

# Pikewood Manor News



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Your Resident Newsletter

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## Bird Watch

Another summer has come and gone! We got off to a rather wet start and keeping up with the grass was a challenge for a little while, but overall it has been a great summer!



There's something special about those first hints of autumn – whether it comes from the crispness of the morning air or the first glimpse of a crimson leaf, the signs of the season are beginning to appear. With that come the thoughts of getting ready for winter. We have included some maintenance tips in this newsletter to help you prepare for the changing seasons. Hopefully, you will find them helpful.

We are also offering a winter heating check to our residents again this year. Something you might want to consider for peace of mind before the cold weather sets in. Details are on the back page of this newsletter.

Our Referral Program is still available. We thank those of you who have taken advantage of it and suggest that you encourage your neighbors to do so also!

Please feel free to contact me in the office at (440) 324-2400 Ext. 242 or by email at [ksommer@pikewoodmanor.com](mailto:ksommer@pikewoodmanor.com), or Carol Oliver, Park Manager, can be reached at (440) 324-2400 Ext. 243 or you can contact her by email at [parkmanager@pikewoodmanor.com](mailto:parkmanager@pikewoodmanor.com) for any concerns you may have.

Kent Sommer



## School Bus Stop

Parents, please walk your children to and from the bus stop before and after school. The school is responsible for the children once they get on the bus. **You** are responsible for them while they wait for the bus in the morning and when they arrive back in the park in the afternoon, after school is over. Please do not allow your children to climb on the rent drop box.

## Pikewood Manor Leaf Collection

Leaf pick up in Pikewood Manor begins each year on the last Monday in October and continues through the month of November. A route that covers the entire park is followed and repeated.

Residents should place leaves in a row along the edge of the road. The edge of the leaf row must be next to the road, but not on the road. The back edge of the leaf row must be no farther away than 7-feet from the edge of the road. Please do not pile leaves closer than 4-feet to mailboxes, signposts, and other objects. Do not bag leaves. Do not include sticks, straw, cornstalks, weeds, fruit, animal feces, and other items in the leaf row. These objects plug up the leaf vacuum

machine and cause other problems. Do not pile leaves over catch basins as this could cause a drainage problem. Uncontrollable conditions such as equipment breakdown, bad weather, and

emergency work sometimes make it difficult to know what day we will be there to collect your leaves, but we will be there. Thanks for your cooperation!



***Carport Panels can go up on  
or after October 1<sup>st</sup>.***

## Emergency Service Available

Emergency maintenance problem? Remember, we are available 24/7. The Service Department is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday. ***If any emergency service is required after our normal business hours, we can be reached at the main office number. Just call 324-2400 and follow the commands. Press # 8 for a list of emergency cell phone numbers.***



## A Message from Lieutenant Costantino and Lieutenant Hammonds

Dear Residents of Pikewood Manor,

We can't stress enough, the importance of keeping a watchful eye on what's going on in your community. If you see someone going door to door or doing something out of the ordinary, please take a minute to contact the office and let the park manager know. Maybe it will turn out to be nothing of importance, but on the other hand, it might be just the piece of information that we need to prevent some unsavory people from stealing a bike or preying on the elderly in our community. Please remind your friends and family that motorcycles are not permitted in Pikewood Manor.

*Lt. Chris Costantino & Lt. Phil Hammonds*



### **Thoughts for the Day...**

Always leave loved ones with loving words...  
It may be the last time you see them.

### **Lawn Repairs Completed**

Pikewood Manor has a reputation for being a very well maintained community. Visitors very often comment on how nice the grounds look throughout the park.

In an attempt to maintain the aesthetic impact of the community, you may have noticed that we have recently repaired the ruts and/or reseeded the grass at the edge of many driveways throughout the park. We have done this at no cost to the residents this time, however, in the future, should we have to come back to the same address and repair the lawn again, the resident will be charged for the repair. We would appreciate in the future that you and your guests stay on the blacktop when entering or leaving your driveway. Again, thank you for your cooperation.

### **Old TV Antennas**

With technology changing as it has been recently, you might find that you no longer have a need for the old TV antenna attached to your home. If you have an old TV antenna mounted on your home and you would like it removed, please call the office. We will remove it at no charge.



## **Recipe**

### **Corner**

### **Settler Beans**



1 Large Can Busch's Original Pork & Beans

1 Can Dark Red Kidney Beans

1 Can Butter Beans

2# Hamburger

1 Pkg. Eckrich Smoked Sausage

1 medium onion

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup Ketchup

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup BBQ Sauce

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup Molasses

$\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Brown Sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$  Cup White Sugar

1 Squirt Mustard

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. Chili Powder (to taste)

Drain all cans of beans. Slice sausage. Fry sausage, hamburger & onion. Mix all ingredients and bake in large pan at 325° for 1 hour.

