

Mountain Villas Voice

MOUNTAIN VILLAS ASSOCIATION

Manager's Message

Happy December! I would like to thank everyone who attended the Fall HOA meeting. It was great to see everyone. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the annual holiday charity drive. You can drop off any donations in the office during normal business hours.

If you rent your condo or townhouse, please make sure your guests are aware of the community guidelines and rules. Including preventing pets from being a disturbance, water recommendations, traffic and parking issues, etc.

Reminder-renters are NOT permitted to use any fireplaces. Please use the golf course entrance for the duration of winter. When parking, please do not park anyone in or block access to sidewalks and bridges.

Please keep hallways clear of skis, boots, firewood, etc.



Time has come to be vigilant about shutting off the water. Please turn your water off when you leave for the week. Also, open your cabinet doors to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Townhouse owners, please remove your outside mats to prevent them being damaged by or doing damage to the snow blowers.

If you have issues with your furnace, please notify me immediately! We want to get the furnace in working order ASAP.

After-hour emergencies include heating issues and water leaking. For all others, please leave a message on the office answering machine.



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"May the sun be bright,
your heart be filled with
love, and your days be
happy. Count your blessings
every moment of
everyday, cause life is
short."

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Fall Homeowners' Meeting

We offer a huge thanks to everyone who attended the Fall Homeowners' Meeting. Our thanks again to Chris Sherbine and the Seven Springs Highlands Resort Realty for sponsoring the meeting and our breakfast. Please keep them in mind for any of your real estate needs. Also, thanks to Butch Guballa for his assistance and warm welcoming at the check in table. Lastly, a special thank you to Dave Runco for his patience and his Seven Springs presentation.

Congratulations on the re-election of Paul Rizzo and to our new Council member, Mark Frankel.

Message from Council member Mark Frankel

I am grateful for the opportunity to work to maintain and improve what we have in Mountain Villas.

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Mark Frankel



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Parking

With the holiday and ski season upon us, please be mindful of the parking guidelines. There is overflow parking below Building 1 and of course behind the office. Please do NOT block any doors, steps, sidewalks or dumpsters. Also, please tell your guests and renters of this policy as well. We would hate for someone to be towed, if it can be avoided. The traffic pattern has changed for the winter. Please use the **Golf course entrance** when coming into the Mountain Villas.



Shuttle Bus Service – 2021-2022 Winter Season

Shuttle bus service will be provided on weekends beginning

Sunday, December 21, 2021 through Sunday, January 2, 2022:
Service will be provided from 8:00 am to 2:00 am.

Friday, January 7, 2022 and ending Sunday, March 13, 2022 for the following time periods:

Friday 6:00 pm to 2:00 am

Saturday 7:30 am to 2:00 am and

Sunday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If Monday is a Federal holiday, then Saturday's schedule will be repeated on Sunday, and Sunday's schedule will be implemented on Monday.

Outside of the operating hours identified, service will be on an "On-Call" basis.

Shuttle Routes

Mountain Villas –

Pick up will be at designated stops on Mt. Villas Road.

Drop off points at the resort will be at the Skier Circle and Center Lobby Entrance only.

Additional Operational Requirements

In consideration of the current COVID-19 Pandemic and in order to follow CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines, the following additional requirements will be followed:

Masks are recommended while riding on all shuttles for all persons.

Only two (2) guests per seat.

Windows may be partially open to allow for additional airflow.

All vehicles will be routinely cleaned and disinfected.

Hand Sanitizer will be available in each vehicle.

Shuttles will operate continually during service periods; except that they may stop service on occasion due to safety concerns, or the need for maintenance, sanitizing/disinfecting, fuel, or driver relief.



NEWSLETTER ITEMS – DECEMBER 2021

Pet Safety during the Holidays

Turkey

Avoid giving your pet any turkey meat especially fatty dark meat and skin (a small amount of unseasoned white meat is okay) and never give them any leftover bones. Not only are bones a choking hazard, but they can splinter inside your pet's digestive track and cause a trip to the emergency vet.

Garlic, Onion, Leeks, and Chives

These seasonings are common in many holiday dishes and are toxic to dogs and cats - they can cause destruction of their red blood cells. Avoid giving your pet a bite of anything cooked with these ingredients like green beans, potatoes, stuffing, and gravy.

Best Practices

Not only do you not want to give your pets any toxic food, but you want to make sure they don't decide to dive into the trash in search of yummy scraps. Ask family and guests not to feed the dog and make sure your trash can is secure. If at any point your pet ingests something harmful or show signs of illness, call your veterinarian immediately. You can also call the ASPCA pet poison hotline at 888-426-4435 for advice.

Decorations at the Mt. Villas Entrance – Survey Results

In the October newsletter, I asked for your feedback on the seasonal front entrance decorations. I was hearing mixed reviews and welcome and appreciate your input on this.

Responses came in "fast and furious" and the results were overwhelmingly positive.

Some provided a simple and very heartwarming: **"Yeah"**

Others offered even additional words of encouragement:

"A resounding YAY.....with a suggestion to add more. What is wrong with people?"

"We give it a definite yea!!! Thanks for doing that."

"I say "Yeah" to the seasonal front entrance decorations. I think they add something, and my wife and kids enjoy them as well. If it brings a smile to one's person face than it is well worth the effort. Perhaps all of us need to do a better job of being appreciative of the little things in life that bring joy. Keep up the good work Tom/crew, you all do an excellent job and we are appreciative."

Thank you all for your kind words and support. It means a great deal to us and validates our hard work and efforts on behalf of MVA.



Holiday Recipes

Crockpot Hot Chocolate



Everyone loves a delicious cup of hot chocolate. This recipe is easy to make, fun to do with the kiddos, and tastes so great that you'll be upset you didn't make it sooner!

Ingredients:

- 6 Cups Whole Milk
- 14 oz sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- Mini Marshmallows

Directions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a 6-quart crock pot.
2. Cover and cook on low for approx. 2 hours, stirring often during the first hour to make sure the chocolate doesn't settle on the bottom and burn.
3. Wait 30 minutes before serving, add marshmallows to the top.

Reindeer Rice Krispie Treats



So easy and so much fun. Kids can decorate their treats with any candy they want!

If you really want to make it easy, get store bought Rice Krispie treats and have fun decorating them with icing, candy, pretzels, etc.

Ingredients:

- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 1 package (10oz) marshmallows or 4 cups mini marshmallows
- 6 cups Rice Krispies

Decorating:

- Store bought icing
- Various candies
 - M&M's for nose
 - Candy eyeballs
 - Sour candies
 - Let your kids pick!

Directions:

1. Melt butter over low heat in large saucepan
2. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted
3. Remove from heat
4. Add rice krispies and stir until well coated
5. Push mixture into 13x9 pan coated with cooking spray. *Mixture will be sticky, so use wax paper or spray a spatula with cooking spray.*
6. Let cool
7. Cut into rectangles
8. Decorate!!

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Waiting for Santa!

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"take the dang picture, give us our treats, we have things to do"



Jax is bored and Gracie already lost interest.



Gracie: You two guys can stay where you are - I'm "OUTTA HERE"



You done yet???? Cause we have NAPS we gotta take!