

MERIDIAN VALLEY MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Janet Lewis

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The Snow & Ice Storm of 2012 presented our community with our share of challenges. Many thanks to those who reached out to neighbors to share a hot meal, clean off sidewalks and driveways, and ventured out to pick up pharmaceuticals and groceries. Sincere thanks to our security personnel and common grounds staff, in coordination with golf course personnel – and equipment – for responding quickly and appropriately as weather conditions dictated.

During the storm, our security personnel received countless calls of inquiry regarding the loss of power. Security, like the rest of us, had no power and no information regarding resumption of service. When there is an outage, please call PSE and report the loss. On the page listing the 2012 Board Members, you will also find phone numbers to the several utility service providers to our community. Please save this part of the Newsletter for future reference. Our security personnel are the gate keepers of our main gate; they have no information as to resumption of service(s).

For those who will be replacing/altering landscaping, resulting from loss of trees and vegetation, please be reminded that the Architectural Committee must approve changes or improvements to the exterior of residences, including landscaping. *Barbara Farley* and *Dick Metz*, co-chairs, are ready to accept your designs/plans and will work closely with their committee to expedite requests. Spring always brings an abundance of requests to the committee in a 'normal year', which will undoubtedly be heavier this year. Thank you for your advance thought and planning.

Common grounds and facilities were also impacted by the ice storm. Required clean up/removal with replanting, targeted for mid-March, will give us the opportunity to update and enhance our community. Our area is replete with mature vegetation, some areas needing replacement from plantings and other areas needing significant pruning. To augment our contract landscape service, due to the extensive storm damage, an outside firm was brought in to clean up damage and debris.

I'm most appreciative of the members of your Board of Directors and thank them for their commitment and volunteer service.

FACILITIES – Jack Ottini

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The snow and ice storm in January caused problems for all homeowners. Those of you that have a chain link fence in your backyard are asked to check it for any damage. Please call the guardhouse 253-631-2225 or me and report any damage.

Projects for 2012 will include: 1.) Clean and fill all cracks in our road system and several blacktop holes. 2.) Power wash all gates and repaint. 3.) Repair the floor in the guardhouse and several other items in the building. 4.) Check all signage on our road system. 5.) Replace missing reflectors on roads. 6.) Kill grass that is growing between curbs and blacktop. 7.) Homeowners who have tree branches, shrubs, and ground cover growing over the curbs and blacktop will be asked to trim them back. The branches must be above 13' 4". This will allow the street sweeper, Post Office trucks, garbage trucks, and commercial delivery trucks to do their job. This policy is the same as the City of Kent.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE – Barb Farley / Dick Metz

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Thanks so much for the prompt clean-up of the landscape debris caused by the January snow and ice storms. The damage was shocking and proved to be quite a challenge. In cases where trees were damaged to the extent that they were removed, we need to remind you that all tree stumps need to be ground or removed.

For those of you who may be planning a roof replacement this year, be sure to check out the pre-approved roofing products which are located in the hallway just outside the MVMA office. You may also contact us for assistance. We do have four product samples which have been previously approved along with a couple of products that have not been approved. Products other than those now approved will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Knowing these approved products could save time and confusion when soliciting bids for your project.

The Architecture Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month. It's helpful to have your application for improvements well ahead of our meeting so we have the opportunity to ask any questions or request product samples before the meeting. The application is located on our website.

Again, thanks for all of your continued efforts to keep our community looking so great!

MVMA WEBSITE – Robert Steiner

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Work on the updated MVMA website continues. The web-based resident database has been integrated into the website. Residents will be able to personally update information which is currently on hardcopy at the security gatehouse and MVMA Office without a trip to the MVMA Office or gatehouse to complete hardcopy paper forms (guest list, automobile information, alternate address, etc.) The information is password protected and available only to the resident and those who currently have access to the hardcopy of information (Security, MVMA office staff and Board). In order to utilize the website, the resident must have a functional e-mail account. **Please send an e-mail to the MVMA Office, mvma@qwestoffice.com requesting that your password be sent to you. When that request is received, you will be sent your password (which can be changed) and instructions on how to update the personal information in the database.** If you choose not to take advantage of this on-line capability, you will still be able to submit changes to your personal information, guest list, and planned absences using the existing forms.

The website and e-mail distribution list remain the most expedient means to efficiently contact residents. We use the e-mail distribution list for items of security and for general information which the Board feels will be useful to residents. On occasion residents have objected to e-mails. You have the option to remove your name from the distribution list if you do not wish to receive e-mails. Send your request to be removed or added to the distribution list to mvma@meridianvalleycc.com or rlsteiner@comcast.net. E-mail addresses are not shared.

COMMON GROUNDS – Jack Ottini / Barb Farley

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The snow and ice storm caused damage to all homeowner's yards. The common areas in our development also received damage. We will upgrade ALL seven of our common areas with new plantings. We have started by removing the dead, damaged, and overgrown trees and bushes. Pruning will be done as needed. All debris on the ground will be removed. Casoron will be applied to stop weeds and bark will be added later in the year. New plants will be added this year and next year.

MERIDIAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB: Greg Manley, Manager
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Meridian Valley Country Club hires new Executive Chef All homeowners are encouraged to come and try the new cuisine and atmosphere of the Meridian Valley Country Club dining room. Our New Executive Chef Tyler Anderson, who most recently was the Executive Chef at the Salish Lodge, is excited to have you try our new restaurant.

Those homeowners who are not members can simply call the Club for a reservation in the month of March. If you bring this article with you we will give you a free appetizer or desert with the purchase of two entrees.

What better thing to have in your backyard than a fantastic dining experience. Take us up on our offer and come be a part of the MVCC family if only for an evening. We are betting you won't regret it!

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Website		http://www.meridianvalleycc.com/mvma
Security Guardhouse		253-631-2225

Please inform the security guard when you expect visitors

CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES
(then call the guardhouse)

Annual Meeting	2 nd Tuesday in December @ 7:30 pm
Board Meetings	2 nd Wednesday of month @ 7:00 pm
Architectural Meetings	1 st Wednesday of month @ 7:00 pm
All meetings are held at the Meridian Valley Country Club unless posted otherwise.	

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Puget Sound Energy	1-888-225-5773	Comcast	1-800-934-6489
Soos Creek Water	253-630-9900	Water District #111	253-631-3770
Kent Public Works	253-856-5600	Allied Waste	206-682-9735