

Villages of Garrison Creek Community Newsletter

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Spring Work Party a Huge Success

By: Jill Showalter

On Saturday morning, March 28th, 2015, a volunteer work party took place. The event had been organized by homeowner, Roger Williams, phase 7. A record number of volunteers showed up to assist in the sprucing up of our beloved Creekside walking trail.

Many may not know, but Roger, this past year has been this silent, unknown, avenger taking responsibility for the upkeep of the Creekside pathway. Perhaps silent is a bit of a stretch, because if you are around, you often can hear him humming about on his riding lawn mower. The odds are you have also seen or caught him in action. All year he has maintained clearing a 3 foot distance on each side of the Creekside path (and done some sprucing/pruning here and there). This past Spring Roger took notice of the rapid overgrowth on each side of the trail and decided to formulate a "Spring (Volunteer) Work Party".

Prior to the work party, Roger worked for over a week trimming low hanging branches and weeding out the dead overhanging ones from the trees. The blackberries were taken care of by one of our lawn maintenance companies.



Just one bunch of many, hauled away by volunteers on tarps



The extreme amount of debris, and large sized pieces required volunteers to drag full, large tarps to the pick up points by the bridges

The objective of the work party was to get several volunteers from the community to assist in sprucing up, raking, trimming, and hauling off the overgrowth that Roger had piled up. In addition to his piles, additional raking and clearing of areas in certain areas of the Creekside and path had been overtaken

and he needed volunteers to help in this area too. The volunteers worked tirelessly, and were essential in getting the big, and extremely heavy piles of wild growth out to the main road, by the bridges between phase 7 and 8, to be hauled away.

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“Giving the Squirrels the Slip” (1)

Have you ever wondered how many birds actually get a taste of the seed you put out? Then do you ponder, why do we have all these cute, chubby squirrels frolicking in, and amongst our birdfeeders?

One tip has been offered up to give those squirrels “the slip”. Literally, this tip is suggested as a way to thwart off the squirrels by putting a material over your birdfeeder pole. The solution is to purchase a shower—rod cover from your local hardware store. Wrap the shower rod cover around your bird feeder pole. The covers are relatively cheap (average price \$2.99), come in a variety of colors, and can be easily cut to the length you need. Now the chubby squirrels will have a big workout, each time they attempt to climb the birdfeeder pole.



Volunteers enjoying the hot dog roast at the Williams'.

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Spring Work Party a Huge Success

On the Work Party day, you could find Roger Williams directing, working hard, and thanking the tremendous turn out of volunteers (at least 30+) . He “put out the word”, so to speak, that he was looking for volunteers to assist him in a “Spring Clean up” of the south side the creekside walking trail and many of our homeowners turned out.

A Note From Roger & Jane Williams, Event Coordinators

On Saturday morning, the last weekend in March , we had a really good "Work Day" cleaning up the south side of Garrison Creek. Jane and I had spent a couple of weeks cutting away dead wood and doing some trimming, Scott Towslee in preparation for the day, volunteered nearly a day and a half with a "Brush Hog" cutting away at the many small saplings that had taken over near the Walkway.

I must say, that having organized "work days" over many years **this one ranked Number One** in terms of participation, enthusiasm, folks working together on a common project and what I see as an emerging "new spirit" in the Villages. Dick Cook brought tarps and helped with the on-site leadership, Ron and CJ Hines were there with their good will and enthusiasm, Thacher Brooks, Shaun and Sandra Borth, Scott Towslee and Linda, Mike Forte, Tom Herron, Cassie Seigal, our Board President and her phase 8 entourage, Barbara Larson, Chuck & Peggy Curtis, Marge Douglas, Ray Davis, not to mention Mark and Laura Minne, Cathy Cook, and many others from Phases VI, VII and Phase VIII were on hand. Norm Lucarelli, while unable to do physical work, was on hand to lend his encouragement and moral support., and Anne Richmond contributed by bringing by some home baked cookies for the volunteers. There were so many volunteers, I am remiss, that I can not mention you all...but believe me, I appreciate each and everyone's contribution.

What was great? We got started right on time, and miracle of miracles, finished up the project right at 11:30 am, just in time for a hot dog roast at the Williams'.

