

Tomorrow may rain,
so I'll follow the sun.

Paul McCartney

It is happening as the District Board promised. We are following the sun and lighting up test areas with solar lights. As of now, the testing is limited, but we will be expanding the testing scope in the coming weeks. Currently we have five test lamps in the MA parking lot that are exhibiting a great deal of potential for savings. This solar light is both light and motion sensitive. The light sensitive component will activate when natural area light is reduced. The lighting component will function at 25% brightness capacity when natural light is reduced and there is no active movement. The motion detector component will increase lighting capacity brightness to full capacity when activated by motion. It seems that every night that I go to the MA parking lot to check out the function of the solar lights there is a District Director already there and they are usually humming that infectious Herman Hermits song about a lamppost. The continuing testing and evaluation will provide us with an accurate understanding and calculation of the financial and functional benefits. We have also placed various other motion and light sensitive lighting fixtures in other locations throughout the community. We will keep you updated as we follow the sun.



See You in September (the Tempos)

It is September and school has started again. You are seeing increased pedestrian activity in the morning and midafternoon as the kids head off and return from school. It is the time to be more cautious and cognizant of our younger residents and their parents/guardians as they walk or drive to the bus pick-up locations at our gates. Also be extra careful at the gate areas where the children are standing and waiting for their bus. One final note, when the bus stops to make their pick-ups, you need to patiently stop and wait for the bus to roll forward and don't ever pass a stopped school bus.



No Particular Place to Go (Chuck Berry)

The particular place that the District Board has been concerned about getting our friends safely to is the Heritage Room. You have all recognized that walking from the parking lot up the steep driveway to the Heritage Room is quite a challenge for many of our friends, guests and residents. Driving up the hill is a challenging drive, but backing down can be a frightening experience. Joe Samolis and the District Board Directors want every resident to be able to safely attend the many functions that the MA Board supports through various clubs, committees and events at the Heritage Room. A past attempt to help with this issue has been to utilize a golf cart that could bring one person at a time to their vehicle. It was a slight improvement, but still impractical. The District Board led by John Bergman and John Sahm developed an affordable and positive solution. The problem has been solved with the purchase of an EZ Cart six passenger transport vehicle. The transport cart has headlights, taillights, directional signals, side and rearview mirrors, safety grab bars, and seat belts. We are ready to safely take you from your car to the Heritage Room and back again. Several District Directors have already volunteered to be your chauffeur. We will develop a list of volunteer drivers to comply with safety and insurance requirements. We are now able to provide improved transport from your vehicle to events. Make plans to attend the next event at the Heritage Room. I have heard that the Women's Club is having a fashion show on September 25th, contact them, buy a ticket and you can be one of the first residents to cruise up to the Heritage Room in our new ride!! We are looking forward to seeing you there.



Sky Pilot (Eric Burdon & the Animals)

Our Sky Pilot (GM, Joe Samolis) is commencing the process of building a skybox in the elevated space above the clubhouse patio and adjacent to the Heritage Room. Discussions started regarding the better utilization of this space in 1970. Just a little over 55 years ago!!! Joe is turning those discussions into reality in just one year here in the Woods!!! The view from the "Samolis Skybox" is incredible. You can look out onto the driving range, the first tee and the ninth hole and all of the spectacular scenery. You might be lucky enough to watch the District's three good golfers, Bergman, Sahm and Blaine finishing up one of their rounds!! As with all our recent capital projects, we are moving forward with a fiscally prudent and responsible approach. We can do more and spend less. The first phase will consist of building a bar around the perimeter railing. We will be placing bar stools along the length of the bar. We will move a portable bar up to the location. We will also be providing some shade with awnings. The construction material for the bar has been ordered and is on the way. The first phase of the Skybox will provide a great opportunity to relax with a beverage and enjoy the "million dollar" view as the leaves start to turn to their brilliant colors. But wait, we're not done. "Skybox Phase Two" is coming and we will keep you informed. This is another exciting improvement of our Capital assets here in the Woods that are being accomplished with our in-house skilled craftsman.

Gimme That Garbage (Danny Go)

Residents that put out their garbage or bulk items on days that aren't scheduled for pick up, create an unsightly mess and burden the rest of the community with the expense associated with cleaning up this activity. There are serious fines associated with this violation of community rules. We need to work together to solve this continuing issue. District Director, John Bergman is directing the effort to achieve a solution. We are working to develop a solution that addresses your bulk trash needs and accomplishes that task in an environmentally, aesthetically and financially responsible approach. We recognize the problem, now we are focused on achieving the solution. With your help, we can get this done.

"Before you can succeed, you must believe that you can." (Francis Lloyd Wright)

Be Well, Be Happy, Share the Good Times,

Billy V



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