



# WELLINGTON CROSSING NEWSLETTER

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## A AND B TRUSTEES AT WORK

- **2011 Annual Budget:** Trustees of B approved the 2011 annual budget during the December 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. Crowninshield will notify homeowners of their new monthly fee that will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- **B Trust Documents:** The mailing with the recommendations from the attorney and Trustees was sent to homeowners of B in mid November. Several homeowners have yet to return their original ballot to Crowninshield. All homeowners who have not returned their ballot are encouraged to do this now to avoid the cost of another mailing.
- **Open Meetings:** Homeowners are reminded that the monthly Trustee meetings for their respective portion of Wellington Crossing are open meetings. Homeowners are encouraged to attend and share their questions and input during the open forum which follows the business meeting. Meeting agendas are posted in the glass cases a few days in advance of the meetings.

Katherine Bleyl, Building 6
- **Carpet Spills:** Residents are advised to pick up and blot any spills in the common area hallways. It is important that the residents do not use any cleaning chemicals (like Resolve) on the carpet. Also, Lisa, in the office, should be notified and she will contact the cleaning service.

## CONDO LIVING

### Year in Review:

This year the clubhouse opened for all of us to use. In addition to meetings, there were quite a few social events and the exercise room got a good workout. Improvements were also made inside the clubhouse. Pool usage rules, tennis court usage rules and community rules were distributed to all of us. We now have more lounge chairs for the pool as well as an outdoor thermometer. Mauro and Lisa have become welcome on-site additions to our community. Three dogipot stations were added and many other improvements were made. Pulte did some fixing of sidewalks, curbs and landscaping as well as a major

repair of one of the retaining walls. All in all, a lot of good things happened this year in our community

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Year in Review

This past year, we had a great kickoff year with many events. Exercise classes, game nights, poker games, bridge games, movie nights, pot luck dinners, a chicken dinner, a fashion show with high tea, cocktail parties, a breakfast put on by the men, a Halloween party, a progressive dinner and a New Year's gathering. We also continued the tradition of an ice cream social and a spring cleanup.

This year, hopefully, will be even better. We will try to continue with these events plus some new ones like a wine tasting, a pizza event, luau, etc. If you have any ideas of events which would be of interest to you, please let us know, as we are always interested in your input, suggestions and help. Just call Dotti Donovan @ 781-894-7560.

The Social Committee thanks everyone for their continued support and wishes everyone a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON & A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

### Web Site

This is a very brief update on what is going on. The Wellington Crossing web site is finally coming together nicely thanks to Chris Balduino. When it is launched, anyone with internet access can get to it. However, we each will have to register in order to see certain portions. If you are interested in helping, feel free to come to one of the Communications Committee meetings. The next one will be on Monday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the clubhouse.

### Resident Directory

We also will be discussing a Resident Directory among other things. There are pros and cons to having a directory but certainly if one is ever developed here, each of us will have the opportunity to opt out those specific items of information we do not want included about ourselves.

## Newsletter

If you notice, the newsletter looks a little different this month. It's because Len Ruthazer has replaced Katherine Bleyl as editor. Katherine put our newsletter together for almost a year but is overloaded with other condo related work. With her charisma and efforts and with the great example set by her predecessor, Marge Duby, she was able to get many people to support the newsletter by contributing to it. Katherine has, however, kindly committed to continue to provide **The A & B Trustees at Work** as well as the edited version of the **Crowninshield Corner**. Marge has committed to continue to provide our **Clubhouse Activity Calendar**. Since there were no volunteers to be the editor, Len Ruthazer was asked and agreed to be the editor after realizing that there would no longer be a community newsletter by the residents and for the residents.



*This newsletter editor is in need of additional aid.*

*Zero salary for the job is what he is paid.*

*Obviously dollars is not what he wants.*

*It's fresh ideas, monthly contributors, and maybe even new fonts.*

*So please let's hear from you at [CondoNews@Comcast.net](mailto:CondoNews@Comcast.net)  
And let's hope each future issue will be better yet.*

(Please note that this e-mail address may only be good for a little while longer. It will probably change soon after the Wellington Crossing web site is launched)

## CROWNINSHIELD CORNER

- Three new recycle barrels are now in use providing additional recycle capacity.
- A survey of gym users will be conducted soon to help determine the use of current equipment given the interest noted for obtaining an elliptical trainer.
- A garbage disposal has been installed in the Clubhouse kitchen.
- Light sensors have been installed in the Clubhouse kitchen and restrooms.
- There were four rentals of the Clubhouse during the month of December.

