

The colors of spring remind us, once again, of why many choose to live in this community. It is one of the most aesthetically pleasing areas in the valley. We should thank the developers of this community for their vision – and for their continued commitment to it. It is important that we do what we can to retain their expertise until this community is fully developed. I would also like to thank all of the volunteers (both past and present) for their contributions to this vision. Because of this commitment our homes retain value better than any other location in the Walla Walla Valley – and this means more money in our pockets when it comes time to sell.

In this newsletter I would like to touch on five items of interest to all members.

- **WEBSITE** - If you have not viewed the VGC website recently please take a few minutes to do so. It has been updated and contains useful information for members and residents. The web address is www.villagesofgarrisoncreek.com
- **BOARD MEETINGS** – Scheduled board meetings are listed on the website. They are set for June 3, Sep 9, and Nov 4. All meetings will be held in the Community Room at the Baker Boyer Bank Plaza Branch at 7:30 PM. We are operating within budget so far this year. Your board of directors will be focusing on ways to maintain or improve the appearance of your community while keeping costs (and your dues) as low as possible. Members constructive comments or suggestions are always welcomed.
- **PROJECTS** – Throughout the summer you will notice work throughout the community. The renovation of the walking trail between phases VII & VIII has been completed. Work will continue on the other trails and common areas as needed to keep them looking nice. There will also be work occurring to repair the sidewalk along the creek where tree roots have raised some of the concrete. Efforts are also being made to enhance the appearance of the ponds. During the hot months you can also expect to see work occurring on the roads and drains.
- **IRRIGATION** – To keep our grounds looking nice requires the operation of a large and complex irrigation system. Leaks are an inevitable reality and a normal part of running such a system. While our service provider monitors the many parts of this system no one can watch everything 24/7. Consequently we rely on your eyes and timely reports to help us respond as quickly as possible to any problems that pop up. Reports may be made to the central VGC phone number, 509-240-8659 extension 3. An easy to remember email has also been established for reporting irrigation problems – VGCwaterleak@gmail.com This email is monitored frequently and is an excellent way to report problems. Please leave as much detail as possible regarding the exact location of a problem when making reports. Leaving a flag to mark the spot also helps us locate the problem area.

- **SOCIAL EVENTS** – Please plan to attend the social events if you are in the area when they occur. These events offer an excellent opportunity to get to know your neighbors. (Thanks to Mike and Nancy Nichols for their efforts in putting these together.)

April 14 2-4pm Kite Flying and hot dogs
June 2 4-6 pm Asparagus Festival
September 8 2-4 pm Apple Fest - Apple Crisp /Ice Cream/Caramel Apples
December 22 4-6 pm Caroling followed by warm cider and refreshments

One more ‘Thank You’ is in order. Roger and Jane Williams contribute time and money each week towards keeping the riparian area walking trail looking nice. Roger has been operating their mower at he and Jane’s own expense. A special ‘Thanks!’ to both of you, Roger and Jane.

Wishing each of you a safe and enjoyable summer!



Donald Coleman
 President, The Villages of Garrison Creek

INTERESTING ‘FACTOIDS’

Did you know?.....

- The original plan for the VGC included approximately 418 units. Using that number the PUD is less than 50% complete (current membership is 203).
- As HOA dues *increase*, the value of a home *decreases*.
- \$2400 of expense incurred by the HOA represents roughly a \$1/month increase in dues to pay for it. (Hence the focus on controlling costs by your board of directors.)