



**IN AND AROUND FORUM WEST  
CONDOMINIUMS  
CHESTERFIELD, MO**

**BOARD MEETINGS** – held at Clubhouse

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

<b>Forum Sec I @ 7:00</b>	<b>Forum Sec II @ 7:00</b>
Aug 21 2008	Aug 28 2008
Oct 16 2008	Oct 30 2008
Dec 2008 Open Review & New Budget	Dec 2008 Open Review & New Budget

Office Phone: (314) 514-8004

Board Members are:

**Forum Section I**

- Susan Murphy – 13530
- Sheila Wheeler 13567
- Dennis Nettler - 13521
- George Spooner 13551
- Alla Kagan -13555

**Forum Section II**

- Shirley Stein - 13506
- Dave Meyer -13524
- Gary Thomas –13515 B
- Lilly Levin - 13494
- [Bill Burns](#) – 13493

**WHAT DID IT SELL FOR**

- 13555 Coliseum Dr #G, \$119,900
- 13579 Coliseum Dr #C, \$121,400
- 13555 Coliseum Dr #D, \$111,000
- 13575 Coliseum Dr, \$148,500

**WHAT IS IT LISTED FOR**

- 13527 Coliseum Dr #G, \$106,900
- 13477 Coliseum Dr., \$144,900
- 13544 Coliseum Dr., \$149,900
- 13488 Coliseum Dr., \$154,000

**FORUM LOOSES ONE OF IT LONGEST RESIDENTS**

Recently we lost a long time Forum West resident. One of our original owners, His name was Bob Sands. Many of you knew Bob. Bob served



on the Board for many, many years and was the President of the Sec. II Board on two separate

occasions for extended periods of time. His wife, Mickey still serves on our Pool Board. What a wonderful asset Mr. and Mrs. Sands have been to our community. Mr. Sands had been in real estate with Gundaker for well over 30 years. Mr. Sands was a kind and warm person who always had a smile on his face. Mr. Sands was a WWII Vet and he was 3 days shy of his 86th birthday when he passed away from cancer. He shall be missed.

Last year we also lost another long time resident from Sec. I. His name was John Treacy. Mr. Treacy and his wife Jane have been here at Forum for over 20 years. Mr. Treacy was also a long time real estate agent for Gundaker. Mr. Treacy loved to laugh and enjoyed life. Many of you who live here today, bought your condo from John. Mr. Treacy will also be missed.

**LAUNDRY ROOM UPDATE**

The garden units have been updated with new laundry machines. This move was a result of non-responsiveness by the prior service provider. The new units are working well. The revenue from the machines helps pay for equipment itself and some of the utility costs associated with these facilities.

**SWIMMING POOL**

The pool opened a little later than normal this year. A crack in the pool had to be repaired. At the time of the patch we were advised that some more costly repairs on the horizon.

In the nearer term we must do some safety updates required by St Louis County. The fencing around the pool



is also being targeted for replacement after this summer season – if funds are available.

**UNWANTED GUESTS**

This year someone who was already inside the pool blocked the gate open so that others who followed would not have to use their pool key. What ensued was that someone entered the pool who was not a homeowner or a guest of a homeowner. That person proceeded to seriously harass a person at the pool. It was an ugly situation and can be avoided in the future – ***DON'T LEAVE THE GATE OPEN AND CLOSE IT IF YOU SEE SOMEONE HAS PROPPED IT OPEN!***

**DIGGING HOLES!**

What is all the digging about? First we had to replace a sewer line that had collapsed.





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Next the underground cable replacement began as Ameren UE has embarked on 'Project Power On' which will cost \$3 billion over the next three years to improve the overall system. Part of this project is in the FORUM. A second source of



power from a second substation is being added. This will increase the reliability of our power supply when nature brings down the power lines. It will take some time for the grass to grow back but it is a short term problem.

**CLUBHOUSE RENTAL**

The fees charged for using the clubhouse will change as of January 1, 09. Weekends will cost \$75 per day, Weekdays will remain at \$50. The security deposit remains the same.

**HOMEOWNER MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

Even in condo living there are some things that each of must do regarding



maintenance of our own units. In the summer time don't forget to check your air conditioner for obstructions from the cotton wood and other airborne things that clog the fins – reducing your cooling and increasing your electric bill (the one pictured above is covered with cotton wood).

Something that not only will reduce the efficiency of you dryer and raise you bill – it can be a fire hazard . According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission - Fires can occur when lint builds up in the dryer or in the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, cause excessive heat build-up, and result in a fire in some dryers.

To help prevent fires:

**Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes.**

**Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically.**

**Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up.**

**Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct.**

**Take special care when drying clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals**

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

When problems occur within or near your unit – you should call:

- Ameren UE
- Lights Out ..... 314-342-1000
- Billing / Acctg ..... 314-342-1111
- Animal Control.....314-726-6655
- Appliance Recylers...314-832-4581
- Chstfield City Hall... 636-537-4000
- Chstfield Fire Inspect.314-576-4173
- Chstfield Police .....636-537-3000
- Laclede Gas..... 314-621-6960
- Len Brower Home ...314-423-4062
- Pager .....314-224-4062
- MO American Water.314-991-3404
- MSD (sewer) ..... 314-768-6200
- Plumber (clogged drains)
- Lee Pratt .....314-941-0471
- Post Office (Town / Cntry)..  
..... 636-391-4903
- Poison Control .. ..  
.....800-222-1222
- Waste Management..314-506-4750

**THINGS THAT CRAWL**

The Forum has an ongoing program to protect the outside of your unit

from things that crawl – termites included. On a monthly basis the buildings are sprayed on the outside for bugs. Termite protection is done every few years (with a few buildings done each year). This does not mean that every unit will be free of things that crawl. Many homeowners have, at times, had occasion to have their units treated for some unwanted invaders by their own vendor (this is because bugs and termites can enter through openings not protect by treating the outside of the building).

**THE STREET THAT WE ALL DRIVE ON.**

Forum has only one through street and there have been some discussions begun about it future. You may have noticed that the street has a few spots where it has been patched but on closer inspection you will see several areas where patching will not work. In the near future we will need to investigate some major repairs.

One subject that has been put forward is the idea of closing one end of Coliseum to through traffic. The intent is to reduce the large amount of cars that pass through our community. Many people leave McDonalds by turning right and many enjoy parts of their lunch in the Forum. Many residents of the Forum Apartments use Coliseum as a shortcut. Reducing traffic flow would increase safety and reduce the wear and tear on our streets. If we were to close one end of the street – which would you prefer and why – take some time to write down your thoughts and drop them at the office or send an e-mail to the address below (don't use the phone to leave your opinion )

**Bill Burns, 13493**

Please feel free to call, e-mail or snail mail information for our community [slightly@swbell.net](mailto:slightly@swbell.net)  
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