

**Community
Information**

Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday of Odd
Numbered Months

7:00pm

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Community News



This is the time of year that the landscaper will begin rejuvenation cut backs on non-frost sensitive shrubs. Oleanders will typically be reduced to half or two-thirds their current size, or even stumped to allow new growth for spring and summer. These cutbacks serve a few purposes. They will remove diseased or weak branches that detract from the overall appearance and, if not removed, can affect the way the plant grows. Secondly, the base of the shrubs will be cleaned of debris, dead branches, and trash that has been hidden and trapped. This will allow water to collect from rains and provide more air to improve the health of the plant. Additionally, the irrigation can be inspected for problems that can cause water waste and plant over watering. While the shrubs look rough for a time, most will come back stronger, greener, and be allowed to flower more in the spring.

Annual Meeting & General Session

The Annual Meeting is Monday, March 5, 2012. It will begin at 6:30pm. The General Session will begin at 7:00 pm. Please note there will not be a meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of March as it will be held directly following the Annual Meeting at 7:00pm. If you have not turned in your ballot please do so now so we may establish quorum.

A word from your Community Manager

We're moving along in our 5 year plan! We are now in year 2 and you will start seeing more improvements throughout the community. We understand that it's frustrating and a bit inconvenient, but we are doing the best we can with as little financial impact to YOU the homeowner. Without a special assessment and no ability to obtain a loan we're working with what we've got. We have started obtaining proposals to have the spa remodeled this summer and Valley Vista parking lot slurry sealed this fall. This year will bring Keim Drive, Valley Vista, & a partial of 79th St construction to an end. The building contractors have now taken over the painting portion which will speed up each buildings start to finish time and become less of an inconvenience for the building occupants. As always if you have any comments or suggestions give me a call or drop me an email. If your schedule permits come check out a board meeting and meet us all in person!

HELLO!

Simple Stain-Removing Solutions

Try as you might to prevent them, spills, drips and splatters in your house are inevitable. Whether you, your family or your guests are the culprits, stains happen. Most, if not all, are treatable, especially if you act quickly and use the right stain-removing technique.

If there's an accident on your carpet or a rug, start by scooping up any solids and soaking up any unabsorbed liquids. Then, blot the stain with a white cloth or paper towel. You should work from the outside in so you don't spread the spill, and dab at it instead of rubbing or pressing hard.

You also can try spot cleaning with a soapy water mix. Dilute a ¼ teaspoon of clear hand-dishwashing soap with 1 cup of lukewarm water. Spray the solution on the stain, and mist the area with clean water or blot with a wet towel. Then blot the area with a dry towel. Repeat this process until you get as much residue out as possible.

Follow these specific instructions for cleaning up the more stubborn stains and sticky spots on your floors:

Red wine: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then, dribble very hot water from a sponge onto the spill. Continue to blot

with a clean towel, and repeat until the carpet no longer shows any red.

Soft drinks and coffee: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then dab on hydrogen peroxide. Wait one hour before repeating the process. Hydrogen peroxide bleaches a stain without breaking down carpet dyes. Use a 3 percent solution, which can be found at a drugstore, and apply at full strength.

Candle wax and chewing gum: These are easiest to remove when hot or cold. For the cold method, harden the spot by rubbing it with an ice cube inside a plastic bag. Then, carefully scrape off the residue with a dull knife or a plastic card, such as an expired credit card. For the hot method, apply paper towels over the waxy area, and then use a clothes iron on low heat to soak up the wax. Replace the paper towels until all the wax is removed. Use a hair dryer to heat gum. Then with a plastic bag over your fingers, pull the goo off.

So the next time your carpeting endures a nasty spill, rest assured that it doesn't have to become a permanent stain. With these simple tips, you can keep your carpets and rugs looking great for years to come.

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