

Fall update from House and Grounds

After a summer full of activities on the courts, around the pool, and in the grove, the pace has slowed (a bit!) and it's time to take care of some long-needed upgrades and maintenance in and around the Clubhouse.

Two items on the House and Grounds list this fall address the issue of **non-member use** of our club. As many of you are aware, we have an ongoing challenge preventing non-members from using our parking lot on their way up to Natalie Coffin Greene Park. In addition, we have found that some non-members (usually hikers and runners) have become accustomed over the years to using our men's and women's facilities.

Parking: To address the first issue, we need to enforce our parking rule and, if it comes to it, we will begin towing offenders. We plan to install No Parking signs in the parking lot next to courts 1 and 2, and additional signage in the driveway circle. While we would prefer not to have any signs marring the natural beauty of our club, we feel there is enough of a problem that we need to act. We are hopeful the signs will be enough to discourage offenders, as we do not look forward to towing anyone. As a reminder, please obtain day parking passes for your guest's vehicles. If you need a sticker for your own car, please come by the office to pick one up.

Locks: To address the second problem, we have installed an electronic lock on the ladies' room in the Clubhouse, and we will re-activate the electronic lock on the men's locker room. New codes will be shared with the membership in November, when we activate the locks. Until then, there are temporary codes posted on the doors as we phase in the new system. We plan to re-code the locks **November 1st**, and we will let the membership know at that time.

Great Room: In the Clubhouse, we plan to clean and re-stain the interior of the Great Room. Over the decades, the walls have sustained innumerable blows, chips, scratches, tack and nail holes, and random paint touch-ups. We are mindful of maintaining the rustic quality and ambience of our well-loved Great Room, while addressing the most glaringly damaged areas. Our aim is to clean it up without most of you noticing we did anything at all! The work is planned around our fairly busy Fall and Winter schedule, and as of this writing, the work will be undertaken Thanksgiving week, November 19-24, and ready to be decorated for the festive Holiday season. Thank you in advance for tolerating the close of the Great Room prior to Thanksgiving.

Finally, we are happy to see the new Board Room being used daily for dominoes, bridge and extra seating for parties. Thanks to the diligent Margie Ellis, the issue with the musty new seating has been addressed, and it is fully furnished once again.

I hope you all continue to enjoy our beautiful club this fall, for paddle, tennis, or just a walk up to Madrone Meadow.

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