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MANAGEMENT HOURS OF OPERATION

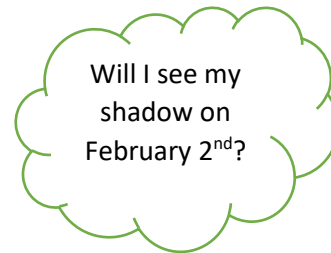
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Tuesday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Wednesday	By Appointment Only
Thursday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

MANAGEMENT OFFICE PHONE

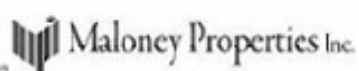
(802) 658-2722

MANAGEMENT OFFICE EXTENSION NUMBERS

Laura Barnett, Receptionist	Ext. #11
Work Orders & Emergency Line	Ext. #11
Donna Chagnon, Property Manager	Ext. #14
Sara Noth, Property Manager	Ext. #15
Jeff Winkler, Outreach coordinator	Ext. #16
Leean Lund, Services Coordinator	Ext. #36
Carol Jaramillo, Community Builder	Ext. #19



Presented to you by:



Management Office Closings

February – December

2017

Note: When a holiday is on a Monday, the Management Office closes at 12:00 the Friday before.

February 20	President's Day
May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
August 16	Battle of Bennington
September 4	Labor Day
October 9	Columbus Day
November 13	Veterans Day (Observed)
November 23, 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25	Christmas Day

Remember, if you call the office number outside of regular office hours, only emergencies will be responded to such as floods, no heat, no electricity and lock outs. If an unknown car is parked in your space and you aren't comfortable asking your neighbors if they know the owner of the car, you may call the office number and ask for help. The on-call staff will try to identify the car; if they are unable to do so, the NROC **parking policy states that the car will be towed—so if you don't have a Northgate sticker on your car, please come to the office to get one.** All non-emergency calls will be returned during regular business hours.

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE NEWS

HAPPY FEBRUARY!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ENJOY WINTER IN VERMONT...."MAY THE SNOW BE WITH YOU!"FOR THE REST OF US....as of Feb. 1...ONLY 48 MORE DAYS UNTIL SPRING!

RENT

In November a letter was sent to all Section 8 households regarding a change in utility allowance effective November 1st. By now you should have received a **HUD 50059 form** which needs to be **signed by all household members over the age of 18**. This change cannot occur until this form is signed and returned to Sara Noth at the management office. If you have any questions please contact Sara at ext. 15.

CHRISTMAS TREES

If you still have your Christmas tree, please put it **curbside by the rotary**. Trees must be clean of all ornaments and tinsel in order to be recycled.

LANDLORD CERTIFICATES

All households should have received the Landlord Certificate for filing their 2016 state tax returns. Please be sure to keep this in a safe location as the original must be filed with your taxes; the tax department will not accept a copy.

CHILDREN RINGING DOORBELLS

We are receiving reports that there have been **numerous incidents of kids ringing doorbells** and running away. This has become not only a nuisance, but in some cases, a health and safety issue. Our elderly or disabled residents often have mobility difficulties and trying to answer the door multiple times could result in an injury.

Parents please **speak to your children** regarding this matter!

ASSISTANCE DOG OWNERS

A reminder: all assistance animal owners must **clean up after their assistance dogs** when walking on site. Please be sure to ALWAYS clean up immediately after your dog. There is a bag dispenser for your convenience near the rotary on Northgate Road. **Please clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste at home. Disposal of dog waste on site, including but not limited to the Management steps, is not acceptable and is not compliant with policy.**

AUTO CALLS

The management office is now using an automatic calling system to inform residents of upcoming events, snow removal and other important messages. Please be sure to listen to your messages when you receive an auto call.

Reminder: Rent is always due by the first of every month.

HERE ARE FIVE FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT GROUNDHOG DAY

1. Punxsutawney Phil (aka “the groundhog”) has seen his shadow 97 times, has not seen it 15 times, and nine years are unaccounted for. *(if he sees his shadow it is 6 more weeks of winter!)*
2. The National Climatic Data Center reportedly stated that Phil’s predictions have been correct 39 percent of the time. This number is in conflict with **Phil’s Club**, which states he’s been right 100% of the time. 😊
3. According to the funny website groundhog.org, there’s a legend that during Prohibition, Phil threatened to impose 60 weeks of winter on the community if he wasn’t allowed a drink.
4. In the years following the release of [Groundhog Day](#), a 1993 film starring Bill Murray, crowds numbering as high as 30,000 have visited Gobbler’s Knob, a tiny hill in Punxsutawney where the ceremony takes place.
5. Though groundhogs typically live only six to eight years, Groundhog Day lore suggests that Phil drinks a magic elixir every summer, which gives him seven more years of life.

