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“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” — Edith Sitwell

Winter Newsletter

Our Annual Meeting was held on November 18th. Many thanks to all those that attended, and those that provided proxy votes for the Board election. We discussed the 2015 budget, and the Board answered questions about 2014 and 2015 spending, including the use of the reserve account. The 2015 budget was approved by the Board. Two Board seats were up for election, and only two members of the community volunteered, Pat McClure and Curt Fitt. As two people ran for two positions, both were elected without the need for a vote. Please welcome Pat McClure to the HOA Board!

February was one of the snowiest in Denver history, so thanks to everyone for doing a great job so far clearing your sidewalks this winter. As a reminder, all front sidewalks must be shoveled within 24 hours after snowfall has stopped. Sidewalks must be kept free of ice at all times, including runoff from the driveway or elsewhere on the property. Keesen, our landscape management company, has also been contracted to handle snow removal for the HOA common areas, and they've been doing a great job with all the recent snow and cold weather.

As always, feel free to email us: Board@summerlanevillage.com and we hope to see you at the Board Meeting on March 24th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

**Tuesday March 24th
7:00pm**

**Summerlane Village
Gazebo**

Agenda Topics

Mailbox Project

Summer Events

Open Discussion



Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

The HOA Board is happy to announce the winners of the holiday decoration contest this past December. Many houses had great lighting and decoration displays, and the community looked great this holiday season.

Best Overall Display

Pat and Darnella McClure - 7836 W. Layton



As Pat McClure recently joined the HOA Board of Directors, the McClure's were not eligible for the cash prize. They were recognized for their vivid and comprehensive display. Their devotion to such impressive holiday decorations is a welcome addition to our great community.

Prize Winners

Bree Anne Busick & Trent Howard - 4975 S Zephyr



Bree Anne and Trent had a very colorful display, and had lighting all throughout their front yard, garage, upstairs windows, and front porch. They had a mixture of lights and decorative elements, and the display might get even better next year with their Lowes gift card.



Holiday Decorating Contest Winners (continued)

Honorable Mention

Josh & Nicole Riehl - 7788 W Layton



We all enjoyed Josh & Nicole's music synched lighting show, especially the various elements such as the garage lights, front porch, present boxes, and lamp post.

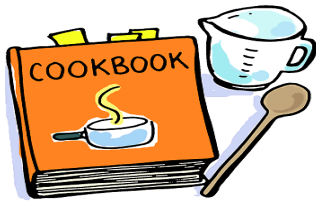
John & Tina Russell - 4942 S. Zephyr St



John & Tina put their front tree and fence to great use, and also included classic elements in the windows and front porch.



From Our Kitchen to Yours

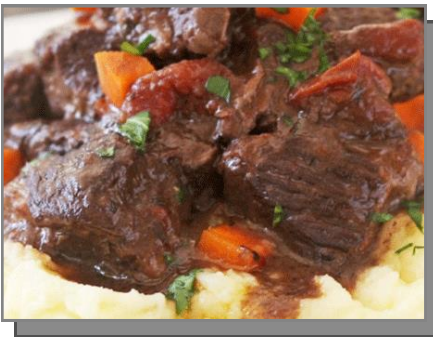


Here are some of our favorite recipes, if you want to share your own recipe in a future newsletter, just email recipes@summerlanevillage.com.

Braised Boneless Short Ribs

Ingredients

- 4 Boneless Beef Short Ribs
- 1/4 Cup Flour
- 2 Tablespoons Canola Oil
- 1 Large Onion
- 1 Celery Rib
- 1 Large Carrot
- 3 Garlic Cloves
- 1 Cup Red Wine
- 1-2 Cup(s) Beef Stock
- 2 Tablespoons Tomato Paste
- 1 Bay Leaf
- 1 Teaspoon Dried Thyme
- 1 Teaspoon Dried Rosemary



Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Chop onion, celery and carrot into one inch pieces. Mince garlic. Set aside. Dredge beef in flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Shake off extra flour.

Heat Dutch oven or other oven/stovetop safe deep pan over high heat till hot. Add oil and immediately add beef.

Brown beef till all sides are dark golden brown. Remove from pan and add onion, carrot and celery.

Reduce heat to medium and add garlic. Sauté till vegetables start to brown.

Add wine and reduce by half.

Add tomato paste, chicken stock, thyme, rosemary and bay leaf.

Return beef to pan, cover tightly and place in oven. Cook for about two hours or until beef is tender but not falling apart.

Remove beef and strain vegetables off of sauce. Return liquid to pan and reduce until desired consistency.

Season sauce to taste. Serve over spatzle, noodles or polenta. (or whatever else you please).



HOA Mailbox Project

At the request of residents at the Annual Meeting in November, the HOA Board is reaching out to a number of contractors in the area to determine the cost of building covered and lighted mailbox stations around the three community mailbox locations. We are waiting to hear back at this moment, and will evaluate the responses this spring. Once we have a formal plan, we will hold a community meeting to discuss the costs of the project.

As an example of what we are asking, below are some pictures of the mailbox stations at the Landing at Marston Lake, the community directly to the north of Summerlane Village.



This is a picture of the entire structure showing the location of the two mailbox stations, the two light bulbs, and the locked message board attached to the structure.

This is a locked box with a cork-board backing. This would be used by the Board to post community notices and messages, and locked to prevent other information from being posted such as solicitations or advertisements.





Snow Removal Safety Tips - Courtesy of the National Safety Council

Keep yourself safe from injury by taking these precautions:

- Individuals over the age of 40, or those who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful.
- If you have heart trouble, do not shovel without a doctor's permission.
- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking.
- Take it slow! Pace yourself. Be sure to stretch out and warm up before taking on the task.
- Do not pick up too much at once.
- Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Keep your back straight.
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break.
- Dress warmly.

Snow Blower Safety

- If the blower jams, turn it off.
- Keep your hands away from the moving parts
- Do not drink alcohol and use the snow blower
- Be aware of the carbon monoxide risk of running a snow blower in an enclosed space
- Refuel your snow blower when it is OFF, never when it is running

ARC Update

Joshua Riehl recently joined the Architectural Review Committee (“ARC”), and has already added some great comments and thoughts to some of the latest requests. The winter is a slow time for the ARC, but the spring will soon bring an increased number of requests. The ARC is always looking for new members looking to volunteer, so email Board@summerlanevillage.com if you’re interested in joining. Current ARC members are:

- Jocelyne Jaramillo
- Alvin Pastrana
- Steve Coble
- Lela Howard
- Joshua Riehl