There will be other opportunities for this kind of volunteer work in the future. Let's give ourselves a big pat on the back for this work. And ENJOY THE WALK ALONG THE CREEK.

Roger and Jane Williams

Healthy Yards & Plants: Best Practices in Horticulture

Contributing Author: Jack Gisler, Phase 8



Beginning its first year, as the newest, and practically complete Phase, the Phase 8 Board of Directors employed a Consultant, whose field of expertise was Landscape Architecture. The Consultant provided invaluable landscape advice and vision of the Phase 8 landscaping. Utilizing his knowledge and guidance, Phase 8 homeowners were able to give input in developing a landscape plan(guidelines) for Phase 8 to initiate and follow. Phase 8 has shared with their homeowners, and contracted lawn company, Diamond Cut, their newly adopted Architectural Landscape Design, and the guidelines on how to care for the plant life in their phase. Much of the "guidelines"/information given to Phase 8, they felt would useful for other Phases and Homeowners. Below you will find many good suggestions the Consultant provided, ranging from general horticultural practices to specific plant selections. Here are some of his recommendations:

- **Apply good horticultural practices for two years before making any major vegetation changes.** For example, most of the vegetation in Phase 8 is very young and needs time to mature and to determine what can succeed. **Replace only the plants that did not survive the winter, especially those that were killed by last November's freeze.**
- **Avoid shearing vegetation with very few exceptions. Shearing bushes and trees renders them susceptible to diseases and temperature extremes. Pruning is more preferable if it is done carefully, and at appropriate times of the year and the plants growth cycle..** For example, shearing (shaping) is acceptable in creating and maintaining hedges, once the bushes are mature and healthy. Shearing, or cutting, ornamental grasses to the ground in the early spring allows for new growth. Lavender plants also benefit from a good trimming before the plant starts to take shape, and starts to bloom. However, it is always best to error on the side of caution because excessive shearing results in expensive plant loss and maintenance costs.
- **Fertilize turf grass with Triple 16 three times each year in October, April and late June.** Mow turf grass in lawns at 3 inches and at 4 inches in the retention basins to conserve water. Irrigate less frequently, but for longer periods of time this will enable the grass to root more deeply.
- **Fertilize rhodies, evergreens and boxwood hedges with special fertilizer once a year (October) applying sulfate forms of fertilizer to build up acid content in the soil for these and other acid-loving plants.**
- **Rhodies cannot handle too much sun and should be planted to the north or east sides of houses, or where partial shade is made in your yard.** Once they are established, they are hardy, and reliable flowering plants.
- **Top up bark mulch to 2" using larger size nuggets to impede weed growth,** this will decrease your water usage because the bark is absorbent and will insulate plants better.

It is the thoughts of phase 8, that these guidelines will help us achieve some basic landscaping goals, which include cost savings, aesthetics and sustainability. It is our hopeful intention, by sharing our findings from the expert, that other Homeowners and Phase leaders may find this information educational and applicable to their Phase or Home.



PHASE LANDSCAPING & LAWN MAINTENANCE INFORMATION

- Phase 1 Homes: Smith Brothers
- Phase 1 Common Area : Smith Brothers
- Phase 2 Home: Smith Brothers
- Phase 2 Common Area : Smith Brothers
- Phase 5 Homes: Diamond Cut
- Phase 5 Common Areas: Diamond Cut
- Phase 6 Homes: Diamond Cut
- Phase 6 Common Area: Diamond Cut
- Phase 7 Homes: Smith Brothers
- Phase 7 Common Areas: Smith Brothers
- Phase 8 Homes: Diamond Cut
- Phase 8 Common Areas: Diamond Cut
- Phase 10 Homes: Lawns Plus
- Phase 10 Common Area: Lawns Plus

Shared Community Common Areas (under Master Board responsibility):
Ike Muro Landscaping & Irrigation

Homeowners wanting backyard service are welcome to chose any lawn care company of their personal choice. You will need to contact the lawn service of your choosing, and negotiate the rates with that company.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BACKYARD CARE, LANDSCAPING

- Smith Brothers : 509-529-4584
- Diamond Cut : 509-529-2175
- Lawns Plus : 509-529-5200
- Muro’s Landscaping & Irrigation:
509-529-8718
509-520-0261

****If you have an issue with your Phase lawn maintenance, please call your local Phase President. If you need to report a Shared Community Common Area issue, contact Board Member, and Lawn & Landscaping Chair person Nancy Nichols, or Co-Chair Cassie Siegal. *If in doubt, you should first contact your Phase President.* (For Phase Leaders Contact Information see page 5) Lawn & Landscaping Committee Chair/CoChair Nancy Nichols: bostonnan@icloud.com Cassie Siegal: siegaljt@comcast.net**



Coming Soon to A Place Near You— PHASE NINE?

