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and the beauty of giving

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Winchester Housing Community News

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

WISHES for a great Halloween and a super Thanksgiving from all of the Staff to all of our residents. We often receive "thank yous" from our residents. Well, just so you know, the Staff feels very grateful, for the richness we receive every day from all of the residents, from all our communities. Life is too short not to take a moment to exchange our gratitude with you.

An update on our Chestnut Grove and Greenwoods Garden **Small Cities Grant Projects: Paving** has been delayed due to over costs. It seems the cost of oil has driven the costs to well over budget. While we try to work these over costs out, bid requests are going out for the refurbishment of four apartments at both communities involving **ADA reconstruction**. In addition, bid requests will be going out for the enlargement of the **Community Room** at Greenwoods Garden. We are keeping our fingers crossed that these bids might come in lower than budget, so that the overall costs will fall within budget... Watch the local newspaper, and stand by to hear from this office.



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From the Desk of the Executive Director (Continued from Page 1)

Carriage Maker Place, our hoped-for newest Senior Community appears to be on track. Many of you have seen me on TV petitioning the Board of Selectmen for a form of **Tax Abatement**. Our request was in keeping with what we asked for, for Laurel Commons. Simply put, the Housing Authority's Development Corporation asks that the taxes currently received by the Town continue. And that the taxes increase at a rate of 3% per year for a period of 15 years. At that time the abatement may be reevaluated. The final package has been submitted to the USDA in mid-September for their review. We all hope that by the end of October we might hear of their decision to support our project. Stay tuned!!

Air Conditioner Removal



The plan is to remove the air conditioners from Chestnut Grove in late October. If you recall last year we had an unexpected heat wave in October and Bryan was removing the air conditioners from the windows and he had to put most of them back in the windows! We

do not want this to happen again - thus the late removal. If you get a cold draft cover the unit with a towel or blanket at night or put on the heat.

Laurel Commons & Greenwoods Garden

Please remember to remove all lawn ornaments, chairs, flower pots, etc from your yard by **November 1, 2008**. Thank you.

Best Buddy Friends. In case you didn't know it...The Winchester Housing Authority (WHA), has adopted the Watervliet, NY Housing Authority (WHA), to be its best buddy friend. Their Executive Director, Charles Patricelli, has graciously loaned us their newsletter to let us know what is going on over near the Hudson River. Their newsletter has given us lots of great ideas for this Housing Authority. I've thanked Charles and hope to keep up our friendly contacts. I'll be letting you know more information about our new Buddy Housing Authority.



The Gardens at Chestnut Grove certainly look the best I've ever seen them look. I think I've seen visitors stopping by just to enjoy the beautiful site. Thank you John and Al, and all those who have contributed to this wonderful park-like Eden!!

No Bird Feeding seems to be doing the trick. Skunk removals are down. However, I have noticed a few bird feeders, and have received reports of residents throwing old bread and cookies on their lawns. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS!!!

December 1st is thought to be when we will again allow bird feeding (bears and other critters will be in hibernation). We will announce this in the December newsletter.



The Security System Upgrade for Chestnut Grove is being prepared for quotation. I hope to report what upgrades it will include in our next newsletter.

Guests that Stay Overnight

Please, if you are planning on having overnight guests you must notify the office. If it is not a workday (i.e. Saturday & Sunday) and you plan to have someone overnight please notify **Carol Franz in Apt 4X**, or **Faith Wainman at Greenwoods Apt 15**.

It is important that we know if someone is staying overnight for emergency reasons. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.





Training 1,2,3: Chestnut Grove is being considered to be a **training site for housing officials throughout the Northeast.** Because of the expenses for traveling, a national Training Organization has asked that the Winchester Housing Authority consider using its facility for training these officials from time to time. We have received permission from our Board and are now advertising for our first course. Should there be a sufficient number of Housing Authorities to respond, we will probably have a three day course in our Community Room in mid-November. Our first training course will be for *Housing Quality Standards of Inspection*. I'll keep everyone updated.

I hope you'll enjoy a new extra in this edition...It has been suggested that we have a crossword. We're told that trying the crossword increases the blood flow to the brain... don't we all need a little bit of that?!

Fred Newman

Add These Dates To Your Calendar!

