

IN AND AROUND FORUM WEST CONDOMINIUMS CHESTERFIELD, MO



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BOARD MEETINGS – held at Clubhouse at 7:30 PM

If you have an issue to put before the board – please write it up and get it to a board member or Bill Calliot a few days before the meeting.

Forum I	Forum II
April 20	April 27
May 18	
June 22	June 29

ELECTIONS

The format for each of the board members terms of service is that every year there is an election. Each board member is elected for three years. Each year either 2 or one position is up for election.

Forum I – Elections are held annually (late March early April timeframe).

The current board members of Forum I:

- Susan Murphy –President
- Ed Wheeler-VP
- Dennis Nettler
- Alla Kagan
- Joy Magisana

The Forum II board elected officers at their February meeting resulting in:

- President: Shirley Stein
- Treasurer: Gary Thomas
- Secretary: Dave Meyer
- Lilly Levin
- Bill Burns

WHAT DID IT SELL FOR?

- Earlier 2005
13522\$152,000
- January 2006
13453 #C - \$ 93,500
13453 #B - \$109,000
- March 2006
13488 - \$139,000
1355#E - \$100,000



Shirley accepts the keys to the clubhouse

ClubHouse/Pool Board:

is comprised of six (6) members, three from each section. Their names are Sec. II-Wally Hayes-President, Sandy Schierbaum, and Mickey Sands; & Sec. I-Susan Murphy-VP, Debbie Nettler and Kelly O’Gorman. They are all appointed by the respective Homeowner Boards and there is no election

A Note From Your New Board President (Forum II)

Spring is here! And along with the warmer weather come the tasks of repairing, reseeding, repainting, and general spring-cleaning. With many Forum residents, including myself, on tight budgets, the goal of the Forum Board is to spend cautiously and prudently, keeping maintenance expenses down as much as possible while still taking care of needed repairs & improvements.

With this in mind, expect to see us address some key safety & structural issues over the next few months. Proper maintenance is critical in keeping our community attractive, safe, and an inviting place to live. We can all appreciate that a well-maintained condo community not only benefits all of the residents, it also impresses potential buyers and passers-by. And this in turn helps us to maintain healthy property values.

You can help! While your board works hard to keep our little community in tip-top shape, we would also like to ask each resident to help out in keeping things looking tidy. In

particular, when you see an occasional beverage or fast food container littering the neighborhood, please take a moment to place it in a trash receptacle. It only takes a minute, and it helps to keep our community looking its best.

Shirley Stein

CREEK INSPECTION

Early this year Bill Calliot walked the creek on the north side of the property with the MSD engineer. Bill is happy to report that the creek is very stable and little changed from prior years.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Section I will continue the major project of updating and repairing the exteriors of their units this year.

Section II is considering several projects for this year but is still in the process of getting cost estimates to see what will fit the budget. Pool/Clubhouse – this winter brought some major roof leaks in the clubhouse which have been repaired. The cover is off the pool and there were some cracks in its surface that will require some repair as well as some minor tuck-pointing issues with respect to the coping. No worries though, Bill Calliot has gotten an early jump on things and should have no problem getting the pool ready by the middle of May.

If you know of any major maintenance issue or project that should be undertaken – it is up to your board members to authorize the outlay. This is not to the discretion of the property manager. He manages the project authorized by your elected board.

Meet Our Mail Carrier Mike Velasco



Mike has been a mail carrier for about 30 years – for the last 25 years he has been delivering mail to the Forum Condo complex. Mike says he hopes to keep up this job until his motor gives out. Mike, we appreciate your attention and care in delivering the mail.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Don't support the vandals in our neighborhood by feeding them. These vandals tear holes in our buildings, damage plants, and tie walls. These vandals are squirrels and chipmunks. In the last couple of years these vandals have cost Forum homeowners many \$\$\$ - If you encourage the growth of this population there will more of them trying to tear holes in our buildings when it gets cold next winter. And then there are the Raccoons. These animals forage in our dumpsters and make a mess. In addition they can carry disease, worms and even rabies. Direct contact should be avoided. They are difficult to control because they enter our property from adjacent properties.

