



Rainbow Lake Manor Newsletter

November 2009



Special Events

November 4th

9:30 am
Community Coffee
Marc Lofman & Scott Rose
Community Center

November 14th

5:00 pm
Fall Harvest Potluck
Community Center

November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

November 27th

Office Closed in Observance of the
Thanksgiving Holiday

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Letter from the Office

Greetings Rainbow Lake Manor
Homeowners:

Wow, it's November already – can you believe it?? It's time to roast the bird, watch the parades, enjoy a wonderful meal with family, unbutton your pants and sit down for an afternoon of football! While enjoying all the Thanksgiving traditions that you and your family have created, remember to stop and give thanks for all of the gifts that life has given you...your family, your friends, your home, and your ability to participate in this wondrous journey called life.

As a reminder, the Community Coffee Meeting will be held on November 4th, at the Community Center. Both Marc Lofman and Scott Rose will be on hand to answer any questions or address concerns. This is a great opportunity to join your neighbors in friendly conversation, a hot beverage and a sweet treat. We hope to see you there!

On October 15th, Rainbow Lake was the proud recipient of an additional 300 new residents in the form of Large Mouth Bass. We are pleased to make this addition and hope that everyone enjoys our now fully-stocked lake. In order to maintain the health and well being of our new friends, please remember, Rainbow Lake fishing is "catch and release" only, and no fish from outside sources are to be introduced into Rainbow Lake at any time.

Now that the year is coming to a close, we can feel the slow creep of winter - that inevitable chilling of the air that happens, without fail each year. Remember that with that chill comes snow and with snow comes plowing. When winter finally decides to announce its arrival and the snow starts to fall, all vehicles must be parked in your driveway, garage or carport – NOT on the street. In complying with this request, you make it easier for us to efficiently and effectively plow the streets and you prevent your vehicle from being the sad recipient of it's own mound of plowed snow.

As you know, being the hale and hearty Wisconsinites that you are, with the snow comes cold, cold and more cold. That means that it's also time to think about winterizing your home in preparation and prevention for winter's cold and harsh bite. We have included some guidelines and tips for winterizing your home later in the newsletter. Please review them for important information that just may save you some headaches, time and trouble as the cold weather tightens its grip.

Sincerely,
Rainbow Lake Manor Office

Save the Date Holiday Happenings

Holiday Craft Show

Sunday, December 6, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Community Center

Call Dorothy at 262-857-6648 for information on participating

Rainbow Lake Manor Holiday Party

Saturday, December 12, 5:30 pm

Community Center

Catered Dinner - Limited seating. Please prepay Char for all reservations no later than December 9th, 2009



Winterizing Your Home....

With the winter season rapidly approaching, we want to remind each homeowner to take necessary steps to ensure proper winterization of their home. Don't forget to disconnect your outdoor hose from the spicket so it will not freeze.

Installing Heat Tape

STEP 1: Check pipes

Do not install heat tape over leaking pipes. Not only will a slow leak damage insulation, but it may also short out the heat tape. Pay particular attention when you check the pipe joints for leaks.

STEP 2: Attach to pipe

Use only automatic heat tape, with heavy rubber insulation around the wires. Do NOT use non-automatic heat tape, as this could damage plastic pipes. Start with the plug end next to the outlet, and run the heat tape the entire length of the freshwater supply pipe. Also wrap the water pipe below ground level, to the frost level. Methods for attaching heat tape to the pipe vary. Some types of heat tape wrap around the pipe, some run along one side of the pipe. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

STEP 3: Attach heat tape

Space wraps according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Use electrical tape, not electrical wire, to hold the heat tape in place. It is very important that you never cross the heat tape back over itself: this creates a real fire hazard.

STEP 4: Insulate

It's a good idea to cover the water pipe and heat tape with pipe insulation or pipe jacketing. If the insulation does not have a weather-protective outer surface, you will need to cover it with a waterproof wrap.

STEP 5: Plug it in

Don't forget to plug in your heat tape before the onset of cold weather. Do not use an extension cord. The heat tape must plug directly into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) receptacle. You should find a GFCI protected outlet underneath your manufactured home, near the water inlet. If not, you will need to install one

Maintaining your Heat Tape

Be sure to plug your heat tape in and that it is operating properly.

Check the under belly of the home for any kind of holes or frays in the insulation around the piping.

Make sure no part the piping is wet or damp. Heat tape will not operate when the piping is wet.

Outsourcing

If you are looking to outsource your Winterizing needs, you may contact:

**Kettle Moraine
Mobile Home Service
P.O. Box 46
Elkhorn, WI 53121
262-249-9810**

Home Heating Maintenance Tips

It's very important to make sure your furnace operates safely and efficiently during winter weather. You can perform many routine furnace maintenance jobs, while other procedures are best handled by a qualified repair person. Most furnace manufacturers recommend a professional inspection of fuel lines, safety controls, burner and flue pipe every year. Your utility company may provide a free inspection.

You should replace disposable furnace filters regularly. Remove and wash, brush or vacuum permanent filters. Remove the cover of the thermostat and vacuum away dust and dirt. Check the exhaust vent from furnace. Clear obstructions like leaves or animal nests from the vent pipe. Keep roof exhaust vents clear of excess snow build-up.

Inspect blower motor. Vacuum any accumulated dirt. Inspect V-belt and pulleys for wear. If the belt moves more than an inch when you push it, tighten it. Check air intake. Most furnaces draw combustion air from beneath the home, so keep four to six vents in the skirting to allow free air passage.

Check flue assembly for alignment and rigidity. It should run in a straight line from the top of furnace through the ceiling. Be sure the flue is attached to the furnace collar. Check to make sure there is no loose wiring near the flue. If there is wiring in the flue area, move and secure it well away from the flue pipe.

Carpeting in furnace compartment should be removed and replaced with fireproof material. Some furnaces have wire mesh in front of the stack to prevent storage on top of the furnace. If this mesh is missing, replace it.

Clean out debris in furnace area, and don't allow even small amounts to accumulate. Never use your furnace closet for storage or drying clothes. This is a fire hazard.

Rainbow Lake Manor Activity Calendar

November 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 11:00 am Red Hat Society	3 10:00 am-4:00 pm Sewing Class	4 9:30 Community Coffee with Marc Lofman and Scott Rose	5 1:00 – 4:00 Needlework & Crafts 6:30 Bingo	6 1:00pm to 2:00pm Bookmobile	7
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