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The Oak Brook Club

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It's Upon Us! Oak Brook Club Open House

Wednesday, July 7th from 11 am to 2 pm. The open house for Realtors and guests of residents is almost here. The goal from the beginning has been to expose Oak Brook Club to more people so that when the time is right for them, they will consider The Oak Brook Club. Management, maintenance and the janitorial staff have worked tirelessly to present our home as the showcase condominium property it is.

Realtors with Oak Brook Club listings have paid 100% of the costs of this open house. Please keep in mind the refreshments being served are intended for guests from outside Oak Brook Club and the residents who are hosting them. Certainly, residents are welcome to view the open units. Should you wish to do so, please join us at the Clubhouse between 11 am and 2 pm to pick up a list of the open house units.

All guests will be checked in at the gatehouse. Residents with guests will be contacted around July 5 for their preference on whether they want their guests to meet them in their condo or go directly to the Clubhouse.

We have had very positive responses to our invitations both from Realtors and Invited Guests. Such as:

"I think this open house is a wonderful idea and I'd like to attend."

"Thanks, I think this is a great idea. I've been thinking about our next move. I'm really getting tired of all the yard work."

I'll bet that last comment rings a bell for a number of us. We look pretty darn good right now, new roads, beautiful flowers and most of all great neighbors!

Electric Rates!!

By Jerry Wolin, CUB Member

Since our condos are both heated and air conditioned with electricity, electric rates are very important to us. Residents became very aware of the importance of electric rates early in 2007 when ComEd tried to take away the special rate for electric heating and also tried to re-classify our common areas as "commercial."

Fortunately, in 2007 we waged a very successful fight against the rate increases along with condo owners throughout Illinois and with great support from the Citizens Utility Board (CUB). CUB is one of the best friends that we have. They aggressively fight to ensure that electric and gas rates are kept fair. CUB also does an excellent job helping lower telephone costs.

ComEd received a \$273 million increase in 2008, which CUB is still appealing as unjustified. Also, ComEd is expected to ask for a further rate increase in the very near future. We can count on CUB to analyze the increase request and take whatever steps are necessary to make sure that the increase is not granted unless justified.

Many residents of the Oak Brook Club are already members of CUB. If you would like to join CUB or get more information, their web site is www.CitizensUtilityBoard.org and their phone is 800-669-5556. The CUB web site includes valuable tips on reducing electric usage along with information on reducing phone costs.

Welcome to Recent Members of Oak Brook Club

by Eleanor Fralick

Dr. Samuel Cascio left a very large house in North Barrington to come here a year ago in May. He and his fellow dentist, Dr. Joe Discipio, had been classmates in dental school. Seven years after his wife's death, Dr. Cascio "became tired of flushing toilets in five bathrooms" and heeded his friend's advice to come to Club Six at the Oak Brook Club. Two sons and a daughter are in the area and a third son is in San Antonio. His wife's absence also triggered an interest in cooking as a means to healthy eating. He watches the food channel and manages to prepare and enjoy good food.

Dr. Cascio has had a distinguished career in dentistry, in philanthropic and educational endeavors and continues in some of those positions but now makes time for thrice weekly golf games here and, in winter, at Marco Island.

This is a busy man!

Audrey Buoniconti became an Oak Brook Club resident the latter part of March this year. She came from a fifty-eight year residency in River Forest. Before she moved in, she and her daughter Kathy, who lives in Oak Brook, could frequently be seen here when they came to check on the progress of extensive renovations in her unit, D-307.

Audrey and her husband, who died three years ago, had a catering business in Chicago for many years and had been going to Florida in winter for some time. Her hobby is needlepoint and she uses her "creations" in home décor.

Joan Walsh, resident in A-107 since May, came from Williams Bay at Lake Geneva where she and her husband lived for twenty years. His death occurred two years ago and she came back to be near her family of six children, five of whom are in the area, and six grandchildren. She loves spending time with family and friends!

Even though work is being done on wood floors in her unit and painting and decorating will follow, Joan is living there and happy to experience being an Oak Brook Club member.

Dr. Totju Totev and his wife, Dr. Valentina Kutepova, came from Naperville in May to occupy Unit C-201. They are both scientists working for the U.S. Government at The Argonne National Laboratory.

Their married daughter lives in London and they frequently visit there.

Dr. Totev was transferred to the United States from the United Kingdom eleven years ago and was assigned positions in several locales before arriving at Argonne.

The lifestyle and amenities at the Oak Brook Club, discovered by visiting in person and on the Internet, attracted this busy couple. Dr. Totev expresses "Best Wishes" for his new neighbors and his appreciation for the ease of living here.



July 4th, our country's 234th birthday. "For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?" - Ralph Waldo Emerson



*So long, Farewell,
We Hate to See You Go....*

Lindsey Van Schepen, our Monday/Wednesday/Friday fast-as-lightening office administrator, is off to start another chapter of her life after July 23. Quick to laugh, efficient, and diplomatic, she will be difficult to replace. As much as Lindsey loves the people here, she has goals in mind and places to go.

This fall while coaching the varsity volleyball team at Timothy Christian in Elmhurst, she will also be taking more post-college courses toward a teaching certificate. Student teaching follows January through March culminating in her certificate in March 2011. After that accomplishment, Lindsey will try to obtain substitute teaching jobs while applying for full time teaching positions. Hats off to you, Lindsey. We will miss you!!

Work Order Reminder

For those that use the Internet, the fastest, most efficient way to get help from the office or maintenance, either inside or out, is to go to our website oakbrookclub.com. On the home page in the left column, click Forms; then click 'Work Order' at the top of the list. Follow simple directions from there on. You will not receive an on-line reply, but within a day your request will usually be completed.

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