



# *Willow Springs Watch*

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## ***From the President***

### ***Dennis Gerber***

 During our November board meeting, we finalized the budget for 2013. After much discussion, it was agreed that the budget will have to be increased significantly in two areas. One is the irrigation system. If you remember, we had to install a chlorine injection system to combat the Bryozoa infestation. Consequently, we will need to purchase approximately 40 gallons of chlorine a week. The second area is the roof reserve. We spent \$16,000 to clean the roofs this year. It is planned to replenish that account during the next three years, at which time we will clean the roofs again. Consequently, the dues will go from the current \$495 per quarter to \$525 per quarter next year. You will be getting a copy of this budget in a couple of weeks. If you have any questions or comments, please come to the next board meeting on Dec. 17. (11 a.m. at the clubhouse).

## ***Insurance, Legal and Rules/***

### ***Architectural Review***

#### ***Dianne Bonney***

The Board has received confirmation from our attorney that it is within the scope of the Board's authority to approve the installation of driveway pavers, and no amendment to the governing documents is required. The board previously approved the concept of pavers, subject to the legal review, and the development of guidelines.



The committee will hold a meeting in January at which time selected vendors will be invited to give a presentation. In the interim, the committee will take pictures of homes in neighborhoods where some homes have pavers and others do not to show that pavers would not have an overly dramatic impact on Willow Springs. The committee will also draft an approval form similar to the one for roof replacement that incorporates the guidelines.

The good news is our insurance broker is in the process of bidding our Directors and Officers policy and the umbrella policy and we expect substantial savings. The bad news is Citizens has notified us they will not be renewing the wind insurance on the pump house. The broker is looking into the available options and the issue will be on the agenda at a future board meeting.

## Neighbor Notes

Willow Springs resident **Celless Beck** will be among those performing Sunday, Dec. 2, with Exsultate, Venice chorale, in a celebration of holiday music. Three choruses, Exsultate, Jubilate and Le Voci de Venezia, will present the program at 3:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 400 Field Ave. (on the island). Tickets are \$17 (\$5 for students) and will be available at the door.

### *From the Editor*



#### ***Phyllis Hammer***

Thanksgiving Day is past, the roast turkey is but a memory (or a carcass waiting for the garbage truck) and the consequences of Black Friday are still to come in the form of future credit card bills. If Benjamin Franklin (the story goes) had had his way, our Thanksgiving dinner entrée might have been our national symbol instead of the golden eagle. Looking at some of the country's leaders these days, the turkey may have been a better choice. In that case, would roast eagle have been the Thanksgiving entrée of choice? Anyway, I hope you're cherishing a wonderful Thanksgiving Day memory and looking forward to making new ones in the days ahead.



# Happy Holidays!