Contributing Writer, Lanny Collins

We often hear someone say “Rome wasn’t built in a day.”

Which is to say, that certain projects involve a great deal of complexity and take time.....sometimes an extended period of time, and in all reality patience is sometimes needed.

In The Villages of Garrison Creek we have such a circumstance at the present time. Many of you noticed the surveying of the property north of Garrison Village Way in January 2015. Most recently, a notice of a public meeting/hearing on an application for a permit to build by Pahlisch Homes of Bend, Oregon has been posted by the City of College Place on a portion of the property just east of Phase X. These are obvious signs of a new and complex project that is in the early stages.

In early February, Chad Bettsworth, Land Development Manager for Pahlisch Homes, requested a meeting with Cassie Siegal. The meeting was scheduled for February 18. At the meeting on the 18th, Chad Bettsworth and Dennis Pahlisch, Owner & President of PahlischHomes, presented to Cassie Siegal and I, a concept piece on the project they hope to develop on the north side of Garrison Village Way, beginning with the property just east of Phase X. Their plan would be to begin construction in June 2015. They asked for an opportunity, at a date as soon as is practical, to make a presentation to the homeowners of the existing Phases, and to answer questions at that time. It’s premature at this stage of the project for a presentation from Pahlisch Homes. A meeting will be scheduled as soon as the project reaches a “go-forward” stage that warrants such a meeting. Cassie and myself appreciated the transparency and openness of Pahlisch Homes in reaching out to us at this stage. We both sensed a high level of professional expertise and commitment by PahlischHomes President /Owner and their Land Development Manager, which would serve The Villages well.

If you would like to know more about Pahlisch Homes, the following link connects to their website: <http://www.pahlischhomes.com/>

The Public Hearing took place April 13, 2015, 1:30 pm, in the City of College Place Council Chambers. The decisions rendered are posted on the City Hall website under “Hearing Examiner”. The purpose of the Hearing Examiner system is to assure fairness and due process protection for all persons involved in the land use hearing process. It is the Hearing Examiner’s responsibility to render land use decisions in an efficient manner. Hearings held before the Hearing Examiner are quasi-judicial proceedings. The decision of the hearing examiner on all matters is final and conclusive, unless appealed according to CPMC 19.15.040 (Superior Court) within 21 calendar days of the date of the decision or action.

Greetings from the Architectural Review Committee

Submitted by Donna Fisher
ARC Sub-Committee Leader

There may be some home owners in the Villages that would like to make changes in their front yard plantings this spring. The Architectural Review Committee would be happy to assist in helping you to make plant selections. If you would like our assistance, please contact us at our website. villagesar@gmail.com or call Donna Fisher.

If you are scheduled to have your home painted this summer and want to make a color change please contact Doug Botimer.

We are planning to do an assessment of the trees on the trails and after that we will be planting new trees. The Master Association is not responsible for the removal of some of the trees that have been cut. Some homeowners have cut trees across the creek without consulting with ARC or the Master Board. This may have been due to fear of trees falling.

Last fall we had an Arborist inspect all the trees on the trails and we then had three trees cut that were deceased. We believe the Arborist will give us good direction concerning the trees. Please contact us if you have any questions. We want our walking trails to be well kept and beautiful. And we will work toward that goal now that we have a budget in place.



Phase(s) Reminders & Messages:

Phase 1 Leadership is hoping you will share your email addresses with them so that they may have those on file. For both of the busy guys in Phase 1 they would like the opportunity to be able to correspond or contact you time-to-time, using this method of communication. You can submit your email address with your monthly payment, or if you have direct deposit, you can still write down your name, and email address, and then drop it off in the Treasurer's "Mail Box/Drop Box.".....and just a gentle reminder that your phase's HOA monthly dues are to be paid by 1st of each month. If you have a difficulty with this due date, please speak to your phase Treasurer, Tim Kyle, or President Scott Towslee.

