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Indian Brook Homeowners!



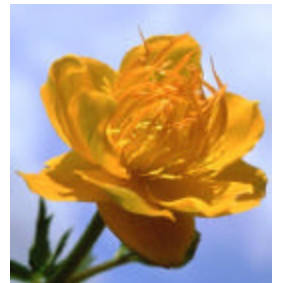
Your newly elected condominium board will strive to be a pro-active board. Our mission is to make Indian Brook a better place to live. To that end, we would like to institute a few new initiatives. Our hope is that more awareness and your involvement can help control our condominium fees. To accomplish this, we will need your help.

We are in the process of building a website, Indianbrookcondos.com. We would like to have this up and running before the summer. This web site would have the condominium rules, a place for you to log any issues that concern you, and a place to use as a reference to see if a neighbor has had a similar problem and how it was solved. The web site will also

have links to various town web sites, the school system, and the politicians representing us. Perhaps we can also have a small classifieds section so that you can sell a couch or find a sitter. And a reference section as well, to locate a plumber, electrician, home repair person, etc.

If you possess computer skills and would like to help build the site, please volunteer, we need your help. Extra hands will make this venture happen quicker. If you have ideas regarding what might be useful to have on such a site, please pass them along.

A number of you have asked about planting flowers and protecting such plantings from the landscapers. We are looking for volunteers to form a landscaping committee. This committee would be responsible for selecting locations for plantings and help to shape the association rules about what may be planted and where.



Some of you have found it difficult complying with our guidelines pertaining to the installation of a satellite dish. The Board thinks it would be a good idea to put together an easy to follow set of rules that explain exactly what can and cannot be done in the placement of dishes. Here too, we are looking to have volunteers work on a set of procedures and rules to give all users an easy cable choice. We would also like this group to talk to the satellite companies about the possibility of the association sharing dishes.



Do you have an opinion on windows? It would be to our advantage to have a small group of unit owners meet to draft a policy offering additional vendors and better window choices. Qualifying Anderson or Pella might save some heating costs by putting in a different manufacturer's window.

Other ways of saving money ---

- We would like to continue our gorgeous landscaping but need to find ways to control landscaping expenses. Perhaps you know of a reputable local landscaper we may contact. We are presently negotiating with several local landscapers requesting estimates for their services.
- We are looking for higher interest rates on our bank accounts and have been researching different bank rates to achieve this goal. Are you in banking? Talk to us about what your bank might have to offer.



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Some local neighborhoods publish a directory with residents and their spouse's names, addresses and phone numbers; with their permission of course. Some feel that this would foster a better sense of community. Think how great it would be to find an old friend living here. What do you think of this? Would you want your names, etc. in the handbook? Let us know.

Our decks continue to be a problem, both in cost and maintenance. The Board has been exploring various solutions to address this issue. Should we spray the decks or paint them? Can you suggest an alternative we might have missed?

Once again, our goal is to reduce our costs without compromising quality. Where can you help? Give us your comments. Share with us your ideas. The Board is eager to hear from you. We are looking for suggestions that will make Indian Brook a better place to live for all of us.

While we are happy to hear from you, you should please contact Dannin first with any problems.