

SPRINGBROOK CONDOMINIUM NEWSLETTER

2000 Springbrook Circle, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

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Information and Updates from Ron Maglieri and the Board of Directors

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HAD YOUR VACCINE SHOT?



Phase 1A and 1B covers all residents 75 years of age or older as well as most health-care professionals and frontline essential workers.

Phase 2A will open on March 17th (appts start 3/22) and will cover K thru 12th grade school staff and childcare providers.

Phase 2B will open on March 22nd (appts start 3/25) and will cover anyone 50 years of age or older.

Additional vaccine information is available at:

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/vaccination-faqs>

or you can phone 211.

MELTING SNOW: As the snow melts and uncovers the grass in the Dog Walking areas, your neighbors will appreciate your returning to those areas identified with signage.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: *"Spring forward Fall back"*

Remember to turn your clocks ahead by 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 13.

Changing our clocks twice each year provides a good reminder to check (or change) the batteries in our smoke detectors.

ON HOLD?



You may not be surprised to learn that the average American spends 43 days of their lives on hold.

Source: CBS Evening News 2-5-21

INSURANCE: A recent fire at Springbrook that resulted in the need to gut the interior of one unit and make substantial repairs in the unit below, is the most recent reminder of the need to make certain that whether you are an owner/resident, an owner who rents the unit, or a tenant occupying the unit, please be sure that you have adequate coverage. Source of the fire? A candle.

TOILET PAPER vs FLUSHABLE WIPES:



Last year during the toilet paper shortage (or hoarding) many people turned to flushable wipes which resulted in many clogs at wastewater treatment plants. A spokesperson for Indian River County, Florida, described the problem as being "... akin to seaweed getting caught around your boat propeller." Consumer Reports tested some popular flushable wipes and found it took 12 hours for Scotts and Cottonelle to break down, but Charmin and Equate never did, even after 10 minutes in a mixer.

Source:

Treasure Coast Newspapers 3-28-20

Please avoid the use of "flushable" wipes. As a NYC sanitary system expert said of these products, "A golf ball is flushable, but it's not a good idea."

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Attention: Deedee Stillman**

BIRDFEEDERS: Some years ago, following occurrences of rodents entering some of the buildings at Springbrook, the then Board consulted with Granite State Chemical (GSC), a local pest control company. The primary cause of the problem turned out to be birdfeeders near the buildings. More specifically, the bird seed would collect on the ground and attract insects and rodents. Once adjacent to the building, they can infiltrate the dwelling – and they did.



As a result, while **the use of bird feeders is discouraged**, there is a policy regarding their use.

Bird Feeder Policy:

- A unit is limited to one bird feeder
- Must be placed a minimum of 35 feet from any structure
- Whenever possible, place towards the wooded areas
- Do not place near walkways or parking areas
- Suspended feeders must be a minimum of 3 feet above the ground
- Birdseed must be in a feeder (not loose).

If you **still** wish to put up a bird feeder, you will be expected to faithfully abide by the rules above.

DON'T BE A CHARLIE:

Though spring is upon us, there is no guarantee we will not have more snow. If we do, don't be Charlie. Joe moved his car to the road as soon as it was plowed. Charlie was busy and never got around to moving his car until *after* the plow driver had completed clearing his parking lot. For the next 2 weeks of cold weather, the area where Charlie's car had been parked while the lot was plowed, is lumpy with tire ruts and foot prints in frozen snow. Is this treacherous situation a problem for Charlie? No - he finally moved his car. He now parks in the area clean of snow and tire ruts. He parks where Joe had been!

***Be a good neighbor,
don't be a Charlie.***

STORM / SCREEN DOORS:

If you are considering a storm / screen door for your unit please be reminded that, in an effort to maintain uniformity, there is only one approved door at Springbrook. The approved storm / screen door is available at Harvey Industries. It is:

ProVia's
Superview #896 One-Lite,
Color: Snow Mist
Standard black pull exterior handle.

The purchase and installation of the approved door may be made by a contractor of your choice or you may contact Allen Barrette at 603 475-2305.

(Note: The previously approved storm door is no longer being made.)

NH's LITERARY HISTORY:

What do The Cat in the Hat, Pollyanna, and Curious George have in common?

Their creators (Dr. Seuss, Eleanor H. Porter, and H. A. and Margret Rey) all lived in New Hampshire.

Dr. Seuss, aka Theodore Geisel, attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH.

Eleanor H. Porter, creator of Pollyanna, is a native of Littleton, NH.

Margret and H.A. Rey, authors of the Curious George children's book series were summer residents of Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, where the Rey Center honors their spirit of curiosity and discovery by increasing understanding & participation in art, science & nature through programs for youth, adults & families.

Peterborough NH is both the setting of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" and the location of the first tax-supported public library in America.

CORRECTION:

There was an error in the last issue of this newsletter. The last line in the paragraph below was said by Bob Kraft, not Tom Brady as was mistakenly noted.

Tom Brady was 22 when Bob Kraft said to him "You're our 6th round draft choice" to which Brady responded "I'm the best decision this organization has ever made." In 2012 Kraft said "It looks like he could be right."
(Source: Huffington Post 12-6-17)

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