

VILLAGE VOICE

September 2020



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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9/6 William Sullivan AI I

Hillside Village

9/9 Craig Sias HV I

9/10 Deborah Giuffre HV I

9/23 Jonathan Alden HV I

Love House

Woodside Village

9/11 Paula Driscoll WV I

9/14 Spencer Hilton WV III

9/18 Emma Goldhorn WV II

9/22 Linda Andrews WV I

FROM THE MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

On **Tuesday, September 15th**; Cape Light Compact will be start working on an energy assessment at **Woodside 1**. They will begin at about 9:30, the staff will be wearing all the necessary PPE gear for everyone's safety. They would like to get into all apartments to check the light fixtures and lighting, and the appliances, however, if you would rather they not come to your apartment, please call Mary Kay at 508-693-8318 and let her know. They also will be checking the entire building envelope for energy efficiency.

I hate to keep bringing this topic up, but with this ongoing pandemic we are facing a real crisis. Our septic systems are in real danger of failing.

We have our systems on an annual pump out schedule, but the only treatment plant on the island that will take any waste has been closed. Only recently have they been allowing one (1) truck load per day from IEH to be brought into the Edgartown Waste Water plant.

The other option to get rid of our waste water is to have it trucked off island; and that more than doubles the cost of having it treated on island.

We have noticed a great deal of non organic matter in the septic tanks; there is so much of it that it clogs the pump hose.

One of the main products that we are seeing in the tanks is the disposable wipes, while these may say septic safe they are not. We also see face masks and gloves being flushed down the toilets.

We offer at no charge small garbage cans that can be put in the bathroom for this purpose.

Please think before you put anything down the drain or flush down the toilet. We really appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Greg Monka



FROM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Property Management Office is working on updating guidelines for all gardens and outside areas at IEH. Depending on the configuration of the building you live in, your defined garden space will differ. This can get confusing, and it is hard to find consistency.

As stated in the House Rules:

“TENANTS with individual garden areas who wish to add plant materials or small decorative items must obtain prior LANDLORD approval.” Even if you have an established garden, please reach out to me so we can discuss. I will be reviewing all garden areas on a case by case basis.

We also have Guidelines for the Use of Outside Areas:

1. Fire and medical safety includes clear access through all egresses. As well, there can be no dangerous conditions or health hazards for residents in the community.
2. Personal patios are for use with outdoor living furniture, such as, but not limited to, chairs or tables. Personal patios cannot be used for storage of any appliances, equipment, tools or accessories.
3. Backyard and garden areas are for the enjoyment of the neighborhood always in the consideration of other residents. Backyard and garden areas cannot be used for storage of any kind.
4. Outdoor grilles can be used only when all safety precautions are followed. Grilles should be used at a minimum of 10 feet from the building and not under any overhang.
5. No flammable liquids or dangerous substances can be kept in or outside an apartment.

The Property Management Office at Woodside Village I will be open to the public beginning September 1st from Monday through Friday from 9-12 and 1-4. In accordance with COVID protection recommendations, a new Plexiglas partition has been installed in Salli's office. This will allow for face-to-face conversations while adhering to the current safety protocols. Please continue to wear your mask!

Please remember to dispose of your cigarette butts in the appropriate containers. If the container appears full, please let the maintenance department know.



WASH YOUR HANDS



VISITORS and GUESTS to Your Apartment

We are still **only essential persons** in our buildings. An essential person is someone who is a care giver or providing assistance. This person can be from an agency or may be a family member.

If you are planning to have an overnight guest you must check in with the Property Management Office **per House Rules**. Please call Denise 508-693-1367 x10

COVID19 precautions have been difficult and we all wish it was different but we must remain vigilant to keep our selves and neighbors safe. We are using the best guidance from our local Boards of Health, the CDC, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and HUD. Please help to limit exposure and/or potential spread of COVID19 in our community.

