

Country Club Manor

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June 2011 Newsletter

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BIRD WATCHING AT COUNTRY CLUB MANOR



Two BB Houses



Five Bluebird Eggs

Our location is ideal for attracting wildlife, given all the “open space” to the south and west of us. Maybe you have noticed the four PVC bluebird nest cavities we have erected along the south lot line. We already have bluebirds nesting in one of them, the #3 house (with #1 being the westerly-most one). The photo shows five eggs, which should start hatching on or about June 14. So when you are out for a walk, keep an eye on our houses; you will probably see a bluebird mama or papa going into #3 and maybe #1 or #2 as well. (We are reserving #4 for a tree swallow pair.)

You may also have noticed our 12 unit purple martin house which has been located near the #6 tee at Southview Country Club for some four years now. Although we aspire to attract purple martins, obviously, we have succeeded only in providing housing for house sparrows. The trouble is, house sparrows will

deter martins from ever taking up residence and, even if they fail to dissuade the martins from nesting there, they will peck their eggs thereby destroying them, just to “protect” their territory. This year, for the first time, you may have noticed two different traps intended to capture the sparrows. The “repeating trap” shown here and the “Spare--o--door” that fits right on the martin house. But it is difficult to find volunteers who are willing to capture and—shudder—kill house sparrows, especially dozens of them!



We also went a step further this year in attempting to

attract martins by playing a special recording of their calls or “colony chatter.” Maybe you have heard that at one time or another, or seen the white speaker outside John Aldrich’s apartment (#112). If so, we apologize if it disturbed you. We are all through playing it for this season but don’t be shy to let us know if it bothers you next year.



In any case, we have many other beautiful birds making Country Club Manor their home as well. Here are some that Craig (#128) has reported seeing this summer: pileated woodpeckers, chickadees, cardinals, blue jays, downy woodpeckers, finches, wrens, mourning doves, red winged blackbirds, and nuthatches to name a few. Maybe you could add to the list?

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

NAME	BLDG	APT	DATE
Linda Johnson	55	#324	2
Sharon Garcia	55	#223	3

Mary Ellen Dow	55	#221	5
Michelle Hall	45	#103	6
Barb Illisley	55	#321	8
Roseann DeZelar	55	#132	8
Marilyn Plorin	45	#212	10
Mary Daniels-Sandlin	45	#115	11
Dave Jaszczak	55	#135	16
Sandra Tonia	45	#301	19
Lucille Galler	45	#108	21
Don Waldhauser	55	#129	21
Marlene Morrisette	45	#109	22
Gail Elizabeth	55	#331	25
Edward Stewart	55	#235	30

FROM TERESE'S DESK



Hello everyone! I am looking forward to another exciting year up at the cabin and beautiful Lake Vermillion! The fishing opener was a GREAT success!! The 'boys' caught some of the largest crappies to date. And...what good eating!!

Some friendly reminders:

Please make sure to break down all cardboard boxes before placing them in the large trash room in the garage. Do not over fill the trash bin with your boxes otherwise the trash overflows onto the floor.

When you wipe out the washing machines after using, please do not use any chemicals on your cleaning rag. Else you may leave a residue behind and the next person to use the machine ends up with those cleaning chemicals in their wash water.

Mary's Dad will be selling rolls of quarters on Saturday mornings during Coffee & Donuts. You may purchase from Ed at that time or continue to see me in the office during regular business hours.

HAVE A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Until next month.....

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NOTES FROM OUR "SOCIAL DIRECTOR"



Hello all;

Here we are in June already. Let's enjoy any warm weather we get, as it has been a cold spring. People said they had a good time on the casino trip. June's trip is to Treasure Island on Thursday June 9th. See notices around the building for details and the

sign-up sheets are in both lobbies.

Potluck went well. We had some Scandinavian food and it was great. Our Birthday/Anniversary Potluck for June is on Monday the 27th. The theme this month is "All American". Please bring what you wish and we'll have it outside on the patio by the pool area. (this was requested by a few residents) Again see posted signs for details.

Don't forget the "Garage Sale" is this month on Friday & Saturday the 17th & 18th. Everyone is welcome to sell and BUY!! One change we are making is everyone will collect their own money this year. I know it said in the information letter that we would do it but Kathy has too many items to deal with and it's too difficult to do both. Sorry about that. It will change back at the sale in September. Thanks for your understanding. We sure hope to have a bunch of people selling because as you know the

more items out there the more people we draw. Kevin Jr. is going to advertise it online and we will post signs around the neighborhood. If anyone wants to help set up, feel free to come down in the morning at 7am. Let's make this our best sale!!!

Thanks to all who planted flowers. You all did a great job and they look really pretty. Flowers always seem to dress the place up.

That's it for this month. Happy Father's Day to all you dads out there.

Kevin + Kathy E.

A MESSAGE FROM MARY



Hi Everyone,

Happy Father's Day to all our dads, granddads, and our great granddads. Have a great day with your family and enjoy the special attention this month.

Well the front steps are finally done for both buildings, so it is back to normal for everyone. Once again, we apologize for all the inconvenience.

I would really like to thank all the flower planters, Pat, Don and Mary Stock, Dick, Danielle, Derek—and anyone else that helped that I forgot—for all the hard work planting flowers. They all did a great job, and I know just how hard the work is. So a big “Thank You” to all. This year I also added some perennials for on either side of the steps going into each building. Enjoy the flowers!

We had a rather wet and cool memorial day so hopefully that means we will have a very nice labor day when the time comes. It is finally hot outside, so let's hope that summer is here to stay for a few months.

Bill, our maintenance man, had a heart attack last week. They found one artery 99% clogged and stented it but that was it. In fact, he will be out for another week or so. Our son Derek will be helping out for a couple days while Bill is out recuperating. So if you see Derek around you will know what is going on.

Have a great month and God Bless,

Mary

THE FUNNY BONE

Bert feared his wife Peg wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

"Here's what you do," said the doctor. "Stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response." That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."

Then in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So the husband moved closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, "Peg, what's for dinner?" Still no response. Next he moved into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again he gets no response. So, he walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again there is no response. So he walks right up behind her. "Peg, what's for dinner?"

Peg answered, "For God's sake, Bert, for the FIFTH time: CHICKEN!"