Katherine Bleyl, Building 6

## NEW IDEA

### Investment Group

Are you interested in getting involved? Do we want to start off with a few meetings of some basics of investing before evolving to more serious stuff like how we analyze stocks and specific stocks we want to analyze? Investment Clubs exist all over the country which are social, educational and aim to be financially rewarding. Even though they are each quite independent, they all tend to subscribe to the same investment philosophy. If enough people here are interested, we certainly can get someone from the Mass Chapter of Better Investing to come here and give a little talk.

When you think about investments, do you think about their liquidity? What about downside risk and upside potential return? The most important factor is your personal comfort level and only knowledge and experience can really alter it.

Does someone in the community want to take the lead? How about a couple of you? One could focus on getting the interested people to a kickoff meeting and the other can focus on orchestrating the meeting.

## BRAIN TEASER



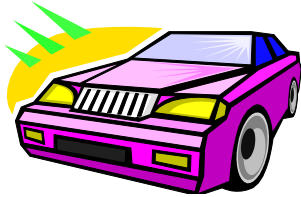
A woman in NY married 10 different men. None died and she never divorced. She broke no laws. How was it possible?

## TIP OF THE MONTH - Water



Do you want to possibly save some water? Lift up the top of the toilet water tank and look at the water level. It should be roughly at a line marked on a round tube in the center of the tank. The mark is about one inch below the top of the tube. If the water level is very close to the top of the tube, you absolutely should have someone adjust it for you if you don't know how to do it yourself. It is amazing but it is estimated that if each one of our tanks required an adjustment, we could potentially save roughly 90,000 gallons each year.

## COMPUTER TIP OF THE MONTH-Car Rental



If you are ever in the need of renting a car, take a look at HOTWIRE. After trying AAA discounts, AARP discounts, and COSTCO discounts and special Alamo deals, or special prepay discounts, etc, etc, etc, HOTWIRE turned out to quote a price which was significantly less than any other. For the specific trip which we went on, they ended up booking us with Budget which incidentally is now owned by Avis.

### Brain Teaser ANSWERS

She was a Justice of the Peace

### QUOTE OF NOTE

Man blames fate for other accidents but feels personally responsible for a hole in one.

Martha Beckman

### FINAL COMMENTS

Any inputs or comments sent to the editor will be welcome. If you want to submit a **Letter to the Editor** of less than 100 words including your name and unit number, in all probability it will be published even though it might have to be slightly edited for grammar, tone, and/or spelling.

Also, if you currently get a black and white paper version of this monthly newsletter and in the future want to get the e-mail version instead, just send a note to [wellingtoncrossing@gmail.com](mailto:wellingtoncrossing@gmail.com). By the way, more than 1/2 of the people in our community are now getting this via e-mail. These people are saving some trees, are reducing the condo expenses, are getting a color version of the newsletter, are getting it even when they are away, and they don't have to worry about the paper being left in the hallway when they are away. Join the crowd!

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# January 2011 at the Clubhouse

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Grill officially closed
2	3 Exercise 10 A.M.	4 Social Committee 6:30 P.M. Poker 7 P.M.	5	6 Games 6:30 P.M.	7 Exercise 10 A.M.	8
9	10 Exercise 10 A.M Communications Committee 7 P.M.	11 Poker 7 P.M.	12 Trustees A & B (Closed meeting) 6 P.M.	13 Games 6:30 P.M.	14 Exercise 10 A.M.	15
16 Rental 11 – 4 P.M.	17 Exercise 10 A.M.	18 Poker 7 P.M. Book Club 7 P.M.	19 Trustees B Meeting 6:30 P.M.	20 Games and Bridge 6:30 P.M.	21 Exercise 10 A.M Cycle ends	22 Rental 11 – 3 P.M.
23	24 Movie Night: The Other Guys 7 P.M.	25 Poker 7 P.M.	26 Trustees A Meeting 6 P.M.	27 Games 6:30 P.M.	28	29 Rental 12 – 6 P.M.
30	31					

After Hours Emergency Contact: 1 (781) 599-4430

Created December, 2010 – Refer to bulletin boards for the most recent information.