



Board's Corner

Whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or simply the beginning of a new year, this is a great time to appreciate friends and families. If you can reach out and share your bounty with someone else, you can bring some extra cheer into another's holiday season.



The Board would like to wish each of you a festive and safe holiday season and extend our appreciation to our management and maintenance teams who do so much for us all year long.

Our first meeting of 2011 will be held Tuesday, January 17th at 7 PM at the Concord Senior Center located at 2727 Parkside Circle, Concord, CA.

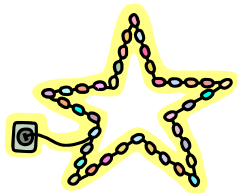
The main agenda item will be awarding the contract for the renovation of the odd side pool. We hope you will join us.

Holiday Reminders



We have already had one minor freeze this year so NOW is a good time to wrap those exposed water pipes in your back yard area. Several years ago we had 6 of them burst because of a hard freeze. Wrap them in newspapers or buy pre-slit insulation at the hardware store.

Your holiday decorations are welcomed and create cheer. Please respect the common area and neighbors by not putting up anything that would create a trip hazard or block access in common areas. All lighting and decorations must be removed not later than January 30th.



We encourage recycling your Christmas tree but if you leave it at our dumpsters, please remember that trees will be picked up on successive Mondays - the 2nd and 9th of January. Stack trees OUTSIDE the dumpster areas. Do NOT put trees (even small ones) inside the dumpster. If your tree is over 5 feet, cut off the top so it can be picked up.



Fire Safety

In the past few months the office has learned about a couple of small fires that have occurred inside units. One was a cooking fire and another a small electrical fire that happened when a wall outlet shorted out.

With people burning candles, using space heaters, having Christmas trees, etc., it is a good time to remind folks about fire safety.

- Never leave tree lights or candles burning when you aren't home. Turn off space heaters and tree lights at night when they won't be monitored.
- If lights or electrical items "flicker", have an electrician check the outlet for a possible short. If the wall or outlet feels hot, unplug the device.
- Never leave the kitchen when items on the stove top are turned on "high", especially if it is grease or oil.
- Never smoke in bed.

Most importantly, make sure that your smoke alarms are functioning and have fresh batteries. Current law requires a smoke alarm in each bedroom plus one in the downstairs. Fire extinguishers are located in each foyer and at the ends of each building.