

SPRINGBROOK CONDOMINIUM NEWSLETTER

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Information and Updates from Ron Maglieri and the Board of Directors

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MOTORCYCLES: If you have one, enjoy it safely and please enter and exit Springbrook as quietly as possible. Thanks.

THE CONDO BOARD: Some of the work the board has planned (and budgeted) for, that you are likely to see in the coming weeks and months: the replacement of 4 dead trees along the sidewalk beside buildings 2 and 3; an extension of the sidewalk from building 1 to the mail house; the power washing of buildings 2, 7, and 8 (they are next in the rotation of 3 per year), the removal of 8 trees in the woods that were deemed to be "at risk"; and the painting of all front doors at Springbrook.

Those of you who have been waiting for the replacement of shrubs that died following the big landscaping project, you have not been forgotten. As you may know, it was determined that improving the drainage in those selected areas before replacing the plantings was warranted. Unforeseen circumstances prevented the chosen vendor from being able to do the work last year but the long planned drainage swales are expected to be done this month.

GRILL FIRES:



From May through August, nearly 60 percent of residential fires start from grills. Those fires include hibachis, charcoal and propane grills. Propane grills carry a special danger of explosion if the tank gets too hot or if there is gas buildup in and around the grill. Fire departments in the U.S. were dispatched to an average of 8,600 fires a year involving grills, hibachis or barbecues.

Grilling means you're playing with fire, so keep a fire extinguisher handy.



Source: Firemen's Association of the State of NY

BIRDFEEDERS & RODENTS:

In the last issue of this newsletter we reviewed the history of Springbrook's policy regarding birdfeeders. (see Documents on our website for Bird Feeder Policy). Sadly, a number of residents had to remove their feeders. Granite State Chemical (GSC) has been on site to deal with rodent issues in some areas.



BEEN MISSING HUGS?

Meet the new COVID-inspired Google emoji. According to Jennifer Daniel, creative director of emoji at Google, 10 billion emojis are used each day and Google adds about 70 each year. If you have an idea for a new emoji, submit it to Google. (A 15-year old suggested a hijab emoji and they created it.) Jennifer Daniel and her team have drawn all 3,000 of Google's emoji.

Source: CBS Sunday Morning 5-9-21

**Condo fee checks should be payable to: Springbrook Condominiums
and mailed to: Murphy, Powers & Wilson, CPAs, One Merrill Industrial Drive, Hampton, NH 03842
Attention: Deedee Stillman**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LETTER CARRIER

If you plan to be away or unable to pick up your mail, please request a "hold mail." <https://www.uspostholdmail.com/> Or, you can stop by the post office.

SMOKE DETECTOR RECALL:

Some Kidde TruSense Smoke Detectors and combination Smoke/ Carbon Monoxide alarms have been recalled. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that only alarms with the "TruSense" logo or "Amber- Fault" printed on the front of the alarm are included in the recall. The model number is printed on the back of the alarm. These were sold primarily in 2019 and 2020. See www.cpsc.gov for more information.

APPLIANCE REBATES:

EverSource is offering rebates on Energy Star appliances. If you are in the market for one of the following you can receive a rebate:

- Electric clothes dryer \$40-\$200
 - Clothes Washer \$25-\$50
 - Dehumidifier \$25
 - Refrigerator \$40-\$75
 - Room Air Purifiers \$40
 - Room Air Conditioner \$20
- For more info, visit: www.NHSaves.com/nh-rebates

Note

The \$295 condo fee checks received at Murphy Powers & Wilson, CPAs, are processed and deposited weekly so it can take up to 7 to 10 days for it to clear your bank.

GPS vs ROAD MAP: A science journalist says we need both. Maura O'Connor, author of "Wayfinder" notes that the Hippocampus part of our brain shapes our spatial perception and needs to be used. Reading maps helps. So far this year the 165 year-old Rand McNally Co., has sold 400,000 of their highway maps. Sounds promising for the Hippocampus.

Source: CBS Sunday Morning 5-30-21

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE but though Springbrook welcomes dogs not everyone who lives here loves them. Please don't allow your dog to relieve itself except in the designated areas. Be particularly aware of the grassy area near the gym set where children play.

NOTE:

If your dog relieves itself before you reach one of these signs, you need a better plan.



FURNACE MAINTENANCE:

Summer is a good time to have your furnace serviced. Contact Unitil at 866-933-3820 or your heating contractor to schedule an appointment. Air circulation and make-up air is important for a clean burning furnace (that's why we have louvered doors on the utility closet). Resist the temptation to store items on the floor of the utility closet or block the louvered doors.



THE POOL IS OPEN! There are some additional COVID-related rules in effect and they are posted at the pool. Please review and observe them.

COVID-Related Rules Summarized here:

- . Residents only
- . Feeling ill? Stay home.
- . Social distancing
- . Masks in clubhouse
- . Cover coughs and sneezes
- . Clean your chair when leaving the pool area

ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD:



For everyone who uses the pond trail – we add our voice of "thanks." Jim (whoever you are), as far as we know you have replaced the bridge that a volunteer before you (Chris Riggle) built in 2000. To Jim, and anyone else who has an interest in the pond trail, leave your name, telephone # and email address in the "2000" mailbox inside the mail house and someone will contact you.

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