

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, October 14th** - Board Meeting
- **Sunday, October 26th** - Daylight Savings Ends
- **Friday, October 31st** - Halloween

FIRE!!!

Kitchen lights started to flicker. Seconds later, the kitchen and den plunged into darkness. Even the TV screen went blank.

The homeowner quickly stepped into the patio, opened the breaker box, and checked for a tripped breaker. Finding everything apparently in proper order, he flipped off the breaker that controlled the now dead circuit. Monday morning, two days later, he phoned an electrician who replaced the faulty breaker later in the day.

The electrician commended the homeowner for turning off the breaker. "Otherwise", he stated, "you could have had a fire."

Even if you don't own your townhouse, take time to "map" the electrical circuits in your home. Turn on lights and/or appliances in each room of your townhouse, and then turn off a breaker, check to see which lights, appliances and convenience outlets don't work. Make a note, move to the next breaker and repeat the process until you know exactly which breaker controls what areas in your home.

Then, beware of flickering lights. If you have the slightest doubt, turn off the breaker and call an electrician. You may save everything you (and your neighbors) own.

ROOFS, ROOFS, AND MORE ROOFS

Many homeowners have wondered, "Where's the Roof?"

A contractor has been selected, final negotiations are almost complete, and the schedule for starting the project has been mapped. So, what is happening?

When the contract was bid, the cost of a single sheet of plywood was under \$10.00 a sheet. Today, due to the hurricane on the East Coast, the cost of plywood is approximately \$20.00 per sheet, with no supplier willing to discount the number of sheets needed for our roofing project. What does this increase mean? A rough estimate indicates that the Village will need over 4,100 sheets of plywood at an additional cost of \$41,000.

The Board is waiting for the cost of the plywood to drop closer to the original bid price. In the meantime, while plywood cost is dropping (and this should be within the next few weeks), preliminary work will be started. This will include tree trimming so roof access is safe, removal of gutters, façade and fascia.

When the actual roofing begins, two teams will remove and replace the roofs on two building each week until the project is completed,

Instructions regarding patio preparations, etc. will be forthcoming to residents as the projects move forward.

GHOSTS...GOBLINS...GREMLINS...GALORE

The Village will come under attack on Friday, October 31st as Halloween arrives.

Please remember to drive very carefully through the Village as we are visited by these annual guests.

We ask that those who wish to share in the festivities, leave their front porch lights on from 6:00pm to 8:30pm as an invitation to visit. For those homes without an invitational light, please do not disturb these neighbors.

ROLL BACK THE CLOCK...

Fall back is the message, and on Saturday October 25th, do not forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you retire, as daylight savings time will end for the winter.

Many fire departments encourage citizens to change the battery in the smoke detectors when they change their clocks. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chance of surviving a home fire. More than 90% of all American homes have smoke detectors,AND more than one-third have worn-out or missing batteries.

POINTS TO PONDER...

- If you want a place in the sun, expect a few blisters.
- When you are unemployed, you have to work all the time.
- Life is like riding a bicycle, you don't fall off unless you stop pedaling.
- There are many formulas for success, but none of them work unless you do.
- Caring is contagious: help spread it around.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Doug Fuller to fill the vacancy created when Charles Boardman was forced to resign his Board position due to his lengthy illness. Please thank Doug for his willingness to serve our Village.

Charles is recovering slowly but says he is doing much better and he would appreciate your words of encouragement as he works on bouncing back.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The recycle bin at the Office/Clubhouse area has been closed. When we calculated the labor cost versus the monies received, it was not in the best interest of the Village to continue with recycling. Newspapers can be recycled at the junior high school on Hammerly directly across from Driveway L .

The Covenants and By-Laws of SVV allow For Sale or Lease signs ONLY, and these must be displayed in the back windows of the property. We have had a recent display of real estate and election campaign signs appearing in front windows and in yards. Please remove these or the Village will remove them.

We thank you for your cooperation.

FLU SEASON IS APPROACHING...

Don't forget to call your doctor or visit one of the many neighbor sites providing flu shots. Better to be stuck and than to be ill.