

Country Club Manor

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CCM GOLF DAY AT SVC

On Monday June 26th, the CMM “golf team” convened at SVC (Southview Country Club) for a magic round of golf on a perfect day. Additional photos can be found in the lobbies of both buildings.

The only disruption was when thunder sounded like it was getting pretty close, golf course employees came around and chased everyone back to the clubhouse for 30-40 minutes (pictured above, looking like we were all playing bumper cars). I guess they heard how golfers like to run under a tree for “protection” in a thunderstorm!

As a resident of Country Club Manor, you are eligible to play golf at beautiful Southview Country Club once each year without incurring the huge expense of actually joining. Don’t play golf you say? Then, if there is room, you may be able to get a couple of close friends or relatives “in” on the fun. Neither the Cosgroves (#104) nor Dee Weimar (#102) play golf anymore but they each filled a foursome with their offspring and friends. Space is limited so when you see the notice go up, be sure and sign up right away!



STAR PARTY!

On the evening of June 15, we had another Star Party in our “back yard,” next to Southview Country Club’s #6 ladies’ tee. (We do this with permission from Southview’s general manager.) Many of us got to see one of jupiter’s moons cast a little dot of a shadow on the big gas giant.



By the time we had finished, the shadow had moved off the surface. It was a perfect evening for it. By he end of the evening, everyone could find Juipiter.

CASINO TRIP



SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for participating in our survey, all 76 of you! In order to analyze the results numerically, we assigned the number 5 to “Strongly Agree,” 4 to “Agree Somewhat,” 3 to “Disagree,” 2 to “Strongly Disagree,” etc. Here are a few statistics: When sorted from top down, George, Roberta, the cleanliness of the pool, club room, and laundry rooms were the “top vote getters!” Again, congratulations George and Roberta for a job well done! Our maintenance people and Debby are all well liked, each scoring in the high 4’s. Of the 76 who responded, 12 “strongly disagreed” with gravitating toward a non-smoking building. So I guess one could surmise we have 12 smokers out of the 76 or 15% (vs 22% on a national basis). By contrast, there were 17 who strongly disagreed out of 70 three years ago, or 24%. Of course we haven’t denied new applications because of smoking during this time so maybe, if it isn’t just coincidence, it’s YOU choosing YOUR own neighbors that’s doing it? By the way, most of us in management would like to lose weight by eating less and can’t ever seem to do it so we would be the last to criticize smokers for not simply quitting! We do NOT feel we are “holier than thou!” People wanting to see some form of assisted living come to CCM averaged 3.97 or, in words, “agreed somewhat.” This is the same number as in 2003 (4.03) but this time, twice as many people answered the question. And of course, we have offered quite a few more programs with DARTS and Interim Health Care than we did three years ago.

Here are most of the written comments, good and bad:

In General:

1. Everyone I have met since living here has been very nice and friendly. I think all the programs are great.
2. Could we have some elementary help on the computer? [Participation was pretty poor at our computer clinics last summer so just call Lee and he will be happy to meet with you one on one.]
3. Don't like kids running around the building. Quit buying stuff and lower rent.