Linda Morris, our Phase 2 Leader would like to remind everyone in her phase that their monthly HOA payments are due on the 15th of each month. If you are unable, or do not choose to pay by that date, Linda will now be re-enforcing the 1% interest rate penalty and tack it onto any of your late monthly payments, and any other outstanding dues. For anyone questioning this policy, you may refer to the Phase 2 By-Laws. The By-Laws for this Phase were updated several years ago, to include the 1% late fee.

The Leadership in Phase 7 will continue to add any items of note or interest, onto their monthly invoices, which Treasurer, Norma Sewell normally publishes and delivers to your door. She and President Dick Cook, will continue "business-as-usual".

Coming Soon.....We will be developing a communication plan with the Phase Leaders to identify "new-to-the neighborhood" individuals and families, that have moved in each quarter. Next publication will have a "Welcome to The Villages" posting.

Phase Leaders/Contact Information

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Please Call 509-240-8659 Ext. 717



Dog Gone-It— “I am Sorry!”

It has come to my attention a few unfortunate homeowners (usually corner homes) have been tagged as the watering spot for many of our pets. Unfortunately, for those individuals and their lawns, the well-intentioned pets do damage—you know, the cursed yellow spot (s). It is a common problem for pet owners with homes and lawns for their pet’s urine to kill off their grass. We, here at the Villages, are all too familiar with this occurrence each day. Unfortunately, the reality is that both dogs, and outdoor cats, do damage to many of our nicely manicured lawn(s). Therefore, our responsibility is to make sure our beloved four-footed, family members do not wander off to mark their spot on the lovely, green grass corners and front lawns of our neighbors.

Differing opinions abound, as to what it is in a pet’s urine that causes the yellow spots/dead grass? Some in the field of knowledge claim it is due to the pet’s acidity in their urine, due to a higher concentration of salt and PH levels. Other opinions point to the spike of excess nitrogen in your pet’s diet. No matter the cause, we know the outcome yellow polka dotted lawns.

As good pet parents we try to teach our pets all the manners and graces of living in our nicely landscaped community. These “children” (pets) of ours are full of fun, and love the interesting walking trails. Yards and trails alike are smelly-good and full of other creatures, and pet scents too. It is real important to keep your dogs on a short lead/leash as they walk around the neighborhood. Many like to “mark” their spot on that favorite corner home, or rock on the pathway. We need to be careful not to let our dogs too close to anyone’s home so they do not ruin their lawns.

Here are some tips and helpful hints in keeping your own lawn green—and to avoiding the “DOG SPOTS”

There are sprays that help repair and cover up the brown spots on the grass. Also there are patches that can be used to fixed the affected area.

But what many pet owners are unaware of is supplements/ treats given to dogs to make their dog’s urine far less damaging. Basically these products, like **Green Grass Guard**, naturally bind with dog urine reducing its harmful effects. There are different products that do this, the natural ones such as **Green Grass Guard** and **Lawn Aid** are completely harmless to your pet, and do not effect kidney or liver function in any way. Pet Smart, Petco, drsfostersmith.com and even Home Depot and Lowes are all good resources when tackling the problem of the yellow grass. So on behalf of our four –footed friends, whom may have spotted your lawn.....they say “I’m Sorry!”

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Home Maintenance Tip:

*Submitted by
Doug Botimer*

Traditionally, during the colder months, home owners have closed off, or blocked the vents around the foundation of their home. It is now known that this is not the desirable practice for homes in the Northwest. It has been found that in order to keep your home safe and dry, **YOU SHOULD NOT CLOSE THE VENTS DURING WINTERTIME,** or any other time of the year. Homes are designed and built to have the vents open at all times in Washington state.

So, if your home has vents, they need to remain open at all times in order to maintain a Healthy Home!