Laurel Commons (contact: Marguerite Zacarra)

Thursday, October 9th - Soup and Sandwiches at 4:00 p.m. plus a 50/50 raffle for \$5.00.



They are trying something new, by having a late afternoon time to address those that work. Maybe this will provide for larger groups.

Chestnut Grove (contact: Patty McIntyre)

Friday, October 24th - the Grand Penny Auction!! Starts at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 14th - Thanksgiving Dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.



Greenwoods Garden (contact: Faith Wainman)

Thursday, November 20th - Thanksgiving Dinner

October Fall Vegetable & Apple Sale (stay tuned for the exact date)



Car Snow Removal Service

B&D Landscaping will again this year clean off your car and move it so the crew can have easy access to plow the parking lots. The fee for the season is \$100. This is a wonderful convenience for those who drive! You would not have to get up early to move your car and clean it off. Please call B&D at 379-9651 if you are interested.



Carriage Maker Place

If you know of a family member or friend who is interested in living at the planned, new Carriage Maker Place let them know they can call the Housing Authority and give their name, address and phone number to be placed on the "Carriage Maker Place Interest List."

Paving Update

Contracts have been signed and a schedule for paving is figured as follows (all weather permitting):

Chestnut Grove: Oct.1st thru Nov. 12th
(paving and sidewalk installation)

Greenwoods Garden: Oct.6th thru Oct. 14th

As indicated in the last newsletter some inconveniences will arise. **Please be patient.** Please park in the street on the appropriate dates and above all be careful and stay out of the way of the trucks and work crews. **Thank you.**

On Dec. 21, 1913, the New York World published the world's first crossword puzzle. To celebrate the occasion, the following themed crossword puzzle has been created.

'90th Birthday' Crossword by Dave Fisher

Across

- 1. Covered walkways
- 6. Plastered
- 11. Short story?
- 14. Work together
- 15. He set up the Golden Calf
- 16. Certain club member
- 17. He created the first 4l across
- 19. Foreman's defeater
- 20. Soon-to-be American Beauties
- 21. Part of a contract
- 23. Laugh-In's successor, for short
- 24. What makes 10 down
- 25. Touse
- 29. Letter opener?
- 31. They may be inflated
- 35. Entirely
- 37. Old Oldsmobiles
- 40. Poetic anger
- 41. Brazil tourist attraction, familiarly
- 45. Do ___ others...
- 46. Captivate
- 47. Girl watch
- 49. Romulus, e.g.
- 51. Shapely suffixes
- 52. Choir member
- 55. Rams & Eagles org.
- 57. Skin picture
- 60. Inhabitant of Jamaica, Cuba, etc.
- 65. Friend in France
- 66. December day, 1913, that first 4l across appeared
- 68. Whale group
- 69. ~
- 70. Make one's day
- 71. Get by (with 'out')
- 72. "Hop ___" Seuss title
- 73. Utah lilies

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- 8. Ash can?
- 9. The time being
- 10. Sad sound
- 11. ___ geste
- 12. Troubles
- 13. Tom Joad, for one
- 18. Seedy
- 22. Hops to it?
- 24. Produced
- 25. ___ soft
- 26. Dismantle (a ship)
- 27. Bar furniture
- 28. Distress call
- 30. Hood's weapon
- 32. Gadget
- 33. DuPont's acrylic fiber
- 34. They have great foresight
- 36. Lao-___
- 38. It's embarrassing for a guy
- 39. Tanner's quest
- 42. Last of the Hapsburgs
- 43. Change direction again
- 48. Stop fast
- 50. Having a similar policy
- 53. Numbers game
- 54. "Play ___!", book by self-help maven, Larry Wilson
- 56. Bistros
- 57. Scotch, for example
- 58. Berserk
- 59. Name on a soapbox
- 60. Prefix for Gandhi's land
- 61. Luxor's river
- 62. Type of race
- 63. This, to Pablo
- 64. Itinerary abbreviations
- 67. Cockney's cry for assistance?

Down

- 1. "The Lion King" villain
- 2. Matador's foe
- 3. Dobbin's nosh
- 4. Suffer
- 5. Hurts a toe, perhaps
- 6. Lollygag
- 7. Tanner's quest