

Manager's Message

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Fines for rules violations will be **\$50** for each violation starting January 25, 2002.

We have been blessed with a mild winter so far - and no SNOW. The new contractor - Environmental Care is ready to plow after a 2" snow fall.

Please remember to move your vehicles so that the contractor can plow the parking aprons.

Please remember to replace your furnace filter monthly during the winter months.

You might also want to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

We are still having some problems with the scavenger company. The dumpsters still are not being placed totally inside of the corral. We are working with Browning Ferris regarding this matter.

There are several new laws regarding Insurance for Condominium's. (Mandatory Waivers of Subrogation/Deductibles/Code Compliance) The Board will be discussing this matter at their next board meeting which will be held on January 24th.

We are still have a few homeowners that are backing into their garage stall. Please remember that the rules specify that you must park all vehicles with their front-end facing toward the building.

The holiday lights are delightful to look at but they must be down no later than January 30th.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Valarie

"Mandatory Waivers of Subrogation, Deductibles, Code Compliance"

Gees, how did I ever get myself talked into dealing with this stuff? I guess that could be the subject of a future article.

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New Year's Resolutions

Well has everyone broken their New Year's resolutions yet? What was it this year, to lose weight, to stop smoking, to be nicer, to take more time off, to work harder, to get my life together, to be a better person, to eat better, to get a better job?

Heck, I gave up on these and all other resolutions years ago. Having no New Year's resolutions definitely reduces the stress during the first few weeks of January each year, no more wondering when I will break the new rules.

The whole notion of New Years resolutions revolves around the idea of creating an artificial reason (New Year) to set some goals that define a point to focus on. Setting goals is fine but the artificial reason is questionable.

Goals must be desired. There is a big difference between wishing for something and desiring it. Wishing for something is what you do while watching TV or chitchatting with the neighbors. Desiring something is the reason you lay awake at night thinking about it or are up early in the morning doing something about it. Wishing for something doesn't get you anything. Desiring it causes you to set goals. I would say most New Years resolutions are wishes not desires. Goals should be set for something you desire, wishes are whims, passing fancies that you would like but aren't worth your effort to pursue.

The ability to set goals and achieve them is an important trait of successful people. One successful investor I know posts his goals on his shaving mirror so that every morning when he shaves his goals are staring him in the face. With his long term goals looking at him over his razor he is reminded why he got up today.

A key element to successful goal setting and accomplishment is that the goals must be written down. This makes the goals concrete not just some esoteric thought. I have heard this over and over again, write them down, it makes them legitimate.

To me goals such as losing weight, being nicer, etc. are not going to give you the deep satisfaction you desire. I would liken accomplishing these to treating the symptoms of a disease. You feel better while taking the medication but as soon as you quit the symptoms return because the root of the problem, the disease, remains. To be really satisfied you need to set goals for what you desire not

for what you wish.

At one time I came to the conclusion that until you understand the meaning of life no goal will satisfy you. In the quest to find the answer to this riddle I have been watching the Simpsons for years hoping Homer would impart to me this meaning. To date this message alludes me, as I am still unenlightened.

Now I hear a college in Michigan is using the Simpsons as a model to study philosophy or sociology or some such subject. Maybe some great young college mind will be able to glean the elusive knowledge that I have failed to obtain from this unlikely source.

Maybe someday I will be able to pick up a textbook which has digested all this for me and gives me the succinct answer. Until then what do I do, wait around until I get it or make a best guess and move on.

I guess I'll go with the belief that the pursuit of satisfying your deepest desires is the goal of life. If you can almost satisfy them you will feel accomplished. I say almost because if you completely satisfy them, the challenge will be gone and you will have to find a new desire to satisfy.

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To paraphrase the guys on the "Car Talk" radio program "there you've gone and done it, wasted precious time reading our newsletter".

On the Move

Goodbye & good luck to:
Mr/Mrs Sharma (1315B), Mary Chargil (1307C)

Welcome new owners & residents:
Mr/Mrs Chandy (1307C), Kalia/Kumar (1315B)

Final Thought:

Variety is the spice of life, but monotony puts the meat on the table.