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MANAGEMENT HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
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

"Like Us on Face Book!" to keep up with the latest news



Now when it's March it's really spring; There's a bright new look on everything. Author Unknown

Presented to you by:



Management Office Closings

March – December

(there are no holidays in March or April 2017)

2017

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

May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
August 16	Battle of Bennington
September 4	Labor Day
October 9	Columbus Day
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 Saint Patrick's Day to our residents of Irish Heritage!

Water Waste and Northgate



The Northgate Apartments and Maloney Properties take energy conservation very seriously. Over the years much time has been invested in making energy saving materials available to our resident population. These materials are designed to save money not only for the Northgate property as a whole but to help our residents keep their monthly utility bills as low as possible. Energy conservation and its environmental impact on us all is a community concern.

But energy conservation and environmental impact aside, the impact that everyone can agree upon is **MONEY**. Water conservation is a priority as Northgate annually spends approximately **\$200,000.00** to supply water to our community. A recent example can serve to speak volumes as to how water can be wasted quickly and expensively. A single **running toilet that was not called in for repair** caused the monthly water bill for those units served by that particular water meter to rise **100%** over the prior month's billing. **This was no small amount of money but rather an amount that was quite substantial (the savings would mean: almost 3 new stoves, almost 2 new refrigerators or ½ of a new 2-bedroom kitchen floor!).** Saving water means more money for unit improvements or new appliances in need of replacement.

We ask that any running toilets or any discovered water leaks be immediately called into the Northgate Management Office so that the required repairs can be made in a timely manner. We also ask that you remember that Northgate is a not for profit operation. **Money saved is rolled back into the property to the benefit of all of our residents.** When a toilet is left to run without repair it is the same thing as opening up your wallet or purse and flushing your dollars down the drain pipe.

RENT PAYMENTS

Please be certain that you apartment number is clearly written on your check or money orders. New move ins and transfers especially need to be aware that this information is correct!

NO GREASE DOWN THE DRAINS!

This cannot be said enough – DO NOT PUT GREASE DOWN ANY DRAINS AT NORTHGATE! A buildup of grease in the drain lines causes sewer backups! **If you have ever had one of these backups in your basement, you know it's disgusting, time consuming to clean and very costly to the operating budget, which raises rent!** **Please dispose of all grease in the trash!** **Any household who it is determined has put grease down a drain will be charged for all repairs incurred.**

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.**

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.



Thank you
Northgate.

~ Buddy

A large group of “Northgaters” have been feeding and watching out for a black and white stray cat (above). **It takes a wonderful community to come together and care for a stray animal, especially in the cold Vermont winter.** The cat seems to have been out since last spring when he was first spotted. He has been found and has been adopted into his forever home!

Turns out he is gentle, sweet and loves to cuddle! His first toy in his new home was a catnip pillow which he rubbed on, licked, tossed in the air and used as a pillow for his naps. He now has several more toys, playing with one at a time....he enjoys his new scratch post and loves to watch bird and squirrel videos on You Tube!

This kitty has been named “Buddy” due to his friendly and sweet nature. His first trip to the vet included a check for feline leukemia (which amazingly was negative for a stray cat) and all of his shots. He received some medicine for round and tape worms. He appears to be about 2 years old and is a big boy, weighing in at 12.8 pounds. Of course, his friendliness and charm won over everyone at the vet’s office!!

The first 5 nights of Buddy’s transition to being an indoor cat were a little rough; although he seemed to be content to be warm and fed, he yowled just about all night wanting to defend his territory, but the 6th night, Buddy was quiet (all night!) and content. He started washing and purring, something that his new cat parents hadn’t yet seen.

The vet said he had quite a few battle wounds, but otherwise seemed OK. The vet believes Buddy was domestic and was either let out or got out. Buddy (as of the time of the writing of this article) is awaiting his neutering in just a day or two. He’ll get a micro chip too—just in case!!! After about 4 to 5 weeks he will meet his older “sister” who is an 18 year old female cat. The introductions will be slow and careful, but Buddy’s new cat parents are hopeful that it will go smoothly.

A note from the Humane Society: please, please, please, if you have a domestic cat (even if they are let out, which is prohibited per Northgate Pet Policy), DO NOT abandon them to the outdoors thinking they can “take care of themselves”. They are domestic and rely on humans for food, warmth, health and companionship. Cats that have been in homes are not ferrel (wild) and being turned out to fend for themselves puts them at risk of disease, hunger, frostbite, predators, stress and death. Call the Humane Society at 802-862-0135 to help place the cat in a new home.

