

Morris Place Newsletter

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News

June Open Board Meeting

Place: Morristown Town Hall (200 South St.), Senior Center, 3rd Floor *

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 **

Time: 7:00 pm

* Please note that the meeting room as changed to the Senior Center on the 3rd floor.

** This month's open board meeting has been postponed from the usual "third Thursday of the month" to **Wed, June 22**.

Topics to be covered at this month's meeting include:

- Overview of first transition meeting with Becht
- July board member elections
- Addressing dog waste problems
- Addressing unregistered dogs
- Organizing block party

Do You Keep a Dog at Morris Place?

Whether the answer is yes or **NO!**, the Association needs to know so that it can determine its legal liability and insurance requirements for dog ownership.

A form was sent to you last week. You are asked to complete the form and return it to Community Management by June 17, 2005.

If you did not receive the form, you can download it from the Web site at <http://www.morrisplace.net/main/2regs/index.htm#5>

Landscaping – Repairing the Winter Damage

By Jeanette Balady

With the weather on our side, repairs are now being made to landscaping damage caused by the harsh winter weather – and snow removers.

Fullerton, our landscapers (and snow removers), have already repaired damage to the sprinklers and sod. Matzel & Mumford are set to repair the dead trees and shrubs later in the summer or in the early fall.

In the upcoming weeks, the landscaping committee will meet with Fullerton to inspect the last of the winter damage and to plan the reparation. They will also discuss the dead ground cover in the quad entries, and look for a more winter-hardy plant specimen to replace the “lily turf” that died in most areas.

In the meantime, please let us know if you have any landscaping questions or concerns by completing the [online Contact form](#), by e-mailing us at board@morrisplace.net, or by calling [Candice Bladt](#) at Community Management.

May / June Maintenance Update

| Issue | Responsible Party | Status | Comments |
|---|----------------------|---------|---|
| Landscaping - winter damage - dead trees and shrubs | - Fullerton - M&M | Pending | Some damage repaired. M&M to replace dead shrubs and trees late summer / early fall. Final inspection underway. |

Rules & Regulations

Keeping Dogs at Morris Place

By Jeanette Balady

Dog owners and minders: Now that winter is well and truly gone (for now), you're probably enjoying nice walks around the community with your dog. Kindly be reminded that when walking your dog in the Morris Place community, you must:

- Immediately remove dog waste from the community grounds.
- Properly dispose of dog waste. You are not permitted to use storm drains or keep waste containers in common areas.
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times
- Register your dog with the Association by completing the Dog registration form. For more information on registering your dog, go to <http://www.morrisplace.net/main/2regs/index.htm#5> .



If you're willing to walk about 1 minute outside of Morris Place (turn left at gates and cross the I-287 bridge onto Morris Ave), not only does waste disposal become a less arduous task, but you'll find two other excellent places to walk your dog (and get some nice shade along the way): the Traction Trail and Washington's Headquarters.

If your dog likes to do its business closer to home (all of our homes), you might consider investing in a diaper pail sold at Babies R Us, Wal-Mart, or Target. According to one Morris Place resident, using these diaper pails to dispose of dog waste is very easy and

keeps offending odors to a minimum because they have many layers. This resident buys the Safety First brand. Diaper Genie is another option.

Resident Focus

Tell us about yourselves!

If you'd like to feature in the Resident Focus section of the newsletter, [please let us know!](#)

Household Tips

Water – A Condo's Worst Enemy (Part 2)

By Becky Yeamans

Last month we noted that your washing machine is the most likely culprit when it comes to water damage, but there's another regular offender in your home: the water heater.

Water heaters generally last about 20 years – if you keep it well maintained. Proper maintenance is key – and is something that most homeowners neglect entirely, greatly diminishing the life of the machine. Checking the pressure valve and flushing sediment buildup from the water heater tank on regular basis will release pressure from the tank and increase energy efficiency. Lowe's recommends doing these routine tasks every six months. Home Depot recommends draining water and sediment every three months, while some plumbers recommend releasing some water as often as once each month.



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Check your instruction manual for details on how to do these tasks, and remember that it is each resident's responsibility to take quick action in the case of water leaks. Especially considering the location of water heaters in Washington units, there is potential for significant and costly damage not just to your property, but also to your neighbor's .

[Click here to read *Water - A Condo's Worst Enemy \(Part 1\)*.](#)

For other helpful information, refer to the [Links, Tips, and FAQs](#) section of the Web site.

Community Beautification - Creating a Container Garden

By Jeanette Balady

If you've walked around the community over the past few weeks, you'll have noticed that quite a few residents have planted flowers in containers and placed them on their patios and decks. This adds much beauty to our community.

It's very easy to plant summer annuals in containers that can be placed in entry quads or on patios and balconies.



How to make a container garden

1. Visit a reputable garden center such as Agway on Ridgedale Ave., in Morris Township, to select the best summer annuals that will add color and beauty to your container garden.
2. Start with a large container, either clay or resin, and select a good potting soil such as MiracleGro Potting Mix, which will provide three months of fertilization to your container garden.
3. Determine where you want to place the container plant and how much sunshine it will get. For **shady areas**, such as the entry quad, consider annuals such as impatiens, tuberous begonias, caladiums, or fuchsia. For **sunny areas**, consider annuals such as petunias, geraniums, New Guinea impatiens, or alyssum, just to name a few.
4. When planting your container garden, choose plants that vary in color and texture, and plant them close together. Do not follow the spacing suggestions on the flower market packs for container gardens.
5. Water regularly.
6. Place your container garden where you can enjoy its beauty – and where others can appreciate it, too!

Where to find ready-made container gardens

Garden centers such as Agway in Morristown or J&M in Madison can give great advice. If you don't feel creative, these garden centers have pre-planted containers that you can bring home and instantly enjoy. You will, of course, pay for convenience of this instant beauty.

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