



GARRET HEIGHTS NEWS



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Garret Heights Condominiums

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"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"
~ Henry Ford

Important Telephone Numbers:

- Medical Emergencies.....911**
- Paterson Police: 973-321-1111**
- Paterson Fire: 911 Emergency**
- Paterson Fire: 973-321-1400 non-emergency**
- Management Office.....973-881-0530**
- Emergency Maintenance.....201-343-7845**
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Welcome to the Winter Edition of the
Garret Heights News
~ YOUR NEWSLETTER ~

We hope this newsletter will serve as a source of information, news, and a forum for communication for all residents. We encourage you to not only read it, but contribute anytime you desire!

Meet Your Board of Trustee Members:

President – John Mauro
Vice President – Amy Rubin
Treasurer – Ann Purzycki
Secretary – Maggie McCurrie
Trustee – James Campbell

The Garret Heights Board of Trustees is the elected governing body of our community. The board consists of five members who share the responsibility of establishing budgets, collecting fees and enforcing restrictions. The board is also responsible for buildings and grounds maintenance. The board's role is to oversee the activities of management, contractors and establish policy regarding the governance and operation of the association.

We would also like to recognize and thank Rob Saldarini and Ginny Laughlin for their dedication and fine work while serving as Board members!



Great Turnout for the Food Drive - Thanks for Helping Others Less Fortunate!

More than 65 boxes of food and other grocery items were donated by our community. Fr English's Food Pantry picked up the food on Friday, Nov. 15th and delivered to the Paterson Food Bank. Remember, people go hungry all year round, so if you feel inclined just look up your local food pantry and see how you can help. Again, thanks for making our community proud!



'TIS THE SEASON – A REMINDER ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES:

Winter weather is quickly approaching so we would like to remind you of the following procedures related to snow removal in our community:

- The main roads will be plowed first.
- Please do not leave your car unattended or parked on the main roads.
- Move your car from the parking lots when you hear the plows in your area and return them to the parking lots as soon as it is cleared.
- Parking on the main roads may be a hazard to other drivers/emergency vehicles and are subject to ticketing and towing.



HOT WATER HEATERS – THE SILENT LEAK

As hot water heaters age, they sometimes begin to leak. This is often a slow leak and only noticed when damage has been done to the ceiling of neighboring units.

Please check your water heaters periodically. If you look underneath, you may see a slight dripping that you can catch before disaster strikes. Water heaters must be replaced by a licensed plumber.

Please note: emergency water shutoffs are located in the utility rooms found underneath the hallway stairs.



Live Holiday Tree Safety

Water That Tree!

What's a holiday party or even the traditional Christmas morning scene itself without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household, as those of more than 33 million other American homes, includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion—"Keep the tree watered." That's good advice and not just to create a fragrant indoor winter wonderland atmosphere. Christmas trees account for 250 fires annually, resulting in 14 deaths, 26 injuries and more than \$13.8 million in property damage.¹ Typically shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. Dry and neglected trees can be, so water, water, water, and enjoy!

Excerpt from U.S. Fire Administration, a division of FEMA

Holiday trees may be disposed of by placing alongside the dumpsters. All decorations, lights, and stands moved please!



Holiday Lights

Make for a Festive Community!

Please remember to keep them on timers or manually shut them off at 10PM so others can sleep!
Decorations must be removed by January 15th.

Important information:



Speed limit on Mountain Road is 25 mph - please observe the speed limit as the community is growing, there are more cars, people exercising, children playing and animals crossing the road

Speed limit on all roads in GH is 15 mph, and is enforced by the Paterson Police.



Garret Heights stays "Green" with our Recycling Program:

Part of your monthly fee goes toward the recycling program that is in place. Please recycle by using the proper bins:

YELLOW BINS: Regular trash

WHITE BINS: Comingled glass, cans, plastic

GREEN BINS: Newspapers and cardboard; please breakdown cardboard boxes. Note the signs as some bins are just for cardboard.

New signs will be up soon to make it easier for everyone to recycle, and help planet Earth stay healthy for generations to come!



To Make Your Life Easier!

If you would like to pay your monthly common charges electronically, we offer a secure online program called KliknPay. If you would like to sign up for online payments, visit our website at www.garretheights.com

Be Prepared: Have a Ready Kit!



According to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM), having an emergency preparedness kit is one thing homeowners can do to be ready for worst-case scenarios. A well-equipped kit can be stored in a Rubbermaid container or backpack, and should include items that will enable you to be self-sustainable for up to 72 hours, including:

- A battery operated radio
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- First Aid kit
- Bottled water
- Non-perishable food items such as canned and dehydrated foods
- A can opener
- Copies of personal documents in a waterproof bag
- Vital prescription medications

RECIPE CORNER

Easy Crowd Pleaser!



Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms

- Two 8 ounce packages white mushrooms
- 12 ounce package of Jones sausage
- 1/2 medium onion, minced
- Alouette, Boursin, or Parmesan Cheese
- Paprika, Breadcrumbs, Butter

Choose mushrooms with large caps. Brush mushrooms, cleaning well. Remove caps from stems, reserving caps. Saute sausage until cooked, breaking into small chunks. Remove from pan with slotted spoon and set aside, drain off fat in pan. Add chopped mushroom stems and onion to pan, sauté until onions and mushrooms are tender.

Combine sausage, onions, mushroom stems together and add cheese and bread crumbs. Add enough breadcrumb mixture so that mixture holds together. Stuff mushrooms caps and sprinkle with paprika. Bake in 350 deg oven for 15 minutes.

Submitted by: Diane Gola

USEFULL WEBSITES!

WWW.RETAILMENOT.COM

A catalog of online coupons posted and reviewed by users. The coupons vary from sites like Polo to Amazon to Papa Johns

WWW.CROSSFIT.COM

A free fitness website that posts a new "Workout of the Day" every day. The workouts focus on total body fitness. The workouts are used by military personnel, athletes, and normal people. The site also contains an index of the exercises used in the workouts complete with videos and slideshows. They offer a newsletter for those willing to pay. It is an outstanding site for both fitness gurus and average Joes.

WWW.LONELYPLANET.COM

This site offers, among other things, an outstanding resource for anyone researching travel destinations.

USELESS KNOWLEDGE!

Laptop computers falling from the overhead bins onto passengers' heads are among the most common accidents aboard airplanes



GARRET HEIGHTS HAS A GREAT NEW WEBSITE!

Visit www.garretheights.com and register as a resident. By registering on the website you will be added to the email distribution list and automatically receive this newsletter and more.

The site also has helpful information such as parking rules, pet registration, unit rental information, satellite dish information, and more.

It's a great website, and it's YOUR website, so please visit it often and watch for new and interesting information, including this newsletter.

AND REMIND YOUR NEIGHBORS TO VISIT THE WEBSITE TOO!

HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

Visit www.garretheights.com and click on "Contact Us" to submit your ideas, recipes, etc.

Information submitted will be used at the discretion of the Board of Trustees and will also be viewed for content, accuracy and how much room is available in the newsletter!



We are seeking a few volunteers to offer their time and expertise for a Landscaping Committee and a Parking Lot/Vehicle Committee so that residents can be involved in the process!

We would also like to request people volunteer to be a building rep to help organize and plan upcoming events and to keep the lines of communication open.

Please contact Linda Kadel at the office 973-881-0530

If you like the new website and newsletter, please let us know. We are open to suggestions on making the avenues of communication better than ever! Go to www.garretheights.com and send an email to Linda who will share your comments with the Board members!

THANKS!