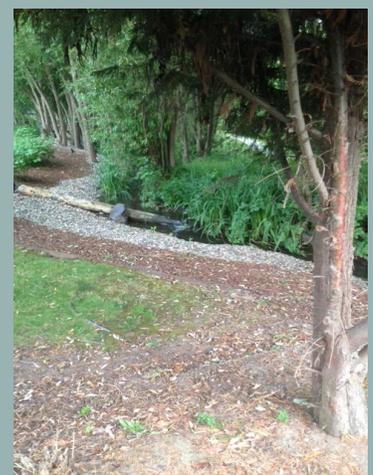
Introducing Ike Landscaping Irrigation:

**VGC's New Contractor for the
Common areas maintained by
the Master Board:**

Profile: IKE Muro established his business in 2005. He offers a full menu of lawn care, landscape, irrigation services. Ikes Landscaping Irrigation is considered a premier, professional landscape and lawn care company, offering a wide variety of residential and commercial services to clients in Walla Walla. They are known to pay exquisite attention to detail, and have built a solid reputation on making customer satisfaction their number one priority. The business was established in 2005, and Ike Muro is state licensed as a General Contractor in Washington. He offers free estimates, and warranties,and welcomes small jobs too.

Services Offered: (but not limited to)

- ⇒ Brick & Stone Patios. Walks and steps.
- ⇒ Brick stone or block wall repair, brick and stone flatwork repair, Brick & stone driveways and floors—installation & Concrete.
- ⇒ Landscape Designer & Decorators Landscaping including, sod install, yard landscape installs.
- ⇒ Soil, sand, mulch, rock delivery.
- ⇒ Minor grading or resloping.
- ⇒ Lawn & Garden Care - Mow and maintain lawns.
- ⇒ Sprinkler system install.
- ⇒ Sprinkler System Repair, weatherization; winterize or activate.
- ⇒ Fertilization or special lawn treatments.
- ⇒ Snow removal services
- ⇒ Fall/Spring yard clean ups





A Frosty Early Spring/Late Winter enchanting the Creekside at the Villages of Garrison Creek: Feb. 2014

COMMERCIAL AD SPACE AVAILABLE FOR A PROFESSIONAL/WORKPLACE



“MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR” CASSIE SIEGAL

Let me introduce to you a very active, personable, and young-spirited, person, whom I have had the great pleasure of getting to know this past year. I am introducing to you “**OUR NEIGHBOR**”, *Cassie Siegal*. For some of you, you may know her thru her volunteer leadership here in the Villages. Cassie was voted this last December, 2014, to serve as the Master Board President.

Cassie, and her husband, Jeff, have lived here a little less than 2 years, in Phase 8. They moved here from Vancouver, WA, where they formally resided for over 22 years. Cassie and Jeff will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary this summer.

The couple have two adult daughters, and are proud grandparents of three little ones—grandchildren.

- Contributed by:
Jill Showalter

When Cassie rolled up to the Villages, she jumped onto the curb and then dove head first into volunteering for VGC. She first joined the ARC, and then dove further in, to increase her volunteerism to include holding the office of Phase 8 President, and now leading our Master Board, as President.

Cassie enjoys volunteering with us “Big Kids”, but her true heart belongs to her volunteer work in the schools. She is currently volunteering at Waitsburg Elementary School in a 4th grade class, taught by Phase 8 resident Marge Douglas. Cassie is looking forward to helping Marge and her kids celebrate Her interest in the young ones (grandkids, school kids) has a special way of influencing her, and her ability in capturing a fun and youthful energy that she exudes in all she does for others and VGC. Cassie has a unique and special spirit of volunteerism and a

giving heart she spreads to others.

She is a beginner golfer, and an enthusiastic Yoga participant ...and so enthusiastic she jets off to class every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 am to to Walla Walla’s YMCA. When you see Cassie next, be sure to say hello to “**OUR NEIGHBOR**” *Cassie Siegal*.

*****If you know someone with an interesting background, or who is new to VGC, please submit their name for our next newsletter and column of “Meet your Neighbor”. You can simply submit a person’s name (and be sure to get their permission) for us to write the profile—Or- the submissions can be written and submitted by you, their neighbor. And, if you are not quite ready to participate in the column, just look out your door and make a point to Meet Your Neighbor.**





Looking for photographs, drawings, paintings, & art work of all kinds to give everyone a glimpse of "LIFE IN THE VILLAGES OF GARRISON CREEK".



Did you know we have a medium size turtle that lives in the front pond? Have you seen the owl during the summer and fall that sits in the trees near the creek? Tasted any of the yummy black berries along the creekside path? And have you ever run into a snake while gardening?



