

Reflections News

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December 2018

Season's Greetings

**FROM YOUR 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAGGIE
WISHING YOU THE BEST FOR 2019!**

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Season's greetings! That includes Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy Kwanzaa! While celebrating, just a reminder, we also mark the holiday season with wreath lying on the graves of Veterans. Let's all pause sometime during these days to remember those Veterans who sacrificed for us, and those loved ones we lost throughout the year.

FROM THE REFLECTIONS OWNERS' ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENT:

I hope everyone finds reason for joy and happiness in this festive season. Whatever your

religion (or lack thereof) this is a time to celebrate. It is not just Christmas, Hanukah or Kwanza. It is the time of the winter solstice meaning days will shortly be getting longer rather than shorter and soon we can again be outside enjoying our Reflections nature without scarves, gloves and overcoats.

One way to get into the spirit is to join us at the Clubhouse December 7, at 7:00 p.m. for our annual feast. Bring a side dish and a unisex \$10.00 or less gift to share and come join us!

The closing of another year is also a time to reflect on our blessings. For me, it is almost my 72nd birthday, and I give thanks daily for my health, home and spouse Elizabeth.

I am proud not only of what we accomplished this year, but of those people who volunteered their time and talent, particularly as concerns work on the dams. We have new dams and soon both lakes will be full; we have newly resurfaced roads; we have improved safety with new, single-entry gates.

I am also proud to have lived in Columbia for the past 40 years (come February), and in Reflections for the past nearly 20 years. I have seen both our city and neighborhood improve. Nothing is perfect, but sometimes I can forget the outside problems as I drive through our gates and my blood pressure drops after a day's work and the twelve-and-



a-half-mile trip home. I wish all of you the best of the season, and a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,
Rick Gray, President
ROA Board of Directors.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

The ROA social committee sponsored a very successful Chili Cook-off in November. Five Chilies were submitted, Congratulations to our winners: Maggie's Chili won First place, Immanuel Banks Second Place, and Kajal Ghoshroy Third Place. There was also some delicious cornbread, salads and desserts contributed by the many people who attended. It was a good sociable time that everyone enjoyed. Those who didn't come really missed something!



The next event will be our Reflections Christmas Dinner December 7, 2018 @ 7:00 P.M. Reflections Clubhouse. We will furnish Ham and Turkey, Tea and Water. Please Bring your favorite Vegetable, Bread, or Dessert to share.

Bring a unisex gift \$10.00 or less for the "Chinese" gift exchange.

RV PARKING AREA

Reflections Owners Association (ROA) provides a parking area for RVs, boats, and working trailers. In return ROA expects owners who use this facility to periodically move the items stored there – this is NOT a "dumping ground" for items no longer used. ROA also expects that whatever is stored there will be maintained, that trash that accumulates will be promptly removed, and that owners cooperate in maintaining the area.

WHY SCOOP THE POOP?

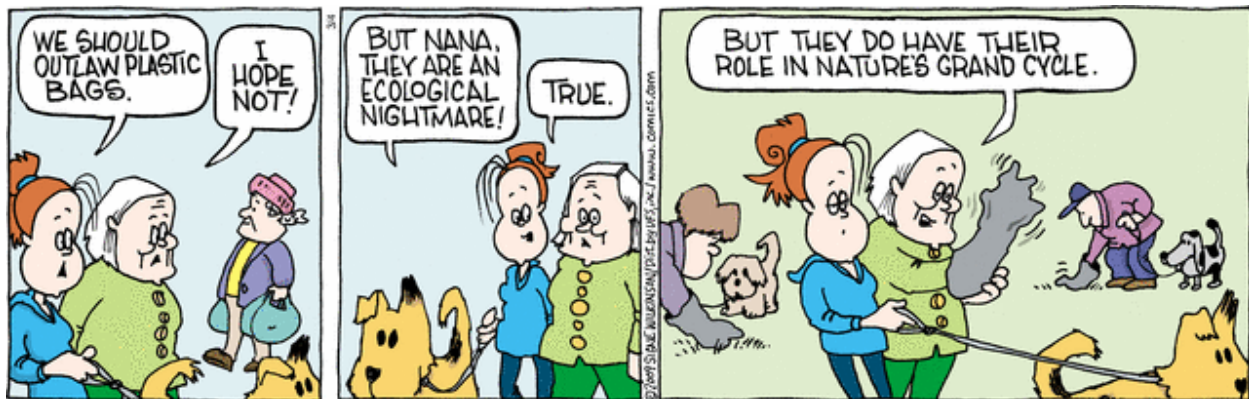
Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember these facts:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Our association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
2. Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment. If fined by the EPA, our



association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members—not just dog owners.

3. The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.
4. The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association.
5. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents - maggots who feed on pet waste.



This and That!

1. Reflections went digital in 2018. We will publish our newsletter on our website, display on the bulletin board, and distribute by email only. All flyers, Reflections updates, etc. will be on the website and email. If you have NOT done so Maggie needs your email address if you would like to stay informed.
2. Board meetings are held in the Reflections' Clubhouse 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please bring your suggestions and ideas. You will have an opportunity to be heard. Residents may address the Board in resident comments beginning at 7:00 pm.
3. The office will be closed December 24th – January 2nd for the holidays.
4. The office is open for residents/guest Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 and Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 to 4:00. Closed for lunch 12:00 to 1:00. The office has extended hours the third Thursday of the month 1:00 to 6:30.

Want to write for this newsletter? Please bring your articles to the office or email to maggie-reflections@sc.rr.com by January 25, 2019. We cannot promise all will be published but we would appreciate articles.