

# WATERTREE NEWSLETTER

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**Attic Insulation.** We are gathering names of owners of top level units who might be interested in adding insulation to the attic space above their unit (at their own expense) by a qualified contractor at a discounted price (\$1,000 - \$1,500). Energy savings of 25% in both heating and cooling have been documented in units where this has already been done.

If you own a top level unit and might be interested in this project, please drop us a note with your next payment. The more people we have, the less it will cost.

**The Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 10th @ 6:30 PM** at the Clubhouse. Official notice of the meeting along with the agenda will be enclosed with the April bill.

**Insurance** - Be reminded that you should all carry personal insurance coverage known as an HO-6 policy to protect you and your investment in the event of a casualty loss in your building. Your HO-6 policy meshes with the Master Insurance Policy held by the association to provide very broad coverage. Owners of units on the **lower level** would be well advised to obtain coverage for "backup of sewer & drains". Owners of **upper level** units should be sure there is coverage for damage due to

"ice damming". If you would like more information regarding recommended insurance, contact the office or your insurance agent.

**Book Club.** Watertree owner Muriel Salmonson would like to start a book club for Watertree residents and friends. Join your neighbors in spirited discussion of current books, both fiction and non-fiction. Depending on numbers, the group could meet at the Clubhouse or at member's homes. Call Muriel @ 426-8523 if you might be interested.

**Common Area Storage** - The maintenance staff is in the process of clearing out abandoned items in the utility rooms. Be reminded that storage of personal items in the common areas is not permitted. If you have any items "temporarily" stored in the utility room, be sure to put your name on them so they are not thrown out. Note: Bicycle storage is permitted as long as they do not block access to the lockers or the meters. Do not chain your bike to pipes or fixtures in the utility room.

## **Remodeling?**

Take a few minutes and inform your neighbors that you will be remodeling and there will be some noise while the work is being done. There is an additional charge for disposal of construction debris (drywall,

tiles, old cabinets, carpet).

## **Lower level Units** -

Residents of lower level units are advised to be aware of the warning signs of a water back-up into your kitchen sink. This occurs when the common drain line becomes plugged with grease, potato peels, etc and the water is unable to drain properly. This can cause sink and dishwasher water to back-up into the kitchen sink of the lower level unit. Sometimes, this water can overflow the sink and spill onto the floor.

Residents of lower level units should be on the look-out for gurgling sounds and/or sluggish drains. Foreign debris in the kitchen sink may be an indication that a minor back-up has already occurred.

Periodically filling your sink and letting the water drain will flush the drain line and help prevent a back-up. In addition, all are advised not to place large amounts of potato peels or other vegetable material in the garbage disposal at one time.

Finally, owners of lower level units should be sure they have insurance coverage for "back-up of sewers and drains" in case there is water damage to your unit. Contact your agent regarding this coverage.