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HOA BOARD PRIORITIES FOR 2020 FINAL STATUS

- 1) Complete Phase IV of the roof replacement project on Roxbury, Montague and Detroit Road with work beginning in April as weather permits.
COMPLETE - also got a jump on Phases V & VI (to avoid costly fixes) by replacing the roofs on two Nottingham homes already needing extensive repairs.
- 2) Continue remediation efforts on the banks of the retention basins beginning in April as weather permits.
ONGOING - new ad-hoc committee formed to help monitor activity and interact with board and contractors on embankment restoration.
- 3) In accordance with Reserve Fund Survey, begin common area landscape replacements.
ONGOING - Langford locations: #1 re-install split-rail fence and perennial plants, and #2 replace overgrown shrubs with tree and turf; Buckingham: large tree removal and seeding the area with grass.
- 4) Conduct a Board retreat to discuss long-term planning in July.
COMPLETE - due to COVID-19, meeting was virtual. Some items discussed were:
 - ~ how to contain maintenance fee despite rising costs.
 - ~ itemize cost of every contractual landscape service.
 - ~ re-write Bylaws to allow voting by mail when face-to-face resident meetings are not possible.
 - ~ write a process in Rules & Regulations for resident suggestions to the board.
 - ~ create a template for Breeze with most important info on front page.
- 5) Perform an update to the Reserve Study.
COMPLETE - engineers on site in August; draft received late October.
- 6) Monitor performance under the snow removal and landscape contracts.
FUTURE FORMAT - improve communication between Board and landscaper by tracking/reporting all contractual services while continuing to report resident concerns on specific issues (grass treatments, mulch, pruning, etc.)
- 7) Inspect integrity of walking bridges over the lakes and in the wetlands.
COMPLETE - structural engineering contractor hired, and report issued. In connection with Reserve Study, Board will set priorities for 2021 to begin addressing deficiencies.
- 8) Begin tree management program.
COMPLETE - hired contractor with arborist to conduct tree inventory and advise on tree management program.

*** PLEASE REMEMBER ***
Masks are required when using the Fitness Room
and when entering and exiting the Indoor Pool area.



It's time to talk to your family! Someday your family members will face the task of assisting you in selling your home. Do they know about our Avenbury Lakes Rules & Regs? As often happens, a realtor will advise them to install radon mitigation before making a sale final, or to make other improvements to your home at the last minute. Many people don't realize that radon mitigation involves placing a hole and pipe in your roof. This is one of many items on our Architectural Standards list that must have approval from our committee BEFORE any work is done. Realtors are not aware of our Standards nor is it their responsibility. It is your responsibility to educate yourself and close family members regarding both the Rules & Regs as well as the Architectural Standards needing prior approval. Our committee is here to assist you and answer any questions you may have about the approval process. Rules & Regs (Section M) as well as the Architectural Standards can be found on the Avenbury Lakes website.



<https://avenburylakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2020-RR-COMPLETE.pdf>

<https://avenburylakes.com/architectural-2/>

For assistance contact Joy Herbert, Architecture Chairperson, or any committee member.

Book Club



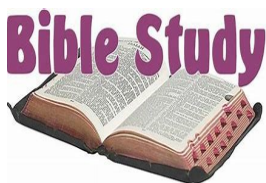
The Avenbury Book Club will be meeting by Zoom on Thursday, December 3rd from 10:30 to 11:45 AM to discuss your favorite novel, short story, or poem that centers around the Christmas season. Members will receive an invitation via email. Accept the invite about 5 minutes before the meeting is to start and follow the prompts. Please join us. We welcome new members. If you are new to Book Club please email me at kathleenfvb@aol.com so we can include you on the Zoom invitation. On Thursday, January 7th, 2021 we'll be discussing The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedick.

Avenbury Investment Club

AMEN meets at 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom. We welcome potential new members (both men and women) to get on Zoom and see what we do. For further information, contact Gene Braden at 242-1296.



Monday Morning Bible Study



Merry Christmas to all and a blessed holiday season. Monday morning Bible study is successfully and safely meeting at Providence Church on Detroit road in Avon. Everyone is welcome to join in. We meet from 10:30 to 11:30 every Monday morning and we'll be watching the Book of Matthew and the Book of Acts come alive on the DVD screens. Please join us! Call Phyllis Barrett 440-465-5312 for additional information.

The entire Lodge will be **CLOSED** and **LOCKED** on Christmas Day.
There will be **NO** Indoor Pool or Exercise Room access on those days.



The Avenbury Staff Offices will be closed in observance of the holidays from **Thursday, December 24th** through **Sunday, January 3rd**, resuming normal business hours on **Monday, January 4th**. Voicemails and emails will be monitored regularly during that time by Deb Bryan, the Community Manager.

If you have any non-emergency concerns, please leave a message at the Info Center at 937-9441, or at the Lodge at 937-9387. We will return your messages as soon as possible after the holiday break.



If you experience an **emergency**, please call the Lawrence Emergency Maintenance number at **937-2800**.

We would like to take this time to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

Did you know?

There are 27 Architectural Standards that require prior approval before any **changes are made to the outside of your home**. A full list of Standards as well as request information can be found on the website: <https://avenburylakes.com/architectural-2/>

If you have any questions regarding items that may or may not need approval or if you are wondering how to begin the approval process, it's as easy as a phone call to Joy Herbert or anyone on the Architectural Committee. We are happy to help and once your request is complete most items take only a few short days for approval. It's so much easier to get **PRIOR** approval than to find out later that you **SHOULD** have asked first!



Did you know?

