

NEW COMMUNITY ROOM PROCEDURES

After a considerable amount of teeth gnashing, hair pulling, name calling, opinions given, head bashing, foot stomping, and outright temper tantrums had by a few, a new procedure has been established for the use of the Community Room.

First, I want to thank the many homeowners who responded to our enquiries. We heard from many homeowners who have never made themselves known to the management team, and we hope that is a sign that we will have some “new” homeowners getting involved in the management of the Association.

We contacted 15 HOA’s (homeowners associations) and AOA (associations of apartment owners) around the country as well as right here in the village. We met with the representatives, or the entire groups, of most of the groups who have had standing reservations. And, of course, we solicited the opinions of all homeowners through The Breeze, on the web site, and by blast email (if you are not on blast email list see the staff).

The overwhelming opinion of those who responded to our enquiries is that we should charge a fee for the use of the room and that a limitation should be placed on the amount of time given to any one group.

The most important part of any decision had to be that it was fair to all interested homeowners, while creating as little inconvenience to those who have been using the room as possible.

The basic changes to become effective September 01, 2011 are as follows;

- 1) A usage charge of \$3 per hour for a maximum of \$12 will be charged for homeowners/tenants who use the room for an activity that is free to participants. A user fee of \$12 per hour for those who charge a fee and for organizations, businesses, and churches.**
- 2) WVA members may continue to request standing reservations (i.e.; every Thursday from 2:00PM – 4:00PM). These reservations may not exceed four (4) hours in any calendar week. However, IF a group would like to remain in the room longer than their reserved four (4) hour time period, and the room is available, they may request to extend their time period. No charge will be made for the extension.**
- 3) Most groups with current standing reservations may continue to hold their current reservations UP TO four (4) hours per week. A communication will be sent to these groups regarding the changes.**
- 4) We are now allowing “new” standing reservations, so if you have been turned down in the past, or would like to have a standing reservation, please contact the office.**
- 5) It is expected that those using the room will continue their “best effort” to maintain the room, including returning tables and chairs to the closet.**

6) The WVA will determine if the Community Room may be used for activities with fewer than 10 participants on average. This determination will be made based on the type of activity.

We are well aware that the changes will not please everyone. This was a very difficult matter to tackle, and we are sorry if it causes anyone any hardship or inconvenience. It is a difficult and challenging task to attempt to be fair and equal to 3,000 dues paying members, and the Association has done its very best to do so in this situation.

I would like to thank everyone for their input, the staff for their hard work on this matter, and the Board of Directors for their guidance and support.

Thank you

Jim Whillock
General Manager