

B & G NEWS

THE SH2 BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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DCA UPDATE!

The management office will notify residents as soon as the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) sets a new date to reinspect homes that did not pass the first Fire Inspection, which includes testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Before the reinspection date is announced, now is the time to make sure that when you press one smoke alarm, ALL the other smoke alarms installed in your home must sound. If they do not, your home will NOT pass inspection and you may be fined. ❄



ROOFING PROJECT HAS BEGUN!

Please be aware that the roofing project is now underway. For everyone's safety, please exercise extra caution due to fallen nails on driveways and the road and shingle debris that may be caught above head in eaves or trees. Also, please remember that all attic exhaust fans will be removed and will NOT be replaced. ❄

WALKWAY=DANGER! NO PETS IN FLOWERS!

Here's a friendly reminder that the walkway is closed for good reason. Until the trip hazards have been addressed, it is unsafe and potentially dangerous to life and limb to ignore the barriers and to walk on it.



Also, incredible as it may seem, some people have tossed bags of pet waste over the walkway fence. Other folks have unkindly allowed their pets to relieve themselves in the garden beds of other neighbors. Please show respect for your neighborhood by picking up after your pets and by disposing of pet waste in the proper manner. ❄

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B & G COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT:

TO PARTNER WITH THE
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TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY
THE VERY BEST IT CAN BE.

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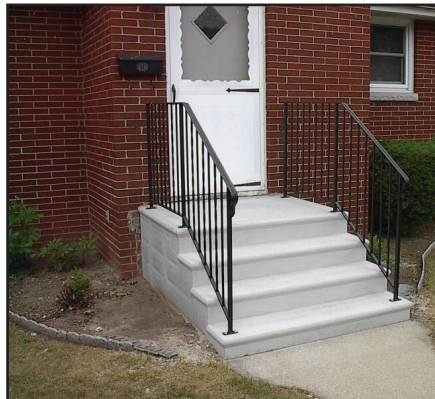
YOU'LL BE AMAZED HOW GOOD IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL!



The SH2 Board is asking you to be mindful that many of our senior neighbors need help with small errands like taking garbage to the recycling center or clearing a path when it snows. Showing care to our older neighbors feels good, and is an excellent way for teens to earn community service points. Please let Manager Cathy Dodd know if you want to help seniors, or if you seek help yourself. ✨

STOOP SEALANT TEST

The test on stoop sealants is currently underway to determine their effect and durability. ✨



REMAINING 2018 OPEN MEETINGS

- Sept. 27
 - Oct. 25
 - Nov. 15
 - Dec. 13*
- *(Annual Holiday Party and Meeting)

Please attend to find out what's happening in SH2 first hand.

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS!

Our sewer lines are only meant to handle bodily waste and toilet paper—nothing else! Any other objects will cause sewer lines to clog. **REMEMBER: REPAIR OF LOCAL LINE BLOCKAGES IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY. IF IN DOUBT, DO NOT FLUSH IT; DISPOSE OF IT LIKE REGULAR GARBAGE!** ✨

DO NOT FLUSH:

- Baby wipes or Toys
- Kitchen Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Tampons
- Paints or Cooking Oils
- Dental Floss
- Baby or Adult Diapers



**LEAKS FROM ABOVE, END UP BELOW...
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO
TURN YOUR WATER OFF?**

A burst pipe or a water heater leak in your unit can wreak costly havoc in no time at all.

And the bother is compounded even more if your unit is above another resident's home.

In such an emergency, it's important to know exactly where to find the shut off valve to your water heater and the main water shut off valve to your home.

**PLEASE ASK A PLUMBER OR
UTILITY COMPANY SPECIALIST
TO HELP YOU LOCATE YOUR
WATER TURN OFF VALVES.**

Most water heaters have about a ten year life expectancy. Frequently check the date when the utility company last inspected your water heater. Also, please ask the SH2 manager how to get The Watchdog Water Alarm, a device that will alert you when it detects moisture leaking from your hot water heater.

It's also a good idea to know where your main electrical box is located and to insure that each breaker is properly labeled. ❖

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**DRYER VENT
CLEANING A MUST!**

Over 24,000 household fires are caused by clogged dryer vents. All residents should have their dryer vents professionally cleaned every other year. Please check the last date your dryer vent was cleaned and ask the SH2 manager to suggest reputable vendors who can do it. ❖



**CAR BREAK-INS HAVE
BEEN REPORTED!**

Please lock your cars and stay vigilant. In an emergency, do not call the gate attendants. Call the local police at 201-547-5456 or 911.

**SEE SOMETHING?
SAY SOMETHING!**

For more community info, log on to: bitly.com/sh2-jc and be sure to attend the next SH2 open meeting in the clubhouse.

ALWAYS PARK PROPERLY

Did you know that ALL resident vehicles must be registered with the SH2 Manager's office? Or, that no on-street parking is allowed on any street in the community?

This includes no parking at the Recycling Center or on any dead-end street. It also includes not parking in any way that blocks a driveway. Please note: New Jersey state statute says it is illegal to park blocking a driveway (even at one's own home.)

The reason is simple: double parked vehicles could prevent emergency vehicles like ambulances, police cars or fire trucks from getting to where they need to go, which could result in serious outcomes.

Also, as a matter of common courtesy, no resident or guest may park in someone else's assigned space, without that person's permission. In addition, vehicles should only be parked "head-in" in all spaces. ❄



GRILL SAFELY

Warmer weather invites outdoor grilling. Please remember that it is deemed UNSAFE to use propane, gas and charcoal grills on balconies, decks, patios or the grounds in SH2. To avoid potential fire hazards, ONLY ELECTRIC (non-open flame) grills are allowed to be used in SH2. ❄

OUR LANDSCAPING MOVES FORWARD!

OUR landscaping company has started removing dead plants and cleaning the CURB-SIDE GARDEN PLOTS ON BIRCH, FIR, HEMLOCK, LOCUST and WILLOW STREETS.

IF YOU ENJOY MAINTAINING YOUR CURBSIDE GARDEN, please obtain a red flag from the SH2 Manager and place it in your plot. BY PLACING A RED FLAG IN YOUR BED, YOU AGREE TO KEEP YOUR GARDEN TRIM, CLEAN AND WEED-FREE.

IN addition, our landscaping company has been contracted to apply A FRESH COAT OF MULCH TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY to help our flower beds and grounds retain moisture. ❄



HAPPY SNAPSHOTS!

Amateur photographers abound in SH2. One such person is our neighbor, Liz Fuentes, who snapped this gorgeous American Goldfinch right here in SH2.

Says Liz, "I love to take walks around our community. If you keep your eyes and ears open, you'll see and hear amazing wildlife right in our own backyard."

The American goldfinch is a granivore, which means it is a bird that eats seed. Uniquely adapted for the consumption of seedheads, it has a conical beak to remove the seeds and agile feet to grip the stems of seedheads while feeding. A social bird, it will gather in large flocks while feeding and migrating. It is the official state bird of New Jersey. ❄



American Goldfinch