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A Word From Our Treasurer

“As of September 30th, 2005, YTD expenses overran the budget by \$2,657 or approximately 2.8%. The key driver for this overrun is building maintenance (\$21,175 actual vs. \$17,083 budget). The main source of building maintenance continues to be repairs from roof and other types of building leaks. There is some contingency money in the budget for miscellaneous landscaping; a portion of this money will be held in reserve to offset these higher-than-budget expenses. The Board has determined that we could authorize tree trimming this year and maintain enough reserve to offset the higher expenses. As we approach our fiscal year (March, 2006), we will be able to examine other types of variable expenses (especially those concerned with snow removal) and, if possible, continue with the landscaping projects to correct erosion, tree root exposure, loss of grass and other types of landscaping problems. One thing that co-owners can do is to pick-up paper and other types of litter from our units, we are charged approximately \$42 per hour plus travel time to do this. The board would much rather invest this money in fixing the pervasive landscaping problems we currently have.”

Bill Bone, Treasurer

Landscaping Update....

We all take pride in the appearance of the community here at Main Street Square. The Board has been extremely disappointed this year with the landscaping services we received. We tried to work through the issues with the current landscape company, however, they were not responsive and seemed uninterested in fulfilling the end

Tree Trimming This Fall!

Have you noticed our trees have been trimmed? This is the pruning season and the job is almost complete – we look forward to seeing the leaves again in Spring!

of the contract. It was not feasible to secure a company mid-season, but we put the contract out to bid and are pleased to announce we have chosen Great Oaks Landscaping Company for the 2005-2006 season.

Meet Members of The Board



Doug May
Vice President



Tammy Capone
President



John Trace
Secretary

Not Pictured:
Bill Bone
Treasurer

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Let's Eat!

A regular article featuring a tasty recipe. Please email us your tried and trusted favorites!

CINNAMON APPLE PURSE

Supplied by Tammy Capone

"Great fall dessert-especially after a day of apple picking at the Orchard!"

2 ea. Granny Smith Apples, peeled and sliced
 1 Tbsp. butter
 2/3 cup sugar
 2 tsp. cinnamon
 1 Tbsp. flour
 4 tsp. butter, softened
 5 each Phyllo sheets
 ½ cup butter, melted
 4 scoops vanilla ice cream

- 1) In a saute pan, melt butter and add apples cook until tender.
- 2) In a mixing bowl, combine apples, sugar, cinnamon and flour, mix well, reserve.
- 3) On a table lay 4 sheets of phyllo dough, brush each sheet lightly with butter, stack.
- 4) Repeat step 2, cut in half, divide apple mix onto the 4 half phyllo doughs.
- 5) Gather each corner towards center and make a bundle.
- 6) Bake in 350° oven for about 10 minutes or until golden.
- 7) On a dessert plate place one bundle and garnish with vanilla ice cream, enjoy!

Holiday Decorations

Main Street Square

Residents always take pride in their Holiday Decorations and we look forward to seeing them again this year. Remember, decorations can be displayed from December 15th until January 5th

EMERGENCY!!

Definition of an Emergency:

"Immediate harm or damage to person or property"

Please note, using the emergency pager for non-emergencies or co-owner related repairs will result in a \$75 Service Charge

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

November 19th – Washington Avenue 11:00am
"Fifth Annual Holiday Magic Parade". An event not-to-be-missed, with a variety of performance bands from Holiday funk to jazz, rock & blues, carolers, marching bands, dance troupes, a salute to law enforcement, the Red Thistle Bag Pipe band, Santa and Christmas Carol with grand marshals WJBK FOX 2's Fanchon Stinger and Jackie Paige and much more! After the parade, guests are welcome to visit **Santa** in his kingdom in the lobby of the Royal Oak Theatre. Enjoy children's shopping with ideas under \$25, choirs, coffee and hot chocolate noon – 4pm.

December 1st – Farmers Market 6:15pm
"Tree Lighting Ceremony". It is time for Royal Oak's 24th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. With caroling by Stagecrafters, and special performances by the Royal Oak Salvation Army Band and the Royal Oak Children's Choir. Come join the City for an evening of refreshments, caroling, lighting of the Tree and a visit from SANTA!

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