**POTLUCK** Dinner Date  
(Mark your calendars!)

**Saturday – October 22nd at 5:00 p.m.**

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Sept. 5th - Swimming Pool Closed**

**Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day**

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day**

**Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - First Day of Fall**

**Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fall Potluck**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Maintenance Seminar**

**October 25<sup>th</sup> – Park Re-inspection**

**Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween**

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Election Day**

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Day**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday,  
November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am**

***SWIMMING POOL IS CLOSED  
FOR THE SEASON!***

2506 visits were made to the swimming pool this season! There were 16 brave swimmers there on Labor Day to enjoy one last dip on a rather chilly day before the end of the season. See you all next year!



*Fall* **HARVEST POTLUCK**  
**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

Well, it doesn't seem like it should be here yet, but fall is upon us. Personally, I'm very much a summer person...the hotter, the better. Obviously, summer has vanished, so due to the fact that I can't change the weather, maybe I will change my attitude and enjoy what autumn brings. Aside from the beauty that fall has to offer with Mother Nature's spectacular color show, there are those comfort foods that I thoroughly enjoy this season. The aroma of a pot roast that fills the air when you come back into the house after raking leaves; the smell of a freshly baked apple crisp...mmmm. Speaking of food...the Fall Potluck is scheduled for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Rec Hall. Bring your favorite fall food and join us for an evening of celebration of the autumn harvest season.



**HOME MAINTENANCE  
INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
(NO COST)  
Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00**

Do you have questions about your heat tape, insulation, your roof or any other maintenance issue? We thought it might be helpful for some of our new residents (as well as long time residents) to have an opportunity to learn some home maintenance tips prior to the winter season. After the fall potluck on **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we are planning an informational seminar to demonstrate some techniques and share some experience on maintaining your mobile home. We invite you to come to the **potluck at 5:00** and stay for the meeting or, if you prefer, come at **6:00 for the meeting only**.

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**Winter Maintenance Tips:**

Following are some tips that might help with your utility bills this winter, as well as prevent some expensive repairs and make your home safer as the cold weather sets in.

**Furnaces** – Your furnace should be checked and cleaned, the motor oiled, and filters cleaned or changed before the heating season begins.

**Heat Tape** – Make sure it is in good condition, installed properly, plugged in and functioning. It should feel warm to the touch.

**Insulation** – Check the insulation under your home to be sure there are no open areas and that it is securely in place.

**Roof** – The edges and seams or expansion joints of a metal roof should be sealed every year. Metal roofs should be sealed every 3-5 years. Use a product specifically designed for use on a mobile home.

**Doors & Windows** – Weather strip exterior door and windows. Check seals to be sure they will close properly. Replace gear boxes if necessary.

**Faucets & Toilets** – Check for leaks. Dye check the toilets.

**Hot Water Tank** – Clean and check for leaks.

**Hoses** – Store for the winter. Don't leave your hose hooked up to your frost free faucet over the winter. It will cause the faucet to freeze and break.

**Smoke Detectors** – Finally, don't forget to check your fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace those batteries!

*When you are at the end of your rope...  
tie a knot and swing!*

**Swartzell's Critter Control**  
Removing Nuisance Wildlife 1 by One

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### Winter Heating Check **\$89.95**

**Furnace – Check, Clean & Oil**  
**Check Heat Tape**  
**Check Smoke Alarms (Batteries included)**

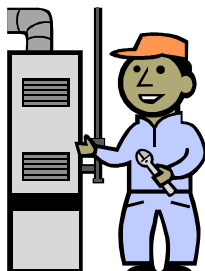
Any repairs and/or replacement parts needed,  
Will be billed at \$35.00 per hour plus costs of parts.

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Pricing!*

Limited time offer!

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*Call today to  
schedule your  
appointment!*



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### Carport Panels & Storm Windows Vinyl Re-roll Special \$.40 per united inch

Special pricing includes Free Pickup and Delivery.

*Call Today!  
Offer Expires  
November 1st,  
2011*



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### Carport Panels

**\$225.00/PER 5' SECTION**

**Would you like your carport enclosed for the winter?**

This price includes:

- first time installation
- first time take down (next spring)
- and a convenient storage rack.

Call now to schedule your estimate.

**Special pricing!**

**Available only from Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 1, 2011.**

*Fall*

**Special**

