

FOM THE DESK OF PETER MASTROPOALO

With cold weather approaching, be sure to disconnect your garden hoses from the outside faucets. If a faucet seems loose on its mount, tip it down to let the water drain out. This will prevent it from freezing. Be sure to have your sprinkler system winterized as well. All sprinkler systems should have been shut down as of October 15th.

If you cover your air conditioner, be sure to leave an open space on the sides to allow for air circulation. This will prevent moisture from building up inside the condenser. Moisture can damage the electric controls in the condenser unit. Most manufacturers do not recommend covering the condenser for this reason. If you do cover the unit, please consult your manual.

We have one new family living in the new section and one more family will be moving in, in the spring.

You must notify the office when you need a special garbage pick-up on a Monday, and for garbage pick-ups from private parties held in the rec hall.

During a snow storm all cars must be off the street for snow removal. If you do not want your driveway and walks shoveled by the outside help, put a sign on your front door..NO SHOVEL. Remove the sign when the roads have been plowed and you are ready to be dug out. Last year a lot of people were dug out before we finished plowing and got plowed back in. If it is not an emergency, please wait until we are done plowing.

Keeping It Safe

By Bill Austin, Unit 74

We live in a wonderful village in the most beautiful part of Long Island. As neighbors we are all responsible for maintaining the character of our community in a way that allows all of us to continue to enjoy living here. A big part of that responsibility is to assure that our village is a safe place for all. Each of us has a role to play in this responsibility.

I have recently agreed to take on the role of Traffic and Safety Officer for the HOA. Though I need to learn more about what this entails I see this as an opportunity to provide a focal point for safety and traffic issues that may be of concern to all of us. In that regard I welcome your input. Please feel free to speak with me directly, send me a note (please sign your name), or contact me by phone (631 669-4508) or e-mail (dcnbill@optonline.net). If you have a concern I will do what I can to bring it to the attention of the appropriate party either here at Foxwood or the town of Riverhead.

I ask each of you to do your part in keeping our community safe. One of the important ways that we can all do this is by observing the community speed limit (15 MPH) as we drive around. It's no surprise that studies confirm that in traffic accidents people fare much better when vehicles are traveling at slower speeds. Also, the severity of injury for pedestrians hit by cars increases drastically with age; older folks tend to suffer more serious injuries that younger in similar accidents. So, please keep the speed down; let's not find out if those studies are accurate by being involved in an accident.

I look forward to helping to keep all of us safe in any way that I can.