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A periodic newsletter for owners of *The Bridge*

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## Summer Drawing to an End

At the time of this writing, the calendar says that summer is ending while the weather can't make up its mind what season to be. Things have seemed fairly quiet at the Bridge, and with continuing good luck they will stay that way.

No community renovations have been needed, but work has been done to repair problems at specific buildings along with a minor repair in a restroom at the pool. Maintenance options for the pavement at the entrance are being evaluated.

## Pool Closing

If you want to get in a last dip in the pool, or if you've been putting off your first swim of the season, be aware that our pool will be closing on September 30. At that time, cleaning will be discontinued and the chemical balance will not be maintained, so it will be unhealthy to use the pool. Some time thereafter, the cover will be placed over the water, making use of the pool not only unhealthy but dark. (Attempted pool joke.)

## Don'ts and Dos

*Don't.* Our management company warns that there is a municipal ordinance against keeping planters on a staircase. They could pose a problem in case of a fire. So, to avoid a fire hazard or a confrontation with a fire marshal, don't set pots on the stairs.

*Don't.* Do not plant vegetation in your yard without first getting permission from the Architectural Review Committee. This stipulation in our by-laws is not intended to restrict horticultural creativity, but to guard against the planting of something that might harm property values. Something like kudzu, poison ivy, or an alien, blood-craving plant such as the one in "Little Shop of Horrors." The Committee will be reasonable; it consists of your neighbors.

*Don't.* When the compactor gets jammed, we have to use money from the maintenance fund for repairs, and it often jams when it's fed oversized items or construction materials. It may seem convenient to put your big trash items in the compactor, but a non-functioning compactor imposes an inconvenience and a financial charge on your neighbors. The county dump is nearby.

*Do.* If you see someone abusing our compactor, ask them to stop. Or try to identify them, their car, or their license plate and report to our management company for appropriate response.

*Do.* Dogwalkers, continue to do your good job of poop-scooping. We've heard positive reports lately of residents using the dog stations at either end of the Bridge Lane oval. Either that, or your pets have learned to work a toilet. Whatever the case, keep up the cleaning up.

*Do.* If you have an interest in beautifying The Bridge or getting exercise or meeting neighbors, consider joining the Landscape Committee. Occasionally they do some planting, watering, or spreading and could use reinforcements. At the present time, no projects are scheduled, but they wanted to be part of this newsletter. If this is something you might do, tell Huck or Lisa at the e-mail addresses shown below.

## **Sales Up, Appraisals Up**

The value of our properties has been rising. At least 10 units have sold this year, and the prices have been encouraging. Welcome to our new neighbors. Furthermore, our property appraisals are going up. While higher tax bills are not desirable, they indicate an upward trend in home values.

## **Living around Here**

There's a new good time emporium in town: Wade's at 1061 Concord Road. Terming its style as casual American, this is a family-friendly restaurant (with crayons and six flavors of ice cream) which serves craft beers and specialty cocktails. The menu comprises expected items plus Korean fried chicken and boiled peanuts. Tables feature a flea-market-variety of salt and pepper shakers in a bright, airy setting. Wade's has been amazingly busy since its recent opening. It doesn't have a salad bar to match Ruby Tuesday's or a price to match Varner's cheeseburger special, but it offers generous portions and is a worthy addition to the neighborhood.

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