TAKING THE BUS

Living in Forum has the advantage of being on the bus route. The OLIVE Metro Bus that stops at Four Seasons Shopping Center and across the street Westbound – if offers a great way to get to many places. Going East the Bus goes as far as the Delmar station (47 minutes) where it meets the MetroLink train. To the West the bus goes to Chesterfield Mall (12 minutes from Four Seasons) and Chesterfield City Hall. Along the way the Olive bus intersect with 6 other bus routes. The cost for the bus is \$1.65 (\$.80 for 65+ seniors with ID and children 5-12). The MetroLink train is \$2. Monthly pass is \$55 (less for seniors & children -\$27.50) - Metro Call-A-Ride provides curb-to-curb van service in St. Louis City and County and is restricted Monday-Friday to persons with disabilities who have registered to use the service but is open to the general public on Saturday and Sunday. For additional general information call 314-231-2345.

MANAGER'S CORNER



I would like to remind everyone to keep their carport areas clear and clean. Do a Spring cleaning of sorts. Throughout the winter sometimes things are placed under the carports and it's time for them to go inside or bye-bye. We will now begin having Symmetry back on the property and they will blow out these areas with their blowers. Please see that the carports are kept clean. And last but not least, DOG POOP, DOG POOP, DOG POOP EVERYWHERE! Why is it so hard for our pet owners to be responsible for cleaning up after their pets? The place is a filthy mess with dog sh#!! Do we need to begin a special assessment for pet owners? If you lived in a house, would you take your pet over to a neighbors lawn and let it do its business and then just walk away? I will bet that you would soon have a serious problem with your neighbor. The same thing applies here! As stated before (over & over), there is NO place on the Forum West property where it is acceptable to not clean up after your pets. This includes the back creek-side areas as well and all common areas out in front. I know people will attempt to say that they "Always pick-up after the animal", but in actuality, next to no one does. It is blatantly obvious if you walk the grounds. Clean up after your pets and be responsible! The young men who will start mowing the lawns are tired of stepping in it too! they complain about this problem each year.

OPEN FLAMES

Remember that open flames are not permitted on decks or under decks because our insurance carrier and the City of Chesterfield – say no! No charcoal or Tiki Torches etc.

FORUM HISTORY

Beginning with this issue we will share some of the history of the Forum West complex. In an interview with Bob and Mickey Sands, I got some great insight into the history of our community. In addition they gave me copies of the sales literature which when they

purchased their home in 1970 - I will share over the next few issues.



Bob Sands (l) and newsletter editor (r)

Bob has served as board president for 15 of the 36 years he and Mickey have lived in Forum.

BOOK EXCHANGE

We have been holding the book exchange at the clubhouse since November on the 2nd Sunday afternoon.



When you bring some books to contribute to the collection – you can take that many away – we keep track of any credit you have. We have some regular customers but need more – Note: Please make sure that the books you bring have a copyright less than 10 years old unless the book is a classic.

WRITE TO THE EDITOR

Do you have news to report, your take on a nearby restaurant or business, a family event that you would like to share – let me know – drop a note to Bill Burns at 13493 or e-mail me at slightly@swbell.net

Forum Literature from 1969

FORUMWEST



LUXURY CONDOMINIUM HOMES IN WEST SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

ON Olive Boulevard at Woods Mill Road, FORUM WEST is in the heart of the most desirable part of the West St. Louis County residential area. A full range of community services is easily accessible. The Forum and Four Seasons shopping centers are adjacent, at the intersection of Woods Mill and Olive. Catholic, Baptist, Episcopal, Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian congregations surround FORUM WEST—all within 10 minutes' drive. FORUM WEST is in the AAA-rated Parkway school district, with the Central Junior High and Senior High Schools around the corner. Several parochial schools are also nearby.