4. Fabulous layout - love it!
5. Have you considered hand rails in the hallways? [Three people suggested this. If you are opposed to the idea, please let Debby know.]
6. How about a pool table to give another reason to visit Club Room? You can put plywood over it for parties.
7. I am very well satisfied.
8. I do love it here!
9. I have a sense of complete trust in all the employees. I enjoy the respect of one's privacy in the apartment, and yet so many fine people around to interact with.
10. I have only been here a couple of months, but I am very happy to be living in such a beautiful building and also to be living with such nice people.
11. I like living here and appreciate the staff and the work they do while on duty.
12. I like the cameras and security in the driveway and in the entire bldg.
13. I like the water aerobics.
14. I love the pool.
15. I really appreciate the grab bars in the shower at the pool.
16. I really love my beautiful apartment.
17. I think all social programs should continue as well as coffee & roll day although I have not made it there yet.
18. I think all the people who work here are very good workers. They have good and bad days like everybody else. Nobody's perfect.
19. I think the office should be open more. Door always closed - or seems that way.
20. I think your smoking policies are good the way it is. Benefits both smokers and nonsmokers. Since the only place you can smoke is in your own apartment, it doesn't hurt nonsmokers. I truly love everyone and everything connected to the building and management. You have made me feel at home and happy.
21. I wish my balcony roof did not leak.
22. I would like to see rails along all the halls.
23. If we could not smoke in our apartment or deck, we would move.
24. I'm so happy I moved here. Everyone is so nice. My family loves this place a lot. Thank you for everything you have here for us to do. The party room is great.
25. It seems that the costs of dryers could be reduced and time they run reduced, at least one.
26. It would be nice to have somebody do hair (beautician).
27. Need new treadmill; both are on life support.
28. No complaints, I love it here!
29. Other brick buildings can have outside grill on balcony - why can't we? [We protested to the Fire Chief but were told it is against fire code here in West St. Paul. The theory is with a barbecue, there would also be flammable items nearby such as a bag of charcoal, draperies, etc. and they could get a fire going even though the structure itself is fireproof.]
30. Please remind tenants to close garage doors with the opener or at least wait until door closes
31. Second hand smoke is lethal.
32. The cost of laundry is horrible - much too high for average senior.
33. The plot where a tree was removed two years ago in back of 1955 near swimming pool is still dirt & weeds. Any plans for grass or planter? [We'll see what we can do.]
34. The pot holes are in need of repair. [Done!]

35. We are satisfied with our deck the way it is. Mike cleans it every day. When it rains he mops up the whole deck. Says it's easier to keep it clean. We like living here, it's great.
36. When front steps are shoveled in winter, snow should be brushed from hand rails also.
37. When people smoke on their balcony, it still comes around the patrician. I can't sit out there.
38. Why not movie night?
39. I like the facilities and they are well kept.
40. Re: Caretakers, I don't know Susan. I have seen Don and Carol checking the garage at night which is great.
41. Maintenance clean up, Down to the last inch of any furniture moved and last shaving of repair work.

Re: Debby:

1. I enjoy her individual interest in each resident, and her fine ability in decorating.
2. You hit the jackpot when you hired Debby. Debby is one of the best managers you have had here. You should be very happy to have her.
3. Debby is one of the best we've had in a long time.
4. Deb should think first before she talks or yells at people, she needs compassion with the senior residents.
5. Debby is an outstanding manager.
6. I think Debby does a great job.
7. Debby is one of the best we've had in a long time.
8. Debby is wonderful. Best manager since I've been here.
9. Her attractive appearance and friendliness toward everyone make this workaholic a great asset.
10. Needs to know her place as caretaker, not boss, we have Lisa when we need her.
11. She is very kind.
12. She is wonderful and works very hard. She goes that extra mile. I think she is taken advantage of during her off hours. I think you should be grateful having Deb as an employee. Debbie deserves a raise.

Re: George & Roberta:

1. George & Roberta are two of the nicest people living here, great workers.
2. I really appreciate our nice clean building.
3. Such personable people.
4. George & Roberta do an excellent job!
5. The elevator is often overlooked because residents are careless. George cannot keep up with sloppy people. He does an excellent job.
6. They are outstanding.
7. It is always nice and clean and I appreciate it a lot.
8. Not only they do great work, they are very friendly.
9. Roberta and George do a wonderful job.
10. Love him, love her!
11. George, He is great!
12. When I have called on George when he is on duty it's like he does not like when I have a problem.

13. George isn't a bad horseshoe pitcher either!
14. Wonderful. So is she!
15. Wonderful

Re: L & M:

1. All staff have been very nice.
2. In the year I have been here they have been great to me and always a "Hello, how are you?"
3. Lee, Lisa & Mary, being a resident for a short time, I don't think I know you, but you must be A-1 because this place is lovely and managed well.

Re: Lee & Mary:

1. Mike and I think Mary and Lee are doing a great job on all the work that's taking place, great couple.
2. Mary is a whirlwind but she could use some diplomacy.

Re: Lisa:

1. Lisa is one nice lady, does her job very well.
2. Debby and Lisa have been very nice and helpful to me.