The Architecture Committee maintains a list of each individual home and the improvements that have been added dating from 2004 – Present. These include items such as awnings, solar shades, doors, fences, generators, hardship mailboxes, lighting fixtures, security lights, patios, porches, railings, rain barrels, satellite dishes, security cameras, sun tunnels, windows, and more.

Because we've had some incidents lately of strangers looking in windows, knocking on doors, and entering homes uninvited, all residents are urged to follow our neighborhood security precautions:



- * Keep your doors & windows locked at all times.
- * Keep your garage closed & lock your car if it's parked outside.
- * Close window coverings in the evening.
- * Do not open the door if you are not expecting a guest.
- * Keep your outdoor lights on as a deterrent to crime.
- * Keep a watch out for what is going on in your neighborhood.
- * Call the police if you see a suspicious person/vehicle in your area.

Also, because it gets dark so early this time of year, please take extra care and be alert for pedestrians and pets when backing from your driveway. We want all our residents to stay safe.



Did you know?

You can install a Ring Video Doorbell into your existing doorbell without prior approval from the Architecture Committee. This is a small simple replacement of your current doorbell and great for security purposes. It has a video camera and sends you notifications when motion is detected at your front door.



Community Manager Report



~ **REMINDER:** If any of your **Emergency Contact information has changed**, please provide the Information Center with the latest updates. Only new information is needed!! This includes phone numbers, household members, email addresses etc.. This information helps us reach you in an emergency and for email blasts. **Also, please do not respond to an email blast. We will not get the message at the office.**

~ **ABITIBI PAPER RECYCLING BINS AND THE RV LOT:** Please flatten cardboard boxes when using the Recycling containers. That way we can recycle even more material. Also, if residents see non-resident vehicles parked in the RV Lot or any suspicious activity there, please call the Avon Police Department directly (934-1234). They will come out and check it out immediately, issuing citations if needed.

~ **SNOW REMOVAL:** Please check the Avenbury Lakes website for the latest information regarding snow removal. Residents can also call the Information Center (937-9441) Monday thru Friday 9-2 PM for updates. Snow removal begins with a 2" average accumulation of snow. Because the asphalt streets are graded to the middle towards the catch basins, snow and ice may accumulate in the middle of the street making these areas slippery and bumpy until they melt. Avenbury is a minimal salt use community. Please use caution while driving and walking during the winter months! Walking in the Wetlands, especially alone, during high winds or with low visibility is not advisable and is at your own risk.

~ **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS:** Residents are welcome to decorate for the Holidays in their own mulch beds, but **not** in common areas. Also, please keep in mind that extension cords, spot lights or other decorations that are in areas where the snow removal crews will be working (front walks, driveway edges) may be damaged and/or cause an injury to the crew. Snow removal may take place in the dark with blowing snow and these items can't be seen by a worker driving a snow plow truck or using a snow blower.

~ **LEAF REMOVAL, ORNAMENTAL GRASS CUTTING AND GUTTER CLEANING:** Brightview will continue removing leaves in December as weather permits. They will begin cutting ornamental grasses in January which is a month earlier than usual. Gutter cleaning will also take place in December for those on the list and as weather permits.

~ **TREE PRUNING:** Bartlett Tree will be pruning trees by the end of this year, weather permitting.

~ **SECURITY ISSUES:** As the days grow shorter, leaving your exterior lights on can help with security around your home. Remember to always use your deadbolt lock on your door and if you will be out of town, lamps plugged into timers can give the appearance your home is occupied. Make sure all windows are locked and if your vehicle is parked in the driveway, make sure no valuables are left in sight and that it is locked.



Landscape Committee News



The cold weather will arrive and the snow will be flying soon. Many people believe that nature can offer a glimpse into what is to come. Whether it be an abundance of acorns, squirrels moving and storing more nuts or the size of the rust or orange band on the woolly bear caterpillars, we are sure to experience winter in Ohio. The stakes have been placed along the driveways and sidewalks in preparation for snow removal. Please remove pots from these areas to make snow removal easier.

We can still enjoy some flowering plants even though our outdoor gardening has ended. Amaryllis bulbs, Paper White Narcissus bulbs and orchids are in the stores. Soon we will be seeing Poinsettias everywhere.

Now is the time to start thinking about any landscaping you may want to do in the spring. Just remember that all plants need to be on the Approved Avenbury Plant list. If you have a favorite plant that is not on the list, you can submit it to the Landscape Committee for consideration and a possible addition to the plant list. Our committee will start looking at Landscape requests in February.

Our holidays will be a little different this year thanks to COVID. But if we are all vigilant then perhaps we can help stop the spread.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Landscape Committee!

Did you know?

Our Architecture Committee members are great resources for security lighting or changing out your existing bulbs for motion detection. Committee members have done extensive research and are always willing to assist you with suggestions and information. We have included a helpful flier in this month's Breeze as well.



Directory Changes

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Nanci & Rik Danburg

2123 Southampton Lane

Remove Landline: 440-937-3397

Nanci Cell: 440-655-5510

Rik Cell: 440-655-5441



For all you pull tab savers, this is Jake! He is a 6th grader at Avon Heritage school. He has been working toward becoming a member of the million pull tab club for the Ronald McDonald House. He recently donated 280 pounds. Thank you to all who have helped Jake reach his goal!!



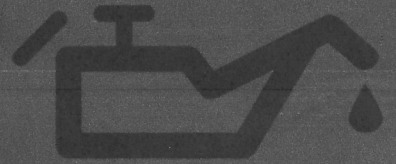
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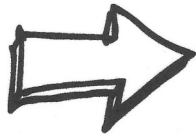


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