Thank you to all Northgate neighbors who looked out for this kitty whether you spotted him or not! Thanks to Taylor T. and her family who kept a constant vigil to try to catch this elusive fellow; to Linda R., Donna T. and Eva C. and all the surrounding neighbors who fed and worried and prayed for this kitty; and special thanks to Medina S. who helped get him into the cat carrier to finally get him inside and ADOPTED!

NORTHGATE ROCKS!!!



The Fishing Corner

By Mike Elwood



Northgate's 2016 fishing derby winners.

Hello Fishermen,

I hope that everyone has a great 2017 and I hope that you catch that big fish this year. Well, on June 24th Northgate will be holding its fifth consecutive Northgate Kids' Fishing Derby. This year, because it is our derby's fifth anniversary, we have a special prize. The 2017 derby winners of the largest fish caught and the most fish caught categories, along with a parent, will win a four hour Lake Trout Fishing Charter on Lake Champlain. This special grand prize is being kindly donated by Captain Mickey Maynard (pictured left), of **Lake Champlain Angler Fishing Charters and Guide Service**. There will be more information about this exciting fishing charter and our 2017 derby in next month's edition of the *Northgate News*. The derby is getting more and more popular each year and so I recommend that you sign up early as we have 18 kids that have already signed up. We will have our usual tackle packages and lots of great prizes once again. The cutoff is 25 kids so you better hurry.



Talking about our fishing derby, it is with true sadness that I have to announce that this will be the last derby that I will be hosting. As I approach retirement age I will be doing my own thing in the outdoors. I am very proud of all the kids that have entered into Northgate's Kids' Derby over the years and I will never forget each and every one of you. There has been great sportsmanship and friendship displayed each year and for that all of our Northgate kids should be very proud of themselves too.

We started out five years ago with our first derby in 2013 and had eight anglers compete. Each year has seen the number of contestants grow. Our derby of 2016 had well over 20 kids signed up. Over our derby's four year run our young Northgate anglers have landed over 330 fish, of which over 96% have been safely returned alive to the Winooski River. I have enjoyed my association with the NROC staff and I am extremely thankful to the more than a dozen companies and individuals that have helped to sponsor our annual event. I will truly miss you all!

If any Northgate resident would like to take over my role for Northgate's 6th derby in 2018 please contact Jeff Winkler at the Northgate office. I will help you out with all of our sponsors, etc. We need someone to help keep the derby going in the years ahead.

Until next time, good luck and fish on!!

~ Mike Elwood

PS One day a rather inebriated ice fisherman drilled a hole in the ice and then peered into the hole and a loud voice from above said, "There are no fish down there."

He then walked about 50 yards away and drilled another hole and again the voice said, "There are no fish down there."

He looked up into the sky and asked, "God is that you?"

"No you idiot," the voice said, "it's the rink manager."



PPS If you want to check out the *Lake Champlain Angler Fishing Charters and Guide Service* website visit: lakechamplainangler.com. Lots of great stuff there; pictures, fishing articles, charter information and more.

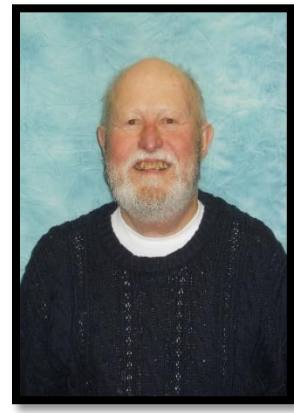
Know your Board of Directors...these are the individuals that make the decisions here at Northgate based on resident feedback. They want to hear from YOU!



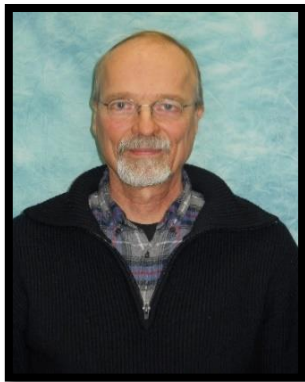
Almir Salkic
Resident Director
Term: 2015 – 2017



