❄ *Winter Freeze Checklist* ❄

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Temperatures that fall below 20 degrees, particularly when accompanied by strong winter winds, dramatically increase the possibility of frozen water pipes and damage from bursting and flooding. It's important that you plan ahead. Inconvenience and financial loss can be reduced if you follow these simple guidelines:

* Keep your house heated to at least 55 degrees.
* Disconnect hoses from outside faucets.
* Drip lukewarm water from at least one inside faucet so that both hot and cold pipes are involved.
* Ask a neighbor to check pipes if you are going to be away for any length of time.
* Turn off all outside water and drain lines. Should a faucet freeze, you can thaw an inside faucet easily with a good hair dryer. Outside faucets, however, usually require both the hair dryer and plenty of hot water.
* If a pipe burst, take the following steps:
  1. Shut water off at the main valve. If the break is in a hot water pipe, the valve on top of the hot water heater should be closed.
  2. Call a plumber.

A pipe doesn't necessarily burst the first time it freezes. Sometimes it takes several freezes and thaws before the damage occurs. Hopefully these tips will help make the winter months more pleasant and worry-free!

YEAR-END EVENTS

The Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, October 26, 2008. Thirty-two residents attended, and our winner this year was Christine Schierer. Congratulations, Christine.

The Christmas Craft Class was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Seventeen creative residents and friends enjoyed making Christmas wreaths and trees.

The Ladies' Christmas Luncheon was held on Sunday, November 30, 2008. Thirty-four residents and friends attended and enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken salad, croissants, cranberry salad, various beverages, and dessert. Activities included games and raffles with Christmas related prizes.

The Annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Thirty-seven residents enjoyed both a silent auction and live auction and over $600 were raised for Big Stef, Inc. Wreaths, made by Cheryl Hussung, were raffled and the funds benefited the Social Committee.

BIG STEF, INC.

The Social Committee received a note from Robert Steffen of Big Stef Inc., thanking the Shadow Lake Community for their generous support in helping the needy and less fortunate in our community. The note included an extensive list of food items sent to over 400 families in the area for the holiday season.

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****PARKING REMINDER***

The Holidays are rapidly approaching and we want to remind everyone to park in your garage or driveway and save the open parking pads for guests.

BIRDHOUSE AND BIRDFEEDER

One (1) birdhouse or birdfeeder is permitted per unit but must be located in the back of the unit and at least three（3） feet beyond the routinely mowed and maintained Common Area. Bird houses and birdfeeders are **NOT** to be installed on decks, patios, or in mulch beds. However, one（1） hummingbird feeder is permitted on the deck or patio in the rear of the unit.

CHILI COOK-OFF

The Shadow Lake Annual Chili Cook-off was held on Sunday, October 26, 2008. The winner this year was Christine Schierer. Many people have asked for her recipe and she has graciously agreed to let us print it in the Newsletter. **Congratulations Christine and thanks for the recipe.** Here it is.

2 # Ground Chuck
2 15oz. cans diced tomatoes
2 8oz cans Tomato Sauce
1 Med. onion, diced
2 cans bushes hot chili beans
1 tblsp chili powder
1 tblsp oregano
1 tsp cumin
1 tblsp salt
1 tblsp garlic powder

Brown meat and onions, add remaining ingredients except beans. Bring to a boil and simmer two hours. Add beans and simmer another hour.. Better the next day.

TOWNE HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Towne Properties offices will be closed on the following days:

December 24 & 25, 2008

January 1, 2008