Punxsutawney Phil even has his likeness immortalized in the form of a Beanie Baby:



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

NROC ANNUAL GATHERING

MARCH 30 6:00 – 7:30

**THIS YEAR'S THEME: "VOICES OF HOME"
YOU WILL READ INTERVIEWS AND SEE PHOTOS OF
YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR COMMUNITY**

GREAT FOOD FROM RICK'S CATERING

Enjoy Chicken Wings, Beef Kabobs, Chicken Skewers, Mac & Cheese, Grilled Vegetables, Shrimp Cocktail, Taco Dip with Chips and Mini Cupcakes from "My Little Cupcake"

CELEBRATE THREE YOUNG NORTHGATE NEIGHBORS SELECTED FOR THE NROC GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS BY OUR BURLINGTON SCHOOL PRINCIPALS...PRESENTED BY LEN PHELAN, PRINCIPAL OF HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL

HONOR NEIGHBOR VOLUNTEERS THAT MAKE OUR EVENTS GREAT

CHOOSE THE NORTHGATE NEIGHBORS WHO WILL SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAKE THE DECISIONS IN 2017 FOR THE NROC COMMUNITY

AND....CAN YOU USE ANY EXTRA CASH??????

EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 3 CASH DOOR PRIZES

one \$100 cash prize and two \$50 cash prizes

(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN) 😊

Youth Events

February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Play Date Group 10a-11a	2 CHILL Program 3p-9:30p	3 Teen Night 7p-9p	4 Jewelry Making 1pm-3pm
5	6	7	8 Play Date Group 10a-11a	9 CHILL Program 3p-9:30p	10 Teen Night 7p-9p	11
12	13	14	15 Play Date Group 10a-11a	16 CHILL Program 3p-9:30p	17	18
19	20 Office Closed	21	22 Play Date Group 10a-11a Story Board 4pm-6pm	23 CHILL Program 3p-9:30p	24 Teen Night 7p-9p	25
26	27 Pancake Breakfast 10:00-11:00	28 Movies Afternoon TBA	March 1 Play Date Group 10a-11a Baking 2pm-3:30pm	March 2 Youth Night 4p-5:30p	March 3 SkateLand 3pm-7pm	

** If weather cancels an event, see Leean for indoor activities.

Permission Slips Needed for Trips

Resident Events

Van Rides:

Feb 3rd (Friday) 9am-1pm Bank/Price Chopper/Home Goods/Goodwill

Feb 6th (Monday) 12pm-2pm Commodities

Feb 21st (Tuesday) 9am-12pm Bank/Petfood Warehouse/Christmas Tree Shop/Wal-Mart

Feb 28th (Tuesday) 9am-12pm Bank/Hannaford/Food Shelf/Dollar General

Food Pantry Hours:

Feb 15th (Wednesday) 2pm-4pm

Feb 16th (Thursday) 12pm-2pm

Feb 17th (Friday) 10am-12pm

Feb 21st (Tuesday) 6pm-7pm

Art Classes (must be enrolled through the Management Office to attend)
Every Monday 6pm-8pm

Community Dinner

February 16th (Thursday) 6pm-7:30pm

ZUMBA!

Suspended until further notice

This Month's Scramble

Congratulations to November's Winner: **Diane Clark** found the word "SUBSTANTIAL" on page 8 in the "NROC Board Room" article and won **\$20.00**. Diane was one of NINE participants. Nice job to all of our nine participants!

This month's scrambled word: critesk

Find the word in the newsletter articles and bring the following information to the office for your chance to win \$20.00!

Bring the following information to the office (or place in the rent slot):

- the page number
- the name of the article
- your name
- your apartment number

The TV Show Challenge in Last Month's Newsletter

We had two entries for the the TV Show challenge last month. Each participant did very well, but no one guessed all 7 correctly (one was really hard!) but to those who tried, well done!!! If you are dying to know the answers, here they are... 1: T.H.E. Cat 2: Wanted: Dead or Alive 3: The Rat Patrol 4: The Lieutenant 5: Your Show of Shows 6: The Munsters 7: The Walking Dead

We'll have 3 other TV Show challenges in April, July and December. If the participants guess correctly for all of the shows in a challenge, that participant has a chance to win \$100.00 (due to the rollover). If some, but not all of the shows are guessed correctly and there is not a winner, the participant(s) will be held until the next quarter.

If no other participants guess correctly at the end of the whole contest, then those being held with some of the correct answers will be entered into a drawing for \$200.00. GOOD LUCK IN APRIL!!!

February Recipe

SWEET POTATO SOUP

To make sweet potato soup:

cook 1 tablespoon of flour and 1 tablespoon of salted butter in a sauce pot over medium heat. Stir constantly until the mixture takes on a light caramel color.

