Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All Residents!

This is the time of year to renew old friendships and make new ones. The Board of Trustees wishes everyone in Valais a Happy Holiday Season.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MAYOR

Most of you are aware that one of our residents, Celeste Johnson, was elected the new mayor of Midway. Congratulations Celeste! She will assume office in January.

SPECTRUM CONTRACT RENEWED

The Board of Trustees renewed the Spectrum contract to April 1, 2022. There will be a three percent increase April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019 and the contract price will be held flat after that until April 1, 2022.

CRACK SEALING OF ROADS

Crack sealing of roads throughout the community was completed during the last two weeks.

NEW FENCE AROUND HOT TUB OF INDOOR POOL

The indoor pool has a new fence around the hot tub that will help prevent unauthorized use of the facility after hours.

OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS IS PROHIBITED

It is particularly important that cars are parked only in driveways and designated parking areas during the winter months. This prevents them from obstructing snow removal efforts during the winter months.

PLEASE BAG YOUR GARBAGE

We have had several complaints about trash blowing around the community on garbage pick-up day (Monday). Please put all small paper items and anything that might blow away in plastic garbage bags and securely tie the bag. Sometime winds blow over the garbage can or pop the lid off and such items can be scattered down the street if not bagged.
SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Our policy with Spectrum is that street snow removal does not occur unless there is at least two inches of snow on the streets. If Property Management deems it necessary Spectrum will also spread deicer on the roads even if the two inch requirement has not been met.

Spectrum does not clear driveways of snow unless contracted separately by the individual homeowner. There are also other companies that clear snow from the driveways. The Valais web site has a list (Subcontractors) that can be consulted for this service.

Residents please do not push your driveway snow into the street as it creates bumpy roads and ice buildup. Instead push snow to the sides of driveway.

BULLETIN BOARD FOR MAIN CLUBHOUSE

If you wish to sell an item or are looking for a particular item please put a notice on the Valais Bulletin Board. The bulletin board is on the left wall just before you enter the Community Center work out room. If you have any questions contact Hollie Epp, the Social Committee Chairperson, at heppphd@gmail.com.

WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

Be sure to disconnect all your outdoor hoses. You may also want to contract with Spectrum or another contractor to shovel your walks (particularly if you are a part-time resident) and clear the overhang eves on your roof of snow. Clearing the eves can help prevent ice dams from developing on your roof and water leaking into your home. The Valais web site (coloniesatvalais.com) has additional information on this matter. Please contact Valais Property Manager Cody Child for the contact information of recommended contractors at codybchild@gmail.com. These contractors are also listed on the “Subcontractor” page on the Valais web site (coloniesatvalais.com).

TURN OFF YOUR INDOOR WATER SUPPLY WHEN LEAVING FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME

Many insurance companies will contest water damage from leaks like those from the washing machine supply hoses or toilet supply hoses if the homeowner does not turn off the master indoor water supply before leaving for an extended period of time. It is a good idea to also turn off the washing machine supply hoses and the toilet supply hoses in lower levels of the house. Even with the water shut off, water can drain from higher levels in the house and cause damage if the toilet supply hoses leak. This is actually the most common problem that occurs since the toilet supply hose is connected with a plastic wingnut and these can often come loose if not frequently tightened. One of our neighbors in a nearby subdivision had this problem in his new St. George vacation home. He did not turn off the main water supply and the toilet supply leaked in the basement causing over $40,000 in damage. If you have any questions about where the water shutoff is located please contact Cody Child at codybchild@gmail.com.
DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES

Wasatch County has a strict dog leash law. Anyone allowing their dog to run at large is subject to a misdemeanor fine. Please report violations to Heber Valley Animal Control (435) 654-5727.

PLEASE OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS

The BOT have had reports of vehicles cutting through the wrong way on traffic circles. Also, please remember that the speed limit in the community except Valais Parkway is 15 MPH. Valais Parkway is a city street and is posted at 25 MPH. For everyone’s safety please obey all traffic laws.

VALAIS COMMUNITY CENTER RESERVATIONS

Valais Master Association homeowners can reserve the Community Center for their exclusive use for events for up to a total of 125 people and for a maximum time of three hours. Reservations cannot be made during holiday periods and must be made and paid for at least 48 hours in advance. Members using the Community Center are responsible for clean up after their reservation time has ended. In accordance with the Utah State law, the use of alcoholic beverages by minors or the use of illegal substances is strictly prohibited. If homeowners would like to reserve the Community Center, two separate checks must be written, $50 for the reservation and $100 for the cleaning deposit. The cleaning deposit is refundable if the clubhouse is cleaned properly immediately after the reservation. For parties of 35 or more, the reservation cost is $150 along with the separate check for the refundable cleaning deposit of $100. Checks need to be written to: "Colonies at Valais MA". Checks can be mailed (PO Box 1374, Midway, UT 84049) or dropped off at the Property Manager’s office in the Community Center.

**Only the main floor of the Valais Community Center can be reserved.** Reservations do not apply to the swimming pool deck, lower floor and exercise room of the Valais Community Center. Community Center arrangements and reservations must be made through Property Manager Cody Child (codybchild@gmail.com), and any questions regarding reservations should also be directed to Cody Child. The formal Valais MA Policy for Community Center Reservations can be found on the Valais web site ([coloniesatvalais.com](http://coloniesatvalais.com)) along with other Valais MA Policies. Homeowners are urged to review and become familiar with all Valais Policies as well as other information on the Valais MA ([coloniesatvalais.com](http://coloniesatvalais.com)) web site.

LIGHT POLLUTION

Don Colton, President of the Board of Trustees, met with the Park Rangers at Wasatch Mountain State Park on Friday, November 17 at their request. The Park is seeking to obtain dark sky status and would appreciate residents turning off all outdoor lights including Christmas lights when they go to bed. Alternatively, the the lights could be put on timers to automatically shut off.

Several residents of common open areas have complained about lights left on in the back of homes that shine into their bedrooms at night. Midway does have an ordinance restricting lighting see Midway Code: Section 5.02.080 Outdoor Lighting and Glare.
Please be sure to pass this Newsletter on to your renters if you are renting.

All property management issues regarding the Valais Community should be directed to Property Manager Cody Child at codybchild@gmail.com.