Brian Pine
Community Director
Term: 2015 – 2017



Don Lyons
Resident Director
Term: 2016 - 2018



Erhard Mahnke
Community Director
Term: 2016 – 2018



Erin McSweeney
Resident Director
Term: 2016 – 2018



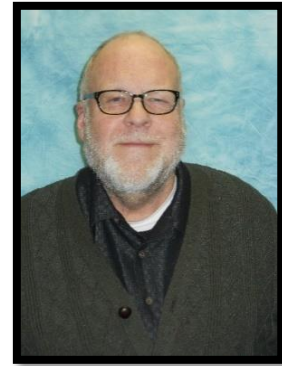
Kathy Miles
Resident Director
Term: 2016 – 2018



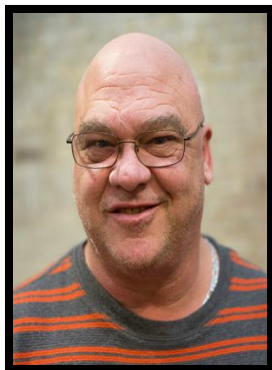
Shellie Spaulding
Resident Director
Term: 2016 – 2018



Theresa McGarghan
Resident Director
Term: 2015 – 2017



Ted Wimpey
Community Director
Term: 2015 - 2017



Tim Moran
Community Director
Term: 2016 – 2018



Brenda Torpy
Non-voting Director
Champlain Housing Trust

Below are the folks who support the Board of Directors. If you need to chat with a director, or get a message or an issue to them, please notify one of the support staff, starting with the Community Builder, Carol Jaramillo.

Board of Directors Support Staff

These either individuals work for and/or take direction from the NROC Board of Directors.



Carol Jaramillo
NROC Community Builder
802-658-2722 Ext. 19



Donna Chagnon
Property Manager
Maloney Properties
802-658-2722 Ext. 14



Julia Curry
Board Technical Advisor
Champlain Housing Trust



Sara Noth
Property Manager
Maloney Properties
802-658-2722 Ext. 15

Annual Meeting and Gathering “Voices of Home” is MARCH 30, 2017 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Dinner will be catered and volunteers honored. The resident directors will be chosen at this time through ballots. A sample of the ballot is on the next page. Please contact Carol by March 15, 2017 at 658-2722 ext. 19 for an absentee ballot.



MARCH 30, 2017 BALLOT (SAMPLE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ELECTION FOR 2017 – 2019 TERM (you may check the box for all candidates or check individually)

- ☐ Check here for all candidates OR CHECK BELOW FOR INDIVIDUALS
- ☐ Almir Salkic
- ☐ Theresa McGarghan
- ☐ Linda Romeo
- ☐ Dana Corey
- ☐ _____ (write in)

RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ELECTION FOR 2017 TERM (you may check the box for all candidates or check individually)

- ☐ Check here for all candidates OR CHECK BELOW FOR INDIVIDUALS
- ☐ Beverlis Robertson
- ☐ Jillian Waite
- ☐ Kevin Deeb
- ☐ Kruno Gubic
- ☐ Sarah Buhl

BALLOT QUESTIONS: Please number (1 through 7), in order of most important (1) to least important (7), these suggestions for non-operating budget funds at Northgate (unit improvements are considered operating budget expenses and are not included in this question):

- _____ Adult outdoor space(s)
- _____ Commissioned art (sculpture) at the rotary, significant theme to NROC
- _____ More flower beds on site
- _____ Adult trips to museums etc.
- _____ Computer lending library
- _____ Computer instruction
- _____ _____ (your suggestion)

*******Call Carol at 658-2722 Ext. 19 before March 29, 2017 for an absentee ballot*******

The Board of Directors is allowed thirteen (13) directors per NROC Bylaws; nine (9) resident directors and four (4) community directors. Board Meetings are held every fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month. Supper is catered and begins at 5:30. The business meeting begins at 6:00. The meetings are generally adjourned between 7:00 and 7:30.

It takes a couple of hours per month to be involved. Any resident, eighteen (18) years or older, may attend any Board of Directors meeting and is VERY WELCOME. Remember, your **housing**, your **decision**, your **voice**. Residents own Northgate, not in equity, but in leadership and direction, as a collective and a community.

Our community directors offer their expertise and guidance in the fields of government, advocacy, housing, tenants' rights, business and social work. They also have their fingers on the pulse of what is happening NOW in the housing industry and they pass on their information to the FULL Board of Directors.