Then add 1 1/2 cups of chicken or vegetable broth and 1 tablespoon of light brown sugar.

Bring this to a boil, then lower the heat to reach a simmer. Stir in 1 1/2 cups of cooked sweet potatoes, 1/4 teaspoon of ground ginger, 1/8 teaspoon of cinnamon and 1/8 teaspoon of ground nutmeg. Bring the mixture back to a simmer, and cook for five more minutes.

Use a blender to puree the soup in batches before returning it to the pot (or use a stick blender right in the pot).

Add 1 cup of milk and reheat slowly. Season the soup with salt and pepper before serving in warm bowls.

This recipe comes out fairly thick, and can be thinned using water, cream or broth.

A dollop of sour cream on top of each serving can be a nice counterbalance to the sweetness of the soup.

Bon Appetit! Prijatno! Dobar tek!

Guten Appetit! Buon appetito!

POLICY SPOTLIGHT

Northgate Residents Ownership Corporation

Resident Policies:

Trash & Recycling/Yard Sales *

General

One trash and one recycling wheeled “toter” are available to each household, free of charge. Contact Management (658-2722, extension 11) to request toters.

Trash and recycling are collected curbside every Friday. Residents must put toters out Friday mornings and **collect them Friday evenings.**

Northgate organizes at least one swap and dumpster day per year, for residents to share or throw away items they no longer need. The “swap” is for residents to trade/give away any items that are still in good condition. The “dumpster” refers to extra dumpsters rented and brought to Northgate for residents’ (only) use.

If a resident wants to organize a site wide event, such as a yard sale, swap, donation delivery to Goodwill or ReSOURCE, or other similar event, contact the Community Builder at 658-2722, extension 19 for assistance.

If a resident has a one-time occurrence of extra trash that will not fit in their toter (e.g., cleaning out the basement), contact Management at 658-2722, extension 11 for assistance on how to dispose of it properly.

Trash

To dispose of large items of trash such as furniture:

Call Casella (Northgate’s trash contractor) at 888-485-1469 to schedule a pickup date and to confirm the fee. Contact Management to inform them of the item(s) to be removed and the pickup date. The fee will be on the site wide bill from Casella. Residents should make a check out to Northgate in the amount of the fee, and mail or deliver it to the Office or in the drop box at the Maintenance Shop. Management will deliver the resident’s payment to Casella.

Electronics and appliances must not be disposed of in the regular trash – this creates environmental and safety hazards. ReSOURCE Burlington (266 Pine Street, 802-658-4143) and Goodwill (1080 Shelburne Road in South Burlington, 802-658-5359) accept donations of electronics and appliances. It is recommended that residents call first in order to ensure their donation will be accepted. **(continued on next page)**

Recycling/Yard Sales

Recycling (at present: paper, cardboard, aluminum and tin cans, glass and plastic bottles) is **required by Vermont state law (Act 148, Universal Recycling Law)**.

Donate household goods, clothing, toys, etc. that are still in good condition:

- **Goodwill, 1080 Shelburne Road in South Burlington, 802-658-5359**
- **ReSOURCE Burlington, 266 Pine Street, 802-658-4143**
- **Dress for Success (women's professional clothing and accessories), 95 St. Paul Street, Suite 110 in Burlington, 802-861-2243**

It is recommended that residents call first in order to ensure their donation will be accepted.

Residents may advertise items in good condition available for free or for sale in the *Northgate News* newsletter. Contact the Community Builder at 658-2722, extension 19 for assistance.

Yard sales:

- Yard sales are permitted only in front of residents' own apartments, in their own fenced-in backyards, or in one of two designated spaces: (1) across from the traffic circle or (2) in front of the offices and Community Hall building. Contact Management to reserve a designated space.
- Yard sales are **not permitted in any shared green space, including at the Northgate entry sign**, other than the designated spaces across from the traffic circle or in front of the offices and Community Hall building.
- Residents may advertise yard sales in the Northgate newsletter, use the blackboard sign (available for checkout from equipment library), and/or post on the bulletin board at the entry of the Office.

Enforcement of Trash & Recycling Policy

Increased trash on site means staff has to pick it up, which increases site costs (staff pay and hauling fees). **The terms of this policy can control these expenses.** Management will make every effort to assist residents in disposing of unwanted trash or items in good condition, and to follow up on individual violations of this policy. Consequences may include, but are not limited to, requirement to pay for labor/fees to dispose of unwanted items. **Not all individual violations can be addressed, however, therefore violations of this policy may result in increased fees or loss of services for all residents.**

* Approved by the Northgate Residents Ownership Corporation Board of Directors on June 24, 2014.

