

RAMBLING ROOSTER NEWSLETTER

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The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting
for our senses to grow sharper.

-William Butler Yeats, Irish Poet-



Three Guys and a Hole in the Ground



These three men plus one or two others have installed timers plant watering system. John and Gene convinced Terry and Ray (not in the photo) to be in the hole while they supervised.

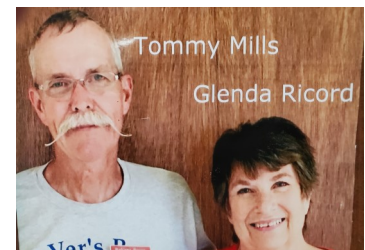
Some pipes were old and one broke, which made installation a little harder. Water had to be turned off for an hour or so, but the repairs were successful, and the water back on in no time. John was nice and hosed Terry off after he got out of the hole.

This system will help regulate water usage and give the thirsty plants water at night or early in the morning when the least amount is lost to evaporation. It will also make the work of the Landscape Committee easier!

Thanks, guys – we sure appreciate it!

New Leaseholders

Two new leaseholders are people who have been around the park for a few years. Tommy Mills and Glenda Ricord have become members of the coop and are leasing lot 57. Tommy is the assistant manager and was featured in the November newsletter when the new management team was introduced. Please welcome him and Glenda again.



From the Editor:



Hard to believe the season is slowly coming to an end—as I write this the weather is changing—low seventies are now approaching the eighties and the hum of late afternoon air conditioning units becoming more common. It's been a strange season but we've been fortunate at the Roost to have socially-distant safe activities and beautiful weather, which allowed us to be outside (Sorry northerners and Canadians—don't mean to brag).

We have many new members of the co-op but because of Covid they have not been in the park this year—we look forward to welcoming them officially next season and hope they bring new ideas and energy to keep the park a place to which people want to come back.

This is the final issue of the “Rambling Rooster” for the 2020/2021 season. I look forward to reading what a new editor will bring to the newsletter—if you are interested in the editorial position, please contact the president or vice president of Roof Raisers Board—it's a great way to get to know people around the park!

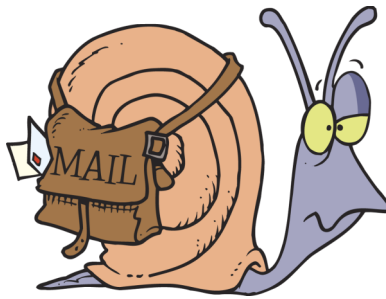
-Kathleen Anderson-

From the Board President:



Another successful season at the Roost is beginning to wind down. Even though we had Covid restrictions and, we endured scaled back events, I think it turned out to be a pretty good season. Kudos to all the committees and groups who made our success happen.

Hopefully, next season we will be able to carry on as usual. Co-operation is key, and nothing is permanent except change. I wish for all of us to have a good summer. Be safe, be well and enjoy!



SUMMER MAIL DELIVERY

With summer approaching it's once again time to review mail procedures for those leaving the park.

- Please fill out the mail forward sheet found on the door of the mail room even if you have given the office a departure date.
- First Class Mail will be forwarded for four weeks after your summer departure date.
- **YOU MUST PROVIDE THE MAIL ROOM WITH FORWARDING ADDRESS LABELS, OTHERWISE MAIL WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.**
- Please do not expect packages to be forwarded to you - they will be returned to sender.

Your mail is your responsibility. The Roost is very fortunate to have people who are willing to continue sorting mail during the off season. Don't take advantage of their generosity – please follow these guidelines!



FOLLIES RETROSPECT:

Something to Crow About!



Many thanks to Maura Clary, chairperson of the Follies this year. She and Mary Clark, assistant chairperson, and a cadre of other folks helped to make the Follies a successful and enjoyable event in a year that was not much fun. On the following pages there are photos that highlight each day's events. Thanks to Ginny Waldo for taking charge of the brown bag event along with Vicki Thompson who took pictures for the newsletter and archives. Steve and Pam Ritchie organized the auction and were stellar as the auctioneers along with all their helpers. Because of everyone working together from a distance the event raised over \$5,000 and donations were still coming in at last count. Thanks to the Roof Raiser President, Jeri Williams and the other board members who helped support this event in a variety of ways.

So, congratulations to all who helped put the Mardi Gras together, who donated items, volunteered to help with the events, and everyone who came out to participate.



BRAVO TO YOU ALL!

THURSDAY:

ANNUAL MEETING AND BLOCK PARTIES

It was beautiful, sunny day when the annual meeting was set to begin. People registered outside, and one person from each of the 52 sites present sat inside—the other outside. The meeting lasted until about Noon and goodies were served outside to all the folks present!