If you are interested in becoming an NROC Resident Director, contact Carol Jaramillo:

802-658-2722 ext. 19

cjaramillo@maloneyproperties.com

Sincerely,



Carol Jaramillo

NROC Community Builder

NORTHGATE YOUTH CALENDAR for MARCH 2017

March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Play Date 10a-11a Baking 2p-3:30p	2 Youth Night 4p-5:30p Teen Night 7p-9p	3 Skateland (limit 6) 3p-7p	4
5	6 Movies at the Hall 3p-4:30p	7 ECHO (limit 6) 2:30p-5:00p	8	9 CHILL Make Up 3pm-9:30pm	10	11
12	13	14	15 Play Date 10a-11a	16 Youth Night 4p-5:30p Teen Night 7p-9p	17	18
19	20	21	22 Play Date 10a-11a	23 Youth Night 4-5:30p	24	25 Comeau Family Sugarhouse Field Trip 10am – 12pm
26	27	28	29	30 Face Painting at Annual Meeting 5:30 pm.....parents need to be with you!	31 Spare Time Bowling (limit6) 2:30p-5:30p	

**** Please Note
Change of Day
for Teen
Night!!!!**

Northgate Resident Events and Information

ANNUAL GATHERING AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION—VOICES OF HOME...FACE PAINTING FOR THE KIDS, CATERED FOOD—NO NEED TO COOK THAT NIGHT, VOLUNTEER AWARDS, RESIDENT STORIES...MARCH 30, 2017 5:30 – 7:00. 1 CASH DOOR PRIZE OF \$100 AND 2 CASH DOOR PRIZES OF \$50 (you need to be present to collect the prize).

DON'T MISS IT!!

Art Classes Every Monday 6pm – 8pm. Call Jeff at 658-2722 Ext. 16 for details

Community Dinner & A Movie March 14th (Tuesday) in the **NROC Boardroom**—the evening starts at 5:30pm. Come enjoy a potluck and a movie. Come and bring a movie and the group decides which one to watch! Call Carol at 658-2722 ext. 19 for details. (Popcorn will be provided!) **Kids will need a parent there if they want to attend.**

ECHO \$2.00 vouchers are available for Northgate residents at the Management Office.

Flynn Theater Vouchers for various shows are available at the Management Office. Call Leean at 658-2722 Ext. 36 for more information.

Food Pantry for March

March 15th (Wednesday) 2pm-4pm

March 16th (Thursday) 6pm-7pm

March 17th (Friday) 2pm-4pm

March 20th (Monday) 2pm-4pm

Free Tax Returns Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) call **211** to make an appointment and discuss eligibility!

Van Rides

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

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

March 21st (Tuesday) 9am-12pm Bank/Petfood Warehouse/Christmas Tree Shop/Walmart

March 27th (Monday) 9am-12pm Bank/Hannaford/Food Shelf/Dollar General

ZUMBA!

Every Tuesday and Wednesday 6pm-7pm...**and**...the Zumba crew will once again be participating in a charity event—the **9th annual Zumbathon on March 18 from 1pm – 3pm at South Burlington High School** to support **Survive and Thrive to benefit Steps to End Domestic Violence**. Transportation is available if you'd like to participate. Call Leean at 658-2722 ext 36 for more details.

This Month's Scramble

Congratulations to February's Winner: **Lenee Pierre** found the word "STICKER" on page 2 in the "Management Office Closings" article and won **\$20.00**. Lenee was 1 of 5 participants.

This months scrambled word: mcnosioedims

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 workshop mail slot):

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

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## **NROC CLASSIFIED ADS**

### **FOR SALE**

**Air conditioner frame**, custom made by Northgate Maintenance (\$85 new) and **air conditioner**; Perfect condition and very clean. **\$50 takes both.**  
**Call 802-951-9284**

### **LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR MATERIAL SCRAPS?**

Come to the Multi-generational Center on North Winooski Avenue and turn your material scraps into beautiful pillows. Thursdays from 10 am – 12 pm.

**Call 802-951-9284** for more information.



**Newsletter Bulletin Board**

**FACE PAINTING FOR THE KIDS MARCH 30 AT  
THE ANNUAL GATHERING! 5:30 – 7:00**

Did you know??? March is mating season for skunks...all the more reason to **NOT** put your trash out on Thursday nights...this greatly reduces your encounters with the wildlife that wants to raid your trash barrel!!

**No Grease Down the Drains Please!!**

Black and White stray cat found and adopted! See PAGE 4

HUD form 50059 needs signatures from all residents over 18 in your household. No changes can take place in the amount of your rent until all these signatures are received at the Management Office—*call for an appointment today!*

Like Us on Facebook for reminders and updates!

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**“FORT SNOW” at NORTHGATE**