Information From Our Burlington Police Department

On this page and the next, you will find information that is asked of the Management Team quite often. The source mentioned at the bottom of the pages is a wealth of information!

Burlington Police

Department

Reporting Contacts

Emergency:
911

Telephone:
(802) 658-2700

Fax:
(802) 865-7579

Address:
1 North Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401

The Burlington Police Dept. encourages anyone who witnesses criminal or suspicious activity to report it to the police.

These reports can be made in a number of ways. In progress crimes should be reported immediately via 911.

Suspicious activity in your neighborhood can be reported immediately or by use of an internet tip line to the Burlington Police.

This information is used in many different ways by the police. Some information provided may not be immediately acted upon by the police but used as intelligence helpful in building a case.

The Burlington Police Department will make every effort to ensure that your identity remains unknown and anonymous. The Department is interested in your information, not your name if you so desire.

BURLINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Citizen's Guide to Reporting Crime



Burlington Police Department
One North Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
Phone (802) 658-2704

Source: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Safety-Crime-Prevention-Resources>

Do you see hazardous materials on our streets??

PLEASE BE SAFE: Warning about exposed hypodermic needles, and other hazardous waste:

Community members and Green Up Day volunteers should not pick up needles, suspicious items such as propane tanks, or common household containers (bleach, laundry detergent, etc.) in un-common quantities.

If the location is not urgent (typically no children playing in the area, no frequent pedestrian use) please report these objects with See-Click-Fix. http://en.seeclickfix.com/burlington_2. You will need to install this program on your smart phone.

For needles or other items that pose an immediate threat to public health, volunteers should contact the Burlington Police Department at (802) 658-2704. Source: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Sustainability>

Quality of Life / Noise – Information & Resources for Neighbors

- These resources are intended to help improve the quality of life for all neighbors in the City. Please use them
- to address issues such as walk-by noise, loud parties, illegal parking, trash, theft and other crime, etc. We can
- only make progress toward safe and peaceful neighborhoods if everyone participates in addressing issues.
- We need to use the tools that we have and identify new ways to work together, mindful of the resources in
- our community.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

- Establishing a relationship with your neighbors is the first step in resolving issues that may arise later.
- Consider exchanging contact information to keep the lines of communication open.

BURLINGTON'S NOISE AND PARTY ORDINANCES

- The purpose of the noise control ordinance is to allow all residents of our city to peacefully coexist in a
- manner that is mutually respectful of the rights and interests of others.
- To report noise in your neighborhood, contact the Burlington Police Department at 658-2704.
- The noise ordinance applies 24 hours a day. There are also special "quiet hours" for the city from
- 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- Unreasonable noise is prohibited. Noise is unreasonable when it is unreasonably loud given the time,
- place, and nature of the noise. Noise that is plainly audible between apartments or houses between
- the hours of 10:00 pm and 7:00 am is considered unreasonable. Sound systems, TVs, and radios
- cannot be played in an unreasonably loud manner.
- Noise from parties and social gatherings has special regulations. Such gatherings are defined as
- situations where one or more participants are not residents. In the event of a noise disturbance, all of
- the residents at a premise are considered liable in addition to any other person engaged in making
- noise.

PARTY/SOCIAL NOISE FINE

- First violation: \$300 for an uncontested ticket
- Second violation: \$400 for an uncontested ticket
- Subsequent violations: Criminal offense and \$500
- General Noise Fines
- First violation: \$200 for an uncontested ticket
- Second violation: \$300 for an uncontested ticket
- Subsequent violations: Criminal offense and \$500
- For more information: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CJC/Noise/>

Source: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Safety-Crime-Prevention-Resources>

Northgate



*The chili and the competition will
again be hot with titles to be
defended and challenged!
Let the games continue...*

*Saturday, February 25th
1:00 PM at the Community Hall*

See next page for details & rules.

★ Rules ★



Contest open to first 15 resident signups.
Signup deadline date is Wednesday, February 22nd.



All chili entries must arrive at the Community Hall by 1:00 PM.



Judging will begin at 1:30 PM sharp.



You may use the hall stove to heat your entry.



Chili must be your own original recipe.



Chili may be made with or without beans.



Both meat and vegetarian chili is welcome.



Your chili may be mild or pack 5 alarm heat.



All residents are welcome to come and watch.



To enter contact Jeff Winkler at 658-2722.

★ Prizes ★

Gift Cards from Dakin Farm

1st Place - \$100, 2nd Place - \$50, 3rd Place - \$25



Each contestant will receive a bottle of Texas Fire Water hot sauce, from Truly Texas of Montgomery Texas.

*"This hot sauce is the careful blending of cayenne and habanero peppers. This sauce is not mild."
~Truly Texas*





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Snowman created by Leean, Adam and Ollie