MASSACHUSETTS TRAVEL ORDER –Effective 8/1/20

All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:

Complete the **Massachusetts Travel Form** prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a lower-risk state designated by the **Department of Public Health**.

Quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts.

If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors, and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative test result.

Failure to comply may result in a **\$500 fine per day**.

Low risk states are listed below.

- Connecticut
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Vermont

Please visit www.mass.gov for more information or to download a travel authorization form.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



State Primary is on Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 from 7am-8pm

Oak Bluffs Residents, Colleen Morris, Town Clerk, 508-693-3554, ext. 120

VOTE HERE: Town Library Meeting Room at the Town Hall - 56 School Street

Vineyard Haven Residents, Town Clerk, J. Hillary Conklin (508) 696-4215

VOTE HERE: Emergency Services Facility 215 Spring Street

The **Presidential Election is on November 3rd, 2020**. If you need an application to vote by mail, please give me a call 508-693-7009. More info to come as the date approaches.

Coloring Contest Update

The Resident's Association hosted a coloring contest last month at Woodside 1. Those who participated had a great time and the beautiful and humorous pictures are posted in the hallway outside my office for all to see and enjoy. Congratulations winners! If any resident in any other building is interested in hosting a coloring contest or simply enjoy coloring and would like a template, please reach out.

Lonely? Bored? Missing Positive Connection with Others?

Well Connected (formerly Senior Center Without Walls) is a way to connect with other seniors around the country. They offer activities, education, support groups and friendly conversation over the phone or online. Please go to <https://covia.org/services/well-connected> or call 877-797-7299

MV Center for Living is offering all their programs and services for Island Seniors online. Please call 508-939-9440 or visit www.mvcenter4living.org

Virtual Healthy Agers at the YMCA

Healthy Agers fitness and discussions with Betty Robey from the YMCA, on Zoom. Download the Zoom app onto your smart phone/tablet/computer, if you do not have it already.

Mondays join a Health Discussion at 10 am – open Zoom, click join meeting,

enter meeting ID: 8080268687, and Password: heart

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am chair exercises -- open Zoom, click join meeting,

enter meeting ID: 8080268687, and Password: heart

Fridays at 10 am chair yoga and tai chi -- open Zoom, click join meeting,

enter meeting ID: 8080268687, and Password: heart

TOO MUCH FOOD?

A good problem to have but we can fix it. If you are not getting what you like from the Food Pantry, fill out a FOOD PANTRY PRE-ORDER form found in your lobby. This allows you to select only the food items you want delivered from the Food Pantry. This can be an on-going order or you can change it at anytime. Any questions, please call me at 508-693-7009.

Want to add something to the Village Voice?

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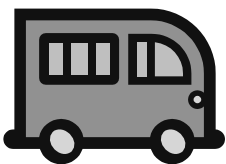
Please call Linda Amaral at 693-5880 ext 13 or email bookkeeper@iehmv.org before the 15th of the month to add your event to the next month's issue.

Woodside Residents Association

The Woodside Residents Association Officers are meeting with IEH Staff every other week on Wednesdays. The next meeting is September 2nd. If you have ideas, suggestions or concerns please let them know before the meeting and they will bring it to the IEH Staff. The Officers are as follows: President—Josephine Tucker 508-687-9901, Vice President—Suzanne Walker—508-693-1389 and Secretary Glenda Cataloni—508-693-5127

Important Phone Numbers:

- Dorothy Young, Executive Director.....508-693-5880 ext.12
- Becca Rogers, Property Manager.....508-693-7555
- Salli Hart, Assistant Property Manager.....508-693-7557 ext 14
- Denise Cote-Alwardt, Occupancy Specialist.....508-693-1367 ext 10
- Wendy Maseda, Hillside Site Manager.....508-693-7577
- Nora Wilcox, Service Coordinator.....508-693-7009
- Greg Monka, Maintenance Director.....508-693-8318
- Maintenance Emergencies.....774-563-2148
- Blueberry Van—Kevin McFarland.....508-693-5880 ext. 15



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