Submissions are by people who live in The Villages—we are looking for novices, kids, hobbyists, artists, and anyone who has a cool photo, picture, etc. The submissions need to be formatted for viewing on paper (*mediums include, but not limited to,*



photos, paintings, drawings or a photo of a 3-D piece of art: sculptors, carvings, etc.) The general theme is some aspect of our wildlife, people, creatures, pets, seasonal "beauty", landmarks on our property (Kids art is encouraged) The art work will be accepted year round and posted in our quarterly newsletter. At year-end the collection of "art works" will be posted for all to vote on their selections for our first "Voices of the Village" 12 month calendar, presented by The Villages of Garrison Creek

Or perhaps it is the people that live here that intrigue you most.....Share & show us what you see

A free calendar will be shared with each home/homeowner in The Villages. For submission of one of your photos/art, **email to newsletter writer/editor, Jill Showalter at: valentinadarling@gmail.com. Or, if you are having difficulties, feel free to call Jill at 876-4127. For those emailing please label the "art:" - with the artist's name, phase (*optional*—*artist's age, & years living in The Villages*)**



There is A Hero in All of Us....

There are those whose lives affect all others around them. Quietly touching one heart, who in turn, touches another. Reaching out to ends further than they would ever know.

THE ORNAMENT OF A HOUSE IS THE FRIENDS THAT FREQUENT IT
—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

WHAT WE DO TODAY,
RIGHT NOW, WILL HAVE AN ACCUMULATED EFFECT ON ALL OUR TOMORROWS.
ALEXANDRA STODDARD

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong, because

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.
HELEN KELLER

Quotes:

There are those whose lives affect all others around them. Quietly touching one heart, who in turn, touches another. Reaching out to ends further than they would ever know.
—WILLIAM BRADFIELD

◆ What we do today, right now, will have an accumulated effect on all our tomorrows. —ALEXANDRA STODDARD

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◆ How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong, because someday in your life, you will have been all of these. —GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

◆ The ornament of a House is the Friends that Frequent It. —RALPH WALDO EMERSON

As it is often said "It takes a Village to Raise a Child"

Here at the Villages of Garison Creek

"It Takes a Village to Make a Family."

Let's Take the Year, 2015, to Meet Our Neighbors and Become a Cohesive and Caring Community.

There are lots of opportunities for everyone to make a difference and do something in the spirit of "The Villages". Submit an article for the newsletter; Join the Welcoming Committee; Help plan a Social Event; Place a Personal Ad for a Social Group—get to know your neighbors—Bridge Clubs, Book Clubs, Mommy & Me Play Days; etc. Explore the neighborhood and capture it in a piece of art—Photos, Drawings; Join the Volunteer Committee; Be a part of the Communications team. You have an idea? Just approach your Phase Leaders or one of our Master Board Members—let's try to make a goal of building up our community involvement in the year 2015.

I Hope to Make A Difference!

And Look Forward to Getting to Know my Neighbors.

Warmly yours, Jill

Greetings From The Villages President

Hello to all,

My name is Cassie Siegal and I am serving as President of the Master Board this year. My husband, Jeff and I moved to the area about two years ago. When we were looking for a place to call home, the Villages was an area that immediately attracted us.

I have met some great people who live in the Villages., and I am certainly looking forward to meeting more!

As I had stated at the Special Budget Meeting, on March 1, I believe the role of the Master Board is to continue to build on this community, by providing an environment that is beautiful on the outside, as well as the inside. With 203 homes, everyone may have a different definition of "beautiful"; therefore, it is important to work towards a unified definition. Fostering, and embracing communication is one the keys in achieving this mission. It will take compromise, a willingness to listen, patience, civil communication, and a willingness to offer support.

I commit to you that the Board will work diligently to resolve issues as smoothly and quickly as possible. I would ask all of our wonderful residents to extend and reciprocate these same values to your volunteer leadership on the Master Board. Our goal will be achieved when The Villages of Garrison Creek is a "special place" in the eyes of each and every person in our community.

I hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of 2015.

Best Wishes for a wonderful Spring !