Following the annual meeting, the park held "block parties." The outgoing president of Roof Raisers, *Jeri Williams* and vice president *Vicki Thompson* gave each lot a map of the area their "block" would cover. The streets were closed and slowly, people emerged from their RVs and joined neighbors in the middle of the street. There were three or four groups on each street and plenty of room to distance while sharing conversation and lots of good laughs. After a time, people began to wander to visit other groups along their street or on other streets in the park. It was nice to meet neighbors - both leaseholders and renters - and hear what they have been doing to keep busy and safe, what they did last summer, and plans for the coming summer. Each person brought his/her own beverage and snack and most of the groups stayed out until sunset. What a great way to end the day!



FRIDAY

THE AUCTION

The auction was held on Friday afternoon and was well attended. The tables were loaded with various donated items from cakes and cookies to giraffes, bicycles, and lawn chairs. The bidding was lively, the auctioneers did a fine job, and I do believe a great time was had by all!

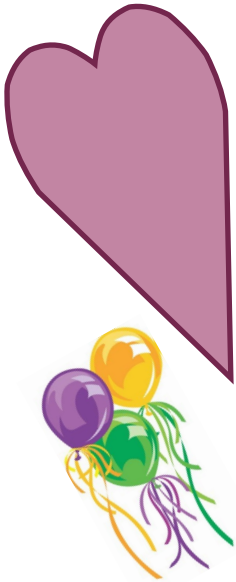


SATURDAY

PICK UP THE MONEY, HONEY!

Saturday's two events were a Treasure Hunt in the morning for two-person teams, and a Cart Parade in the afternoon. The very short parade of "cart floats" went up and down the streets and a group of strangely dressed men walked beside them collecting money thrown at the carts. I just hope the people in the park who have golf carts don't expect us to throw money at them during the rest of the year!





SUNDAY, VALENTINE'S DAY

DINNER, DANCING, AND A WARM, COZY FIRE

The afternoon began with a Subway "box dinner" which included a sandwich, chips and dessert plus an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors. The dance was a huge success with people "tripping the light fantastic" across the parking area. Others sat on the side-lines cheering the dancers on and enjoying the warmth of above ground firepits shared by several leaseholders. Folks stayed until 8:30 p.m. which may have been a record for an event like this (other than New Year's Eve). Pictures were taken under the balloon arch and some of the attire was amazing. What a fun evening!





WHO'S LEFT HOLDING THE BAG?

Monday was a busy Mardi Gras Day. Following the Pool Tournament and Pet Parade, the Brown Bag Drawing was held.

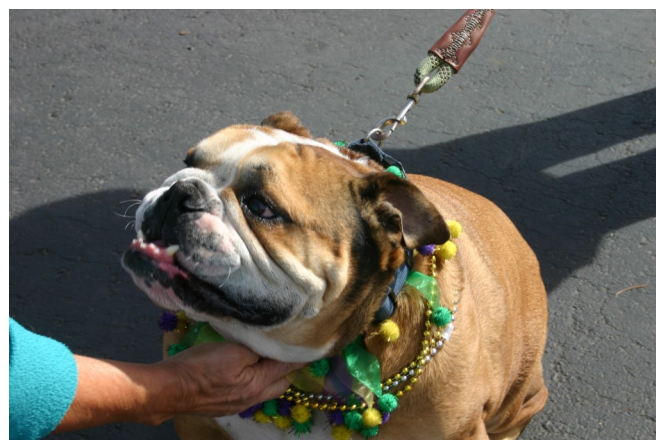
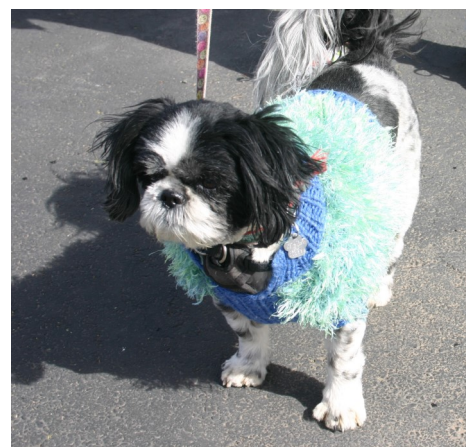
Many brown bag items were on display during the week and on Monday, February 15, the final drawing was held. There were bags with jewelry, bags holding jam, bags with scarves and several homemade goodies. It seemed certain people in the park won a lot of items - guess that means they filled the bags with tickets and *that's what it's all about!* Another beautiful day and a great way to end a fun, socially distanced, outdoor Mardi Gras Follies!



FOLLIES PET PARADE



Only dogs showed up for the pet parade although there are pet cats and a parrot pet in the park. Here are the canines in their finery showing off on a beautiful morning.



They were all so cute (the dogs and the owners) the Follies committee decided to give each entry a prize. The dogs were a little ticked because the prize - any one item from the canteen - went to the owner not the pet...life just isn't fair!