



**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.

Forum Sec I @7:00	Forum Sec II @ 7:00
Feb 21, 2008	Feb 28, 2008
Apr 17, 2008	Apr 24, 2008
Jun 19 2008	Jun 26 2008
Aug 21 2008	Aug 28 2008

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Board Members are:

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

Forum Section II
(Election Results 12/07 left board unchanged)
Shirley Stein - 13506
Dave Meyer -13524
Gary Thomas –013515 B
Lilly Levin - 13494
[Bill Burns](#) – 13493

WHAT DID IT SELL FOR
13481 -..... \$157,000
13507 G..... \$105,500
13522\$146,500

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FINANCES
It has been a long time since either section has raised the condo fee – but 2008 brings a 10% increase for Section I and an 8% increase for Section II – it has be almost 9 years and there are major maintenance issues facing both sections. The net result will be that our property will be kept up to date - keeping all of our investment in Forum solid.

Both section I & II had December meetings to present the budget and field questions about the upcoming year.



**IT'S A BIG PROBLEM –
IT'S NOT CUTE**



An **update** – we found that the information given us by

St Louis County about raccoon control measures was not correct. The Missouri Dept of Natural Resources advised us that we had the right to control raccoons that are considered pests. We have taken action to remove at least 30 raccoons from the complex in July and August. This has been done using traps – we will keep these in place until we no longer find raccoons in the dumpsters.

NEW FENCING
Much of the fencing along the south side of the property (up against Forum Shopping Center) has been replaced in Section I & II



RUMORS
The property vacated by Hollywood Video is still available for lease. Some of the rumored tenants to date are Aldi's and Goodwill Industries. Aldi's would have to make some significant changes to the pavement and the ability for large trucks to navigate the property are in question.

CREEK INSPECTION
The Forum boundary to the north is a large and deep creek. This fall we had a major inspection done by Volz Engineers to determine if there are any major issues with the creek. Their judgment is that the creek



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banks are stable – but they recommended that some preventive measures be taken to keep the banks of the creek stable.

ELECTIONS SECTION II

In December two board members were re-elected to server another three years. Bill Burns and Lilly Levin.

FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

December 16 brought a nice snow storm which brought ot the best in Forum



Tony Receniello and Bill Calliott shovel sidewalks



Snow blowing by Len Brower



Snowmen by the kids

Len Brower also did a timely job in plowing and clearing the driveways



ALUMINUM WIRING

As you may know our condo units are built with aluminum wiring. This was common at the time Forum was built. With proper care aluminum will behave properly but there are a couple of precautions.

Make sure that anytime a wall outlet or switch is replaced that the device is rated "CO/ALR"

Call an electrician if you notice warm to the touch face plates on outlets or switches, flickering lights, smell of burning plastic at outlets or switches (all of these indicate loose connections that can develop into hot connections.)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

This year more and more people decorated for the Christmas holidays. It was great to see the lights and trees. The editor has taken it upon himself (with the help of wife Jo-Ann) to act as the judge of "who had the best decorations" This year we found that 13492 (they tied for best last year. Thanks for the visions!



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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER



We are plugging away getting bids on several of the major projects for 2008

The broken record department includes:

Dog Poop – it's a problem because it is everywhere underfoot and even on some of the homeowners decks – I think maybe we can start a "show us your bag" routine – when you see your neighbor out with their dog – honk so that they can "show you their poop bag"

Cats running loose are not allowed

Storage of personal items under decks and in garages is a problem with a few homeowners.