Cassie Siegal

THANK YOU to Jim Hall, Greg & Sandy Cuff, & Marge Douglas for handling registration and/or the ballots at the Special Budget Meeting

March 1 2015 , Special Budget Meeting: Ballot Count

Accept	67
Reject	9
Abstain	<u>1</u>
Total	77
Ballots issued (1 per lot)	
Owners present	51
Owner by Proxy	<u>26</u>
Total	77 (Quorum 75)

A Special Budget Meeting was held Sunday, March 1st, at the Lions Park Meeting Room. The Meeting was held to introduce a revised 2015 budget designed by the New Master Board of Directors and the newly formed Budget Sub-Committee. The revised 2015, fiscal year budget was passed. The results are as following:





NOTES TO NEIGHBORS

Young Mother Would Like to Meet Other Parents and/or Families with Young Children in The Villages:

My name is Travis,, and I am the mother of a social 14.5 month old-daughter and would enjoy connecting, and getting to know other parents and/or families with young children. I am newly returned to Walla Walla/College Place. I am "somewhat new" to The Villages. My parents, Ray and Diana Goff, have had a home on Creekside (phase 6) for more than 10 years, and now I live just around the corner from them, here in The Villages. I'm happy to be joining The Villages community. P.S. My daughter is looking forward to a playdate or two, as "mommy" gets to know some neighbors. Thanks, Travis Goff [406-600-4105](tel:406-600-4105) or travis_goff@me.com.

Belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Connie Riordan (April 7th).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best Wishes were sent your way from your neighbors and friends in Phase 5. Hope you had a grand day of celebrations! 89 years young!

Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, First Day of School - Write a Personal Ad to brighten someone's day!



Have items sitting in the Den or Garage & they are collecting Dust? Why not advertise it for free here?



The Master Board Would like to Give Special Thanks to Roger Williams and his Wife Jane:

Roger Williams, phase 7, was the lead volunteer preparing and leading the Spring Creekside Clean Up Event. He put in more than 50 hours of prep work on the trail. In addition, he spent extra time to recruit, co-ordinate, and "treat" the volunteers who assisted the day of the clean up. Jane Williams, his wife, is also to be thanked for hosting the work parties' after-party, of a hot dog roast.

Gratitude is Expressed to our Volunteer Creekside Clean Up Crew

Roger Williams & The Master Board of Directors are very thankful to all the individuals whom participated in the April 4, 2015 Creekside Pathway Clean up Crew. There were over 30 (+) volunteers (too many to share all the names, and roles they played) showed up to participate on that Saturday morning. The work the volunteers achieved (lead by Roger Williams) is equivalent to several thousand dollars worth, of unbudgeted labor costs. Sincere gratitude goes out to all the volunteers.

CLASSIFIED PERSONALS



FREE
50" Mitsubishi Large Screen Projection TV

Free 50" television with built-in speakers. All-in-one-unit, encased in black, that sits on four locking casters for easy movement. Purchased in 2005/2006. Video, audio, & cable plug-ins are built in, enabling game playing, cable hook ups, DVD players. Works great, no visual/audio problems, and never needed any repairs—just dated. The unit is in excellent condition. Size is 47.5" tall x 38" wide x 24' deep. Good for struggling college students, game playing, or a live cable/jukebox using cable music channels. TV is a piece of "functional furniture", where you can display or place items on top on the TV. For more information call Mike @876-4127 or mtf777@netzero.net

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The comforter and matching pillows are jeweled toned (Ruby & Gold) woven colorful threads designing regal & damask square patterns that



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(88"x92"); 2 Standard Shams (20"x26"+3"); 1 Bed Ruff(60"X80"+14"); 1 Neckroll (9"X15") 1 Square Cushion (16"x16") ; 1 Envelope Cushion (16"X16. The se was Purchased 2 years ago (for \$150.00), and did not use, due to move to a new home/new colors. Additional Items of Matching Bath Accessories Accompany the Ensemble (Used less than 1 month & Excellent Condition—approx., cost \$100+) Tissue Holder, Soap Dish, Soap/Lotion dispenser, Toothbrush Holder, Matching Decorative Towels (2 Towels; 1 Hand Towel: 1 Fingertip Towel, Burgundy/Gold Striped Decorative Shower Curtain & 10 clear rings). To view, [make offer](mailto:make_offer), more info. call Jill 876-4127 or valentinadarling@gmail.com

