



Issue Ten

The Bloomin' News



May 2012

Comings and Goings

This month we welcome Judy Hsu to unit 201 and Clare, Maria and Iris Tarasoff to unit 202.

We say goodbye and good luck to Chris, Carmanagh and Rebecca.

There are 2 units for rent in May. Unit 206 is available immediately and unit 304 is available at the end of the month.. Contact Kari (304) or Norah(206) for details.

submitted by Kari

Pacific Gardens Committee Reports

The Garden Committee continues to grow after a period of winter dormancy and is now bursting with bloomin' news about the gardening in the garden. Building & Maintenance maintains it is building momentum towards making maintenance of the building maintainable. Collaborative Living, in collaboration with the Happy Kids Committee, is finding living in community is a happy experience for the kids, as the kids collaborate to keep the CLC happy. Accounting/Legal is taking into account the legal matters to ensure the accounting is legal. Meanwhile, the Room Teams, working as a team, have made room for the teams. And that's the bloomin' bunch. The Volunteer Coordination Committee is volunteering to look for volunteers to volunteer. If interested, please contact the volunteer coordinator, whose position is waiting to be filled.



submitted by John



Want to Win a Prize?

Take a look around the recycle room.

Notice any of the "nine" recent changes??

Write your name and answers on a slip of paper.

The entry box, paper & pencil are on the shelf with the silver buckets.

A draw, from correct answers, will happen late May.

Good luck and thanks to all of you recyclers.

submitted by Gloria

Community Meetings at Pacific Gardens

Pacific Gardens Community Meetings take place every other Monday at 6pm in the Dining Room. These meetings are for any & all community members. We come together as a group to make decisions that affect us all. Community meetings are organized by the facilitation team, which is made up of John, Kari, Bill, Tim, Mia & Kara. As a team, we have developed an operating procedure which includes how to submit & process requests for agenda items. (For more info, please see the Agenda Items binder in the main floor office.) This process will soon be re-introduced to the community in greater detail. In the meantime, the facilitation group meets every other Wednesday preceding the community meeting. This is when we plan the upcoming meeting and sort through the different requests for agenda topics. The facilitation team welcomes any community member to attend this meeting (at 7 or 7:30pm, in the Dining Room or Conversation Room depending on the events of the day). Our intention is to help community members with proposals/issues, and to increase facilitative skills throughout our community. We hope to see you soon!

submitted by Kara

May Marketing Matters

As most of you know, we are keen to sell at least one of our four company-owned units in the next five months. We have not focused on sales during the past two years because we wanted to concentrate our efforts on building community. Although that is still a work in progress, we do need to devote more energy to marketing.

We have started having meetings every two weeks on Monday nights to develop a plan for selling our units. We've had some great ideas and suggestions – now we're trying to put some of them into practice.

At our last meeting on April 30th, we decided that we needed to reduce our prices to attract new buyers. We also agreed to focus on selling #201, as it is the easiest to show, the most attractive, and is a three-bedroom-and-den.

Here are descriptions of the units and their new prices.

Pacific Gardens Price List May, 2012

Unit #	Description	Area Sq.Ft.	Aspect	Floors	Stairs to Entry	Baths	Patio	Deck	Price
303	1 bed+ den	855	East	1	No	1	No	Yes	323,000
201	3 bed+ den	1535	North East	2	No	2	Yes	Yes	462,000
207	3 bed+den	1517	East	2	No	2	Yes	Yes	447,000
304	2 bed+ den	1173	West	1	Yes	1	No	Yes	404,000

Now we need let the world know – and that requires your assistance. Do you know how to upload information to websites? Can you make us an attractive For Rent/For Sale sign? Write articles or ad copy? Help organize an Open House or conduct tours of the building? Then come to our next marketing meeting on Monday, May 14th, 6 pm in the dining-room with your cohousing sales hat on and give us your ideas!

Submitted by Kathryn Hazel

Unsung Heroes

Thanks to all community members who make sure they leave the dining room and common kitchen in a clean orderly state after they use it. These are the most used spaces in our community and everyone appreciates finding them clean and welcoming .

Hooray for Richard and anyone else who helps with weeding the beds around our building!

How Things Have Changed

Rosalind submitted this entry from an old journal and notes the timing of the blooming of Spring flowers:

Musings from a Garden Dweller Spring 2004

"How exquisite it is to look upon the beautiful earth and see the first of Spring flowers arrive.

This year I have paid more attention ~ First have come the crocuses in February, next along are the beautiful violets. At very beginning of March, Forsythia...then pop up the snowdrops saying goodbye to winter, then Hyacinth, daffs, grape hyacinth and red currant. Now are creeping the Leopards Bane and the budding leaves on maples by March's end. What will come in April!?"

