

# MACINTOSH FARM NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE CONDOMINIUM BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

### December 2020

Happy holidays to everyone from the Boards of Trustees of Macintosh Farm, Apple Valley, and Lookout Lane. This combined newsletter offers updates on what is happening and/or planned for the community. While some of the items are relevant community-wide, others are focused on Apple Valley and still others on Lookout Lane. Please contact us with questions and suggestions.

#### SIGNS OF FALL:

- With the reopening of the tennis and converted pickleball courts, there's been a pickup in activity in recent weeks. Looking ahead to spring, new pickleball nets will be installed, and we hope that more players will be able to take advantage of the facility.
- We noticed a number of residents celebrated Thanksgiving this year in their garages with lawn chairs (and even an occasional dome tent) circling the food. We'll wait and see how things go with the upcoming holiday feasts.

#### SIGNS OF WINTER:

- As we hunker down for the changes in season, the snow stakes have been placed throughout the property and the lawn sprinklers have been flushed so they won't freeze up in the coming cold months.
- Looking forward to the springtime, the irrigation system fed from our own well, will be extended to the Dedham Street entrance. This will allow us to maintain a more appropriate landscape highlight, as was done with the Canton Street entrance.



#### APPLE VALLEY UPDATES:

- Work was completed last week on the Apple Valley and Cortland Drive mailbox pads, adding stone pavers to step on (rather than stepping into mud puddles). All four AV Condominium mailboxes have now received this upgrade.
- Tree removals will begin soon on the AV side, and continue into the spring. We were fortunate during some recent storms to have avoided major damage to the buildings, although a number of trees and large limbs did fall. We will try to accelerate our normal annual tree pruning to safeguard against future damage wherever possible.
- **APPLE VALLEY ANNUAL MEETING:** As with everything else in 2020, the AV Condominium Annual Meeting will be different this year.
  - Budget information for 2021 was sent out last week, and this week mail will be sent out regarding the upcoming 2020 Annual Meeting as well as elections for the Board of Trustees.

- Wherever possible, proxy ballots will be handled by email this year as well.
- PLEASE read and return these as quickly as possible.

## **KEEP OUR COMMUNITY LOOKING BEAUTIFUL**

I think we can all agree that one of the main reasons we moved to the Macintosh Farm community was because of the beauty of our surroundings. We all enjoy an idyllic wooded setting and we want to continue to guard this tremendous asset, which should not be taken for granted.

Maintaining our “upscale” look and feel and not detracting from an otherwise uncluttered landscape benefits us all. Recent record-breaking home sale prices are indicative that our community is a sought-after place to call home. We expect everyone’s full cooperation in maintaining our surroundings, which benefits us all today and in the future. The simplest and easiest way we can all pitch in to keep our neighborhood looking good is to follow our common-sense rules and regulations already established by our respective By-laws.

## **LOOKOUT LANE REMINDERS:**

- PLEASE follow these and other requirements to make our community a better place to live:
- Pick up after your pet and dispose of waste properly
- Park your car in your garage or driveway only
- Refrain from hanging bird feeders (except for hummingbirds) whether or not seed is being used
- Remove any and all ornamentation, large or small statues, decorations, lights, banners and flags (American flags are permitted when appropriate)
- Always put away bikes, exercise equipment, sports nets, hammocks, lawn furniture not on decks and the like when not in use

We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Best wishes from all your Trustees.