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Avon Hills Cooperative

Paying It Forward

You remember the book that became a movie titled "Paying It Forward". It illustrated the idea of doing anonymous good deeds where one saw a need. This could be as simple as depositing a coin in an expired parking meter. The concept was that what went around came back around as all of us lived our lives more thoughtfully.

Our recent snowfall inspired such acts throughout our co-op as the more vigorous residents went outdoors to assist the less able by brushing snowy build up from cars so they could be moved away from the plow. Warm feelings generated by so much goodwill are enough to melt away icy build-ups among peoples hearts as well as parking lots.

As the spirit of Paying It Forward warms the icy chill of winter, it also plants the seeds of community that will sprout in spring and blossom throughout summer.

~Lyn Sieffert

Cooperator of the month!

If you have a neighbor that deserves special appreciation and recognition, let us know! We can even print a picture of them in action. Keep your eyes and ears open for cooperators in our community and let the office know. Looking forward to hearing good things about our members!

~Newsletter staff

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Disclaimer:

Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the cooperative, unless specifically noted otherwise.

Bulletin Board

Board Meeting Notes:

- Occupancy agreements were updated
- King Burr insulated the clubhouse
- Renewed Contract with our current landscaper

Next Board Meeting:

Monday February 18, 2008 at 7:00pm

Office Notes

- Before allowing someone to move in with you, they must first be approved by the office.
- Tax statements were mailed out. If you did not receive yours please come to the office.
- Please put recycle bins out on Thursday evenings. Allied Waste says they will be coming at 6:00am.
- There is a new emergency pager number (248) 407-7668. This number is to be used only when the office phone lines are out of service.

Thank You!

Our December Caroling outing would not have been the same without our photographer for the evening...Vera.

It was a picture perfect evening!

We Need You...

This is YOUR newsletter. The staff of the newsletter committee welcomes and appreciates all articles you submit. Articles will be used as needed and of course will be subject to editing by the committee.

Anyone Interested...

If you would be interested in getting together once or twice a month for a non-denominational prayer meeting. Call me at (248) 652-2947

~ Heather Matson

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Bonnie Neff - Little Hill
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Mary Savale - Miniature
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Thanks to all our volunteers who take the time to deliver this newsletter. We appreciate your making time in your busy schedules to take on this responsibility.

Eco-News

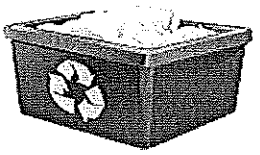
About the time Avon Hills switched from common dumpsters to placing individual trash containers at the curb twice a week, we also received individual recyclable containers.

I notice fewer blue totes have been showing up on our courts each Friday, even as more information concerning benefits to our environment about recycling becomes known.

Well yes, it is a nuisance to haul that awkward thing full of empty cans, bottles, and newspapers upstairs from the basement once a week. OK, maybe you use so much takeout that your collection is too minimal to collect.

Still you can separate those endless papers, magazines and unwanted circulars. Save a tree. Save many trees. Simply separate your paper from your garbage by bundling it into a brown paper grocery bag for recycling on Friday.

~Lynn Sieffert



No-Flour Peanut Butter Cookies

from Lyn Sieffert

1 Cup Sugar

1 Egg

1 Cup crunchy Peanut butter

1 tsp. baking soda

Mix all ingredients. Roll into 1 inch balls. Place on greased cookie sheet or disposable pie pans. (Optional: Flatten with fork and sprinkle with sugar or chocolate sprinkles.) Bake at 350 for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool cookies minimum of 5 minutes before removing from cookie sheet.

(I always speed up the process by placing on foil and removing it because I only have one sheet.)

Makes 2 dozen cookies.

Neighborhood Watch Update...

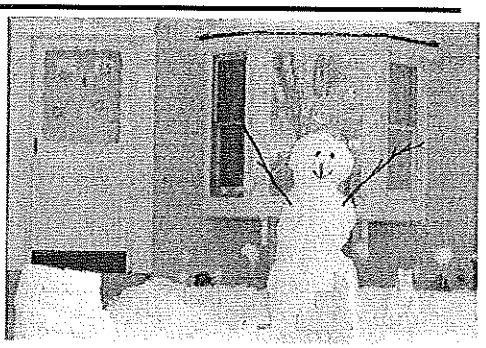
The following courts are still in need of volunteers:

- Larson
- Leaf
- Marquette
- Miniature
- Moreland

With new signs on the way, we are finally ready to launch our Neighborhood Watch program. Information will be coming to participating courts with contact numbers and instructions soon.

Thanks for helping keep Avon Hills a safe neighborhood for all of our members!

Neighborhood watch on Little Hill Court



Puzzle Corner:

Complete the puzzle and turn it in with your carrying charges and it will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Only carrying charges paid by the 10th of the month will be eligible.

Apology...

Due to a technological difficulty, last month's puzzle was missing the last two lines. Sorry for the disappointment.

Valentine's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden. The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.

P	I	H	S	D	N	E	I	R	F	D	I	P	U	C	A	L
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Admirer	Adore	Affection	Attraction	Beau	Beloved	Boyfriend	Candles	Candy
Chocolates	Couple	Crush	Cupid	Darling	Date	Dear	Devotion	Fancy
February	Flame	Flowers	Fondness	Forever	Friendship	Gift	Girlfriend	Hearts
Jewelry	Like	Lovebirds	Lovers	Partner	Proposal	Roses	Romance	
Relationship		Restaurant		Sentiment		Suitor	Sweetheart	

(www.puzzles.ca)

Avon Hills Consumer Housing Cooperative Mission Statement:
Our purpose is to provide affordable, quality homes operated on the principles of the International Cooperative Alliance. We will provide the opportunities of cooperatives home ownership to people of diverse backgrounds and responsibilities as homeowners and cooperative members.

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