeting on
October 22, 2001**

PRESENT:
Bill Bennett
Barbara Blatz
Tony Catania
Lou Eisenberg
Astrid Hasley
Jen Mansfield
Mary Jo Reid
Joe Plata
Noreen Travers
Gregory Tretyak
Nancy Wakeman

**REPRESENTING
PSI**
Tracy Hill, CEO
Debbie Ravaux

PATIO/DECK COVERS

Most of our owners remove patio furniture during the winter and store it in their garage or basement. This is the preferred storage alternative because it is the best method to preserve your belongings and it gives our grounds a cleaner, more wintry look during the off-season months. However, a few owners have built-in gas grills or other summertime furniture or equipment too bulky to move indoors. Or perhaps indoor storage is too limited to accommodate patio equipment.



In that case, those owners may want to avail themselves of a service provided by the Association. A limited number of brown tarps, 9x12, have been purchased for use by

homeowners. These tarps can be used to cover outdoor furniture and equipment, protecting it from weather and affording a more uniform look to our winter outdoors.

To obtain a tarp, call **BILL BENNETT** at 478-1013. Please be sure to properly fasten the tarp so that it does not get blown away in a snowstorm and be certain that it covers your equipment completely.

We ask that you return the tarp to the Maintenance Committee at the end of the season.

YOUR DRYER VENTS: something you should know



As indicated in the Crossings Homeowners Association Maintenance Responsibility Chart, proper cleaning, care and maintenance of dryer vents is the

responsibility of each homeowner. If lint builds up in dryer vents, it can interfere with proper drying of clothes but more importantly, **lint build-up is a fire hazard for you and your neighbors.**

The Association urges each family to take the time to thoroughly clean the vent and the area around your dryer. A few minutes spent now can help avoid a tragedy and a lifetime of regret.

SEASONAL REMINDERS



GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS



In November, all gutters and downspouts will be cleaned of leaves and other debris to prepare us for the winter freeze/thaw cycle. As the sun melts ice and snow on our roofs, it is important that water flows freely from roofs through the gutters and downspouts to the ground. If water backs up in the gutters, ice damming can occur which, in turn, will adversely affect our roofs and possibly cause water infiltration.

Please be patient since it will take several weeks to thoroughly clear all gutters, high and low, throughout the Crossings.

LAUNDRY ROOM DOORS

In most instances this room has outside walls and is not insulated. Closing this door does not allow heat from the rest of the house to enter this room.



During an extreme cold spell, keep the laundry room door open to avoid bursting pipes.

GARDEN HOSES

Before the first hard frost disconnect hoses to avoid water remaining in the pipes. Frozen water expands and can cause the pipes to burst. The outside spigots are the homeowners responsibility.



SECURE YOUR TRASH

Unsecured trash blows around the neighborhood AND decreases the appearance of our community.



PICK UP SCHEDULES

There are two pick ups every week on Tuesdays and Fridays. EXCEPT during a week with a legal holiday week. During that week, garbage will be DELAYED ONE DAY following the holiday.

Refuse may be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00PM on the day BEFORE the scheduled day of collection.



GET-RID OF

LARGE ITEMS

Throwing away an old couch or desk? Purchasing a new refrigerator or washer & dryer? Including carpeting, all these items **REQUIRE A CALL TO WASTE MANAGEMENT NORTHWEST FOR A PICK UP.** Their number is 1-800-964-8988.

Also remember that any item remaining curbside for a number of days is a violation of the Crossings Rules & Regulations and Village Ordinance. If you run into a problem, call Management first @ 847-806-6121.

It's THAT time again

FLUSHOTS:

SCHEDULE FOR 2001-02

The Village of Buffalo Grove's Flu Shot Program will try and reach as many residents as possible.



Please Note: These shots are for adults age 18 and older. No advanced registration is required. The times and dates are as follows:

CONDELL MEDICAL CENTER will be providing low cost Flu shots to Buffalo Grove residents on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday October 23rd from 8 AM to 8 PM at the Condell Medical Center at 150 Half Day Road Buffalo Grove. Cost is \$20.00.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL will be providing Flu shots to Buffalo Grove residents on Thursday November 1, 2001 beginning at 7:30 AM on a "first come, first served" basis until the vaccine is depleted. The shots will be offered at the Village Council chambers located in Village Hall 50 Raupp Blvd. No pre-registration is required. Questions can be directed to the *Northwest Community Flu Shot Hotline* at (847) 618-4FLU (4358).



HIGHLAND PARK HOSPITAL HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER OF BUFFALO GROVE, HPHHFC, located at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Deerfield Parkway in Buffalo Grove, will be providing Flu shots on Monday, November 12th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The fee is \$17.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETINGS ARE ON THE 4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
BEGINNING AT 7 PM AT THE CROSSINGS CLUBHOUSE

COMING UP NEXT!

CROSSINGS HOMEOWNERS ANNUAL MEETING – SUN. NOV. 11TH AT 3PM

All Crossings residents are encouraged to attend



HOLIDAY WREATHS



**THIS YEAR ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO ASSIST
THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE BRAVE NEW YORK FIREFIGHTER HEROES
WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TWIN TOWERS MASSACRE.**



As part of the Crossings seasonal decorations, owners are invited to participate in the Crossings only fund-raising event---holiday wreaths. Placed on garages and on the clubhouse, the wreaths add to the holiday atmosphere around the Crossings. Remember, **NOVEMBER 2 IS THE DEADLINE** for ordering your holiday wreath. Orders received after that date will have to be returned. Consult the separate flyer for sizes and prices or if you have misplaced it, call management at 806-6121.



POWER TO THE PEOPLE



Some residents have expressed concern about numerous power failures that affect one part of the Crossings and not others.

The Crossings Homeowners Association advises residents to report all outages to Commonwealth Edison at 1-800-Edison-1.

It is important that you report your

specific address as experiencing the outage. If you wish to register a complaint, contact:

Charles Fisher, Executive Director
Illinois Commerce Commission
160 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60601

Phone: (312) 814-2859

Fax: (312) 814-1818

Additionally, a formal complaint form can be found at the Village Web site at: <http://www.vbg.org/DOCSFORMS/index.htm>.

(Also, you can access the complaint form from our Web site. Go to "Hot Links" and click on "Government, Local")