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Beacon Hill Newsletter

Greetings from the Board of Beacon Hill. We were unable to conduct an open annual meeting in April, as usual, due to the COVID19 restrictions and would like to send out an update.

Life is certainly a lot different for most of the residents in Beacon Hill. While things are opening up to some extent, it still seems strange to see so many cars (likely those working from home) around during the day. It is a good time to think about your community. Whether you are a resident owner or a tenant, you have chosen to live in a community setting. We sometimes get caught up in our own lives and don't really think about what's happening around us. Our community is almost 40 years old now. It is governed by a Board, which at full strength consists of 5 current owner residents, who are volunteers. At this time, we have only three members and welcome anyone who might be interested in joining the board to let the office know. The more members, the more balanced and representative of the residents the decisions will be. The members of the Board work to keep the community safe and in good repair for all the residents, which helps to keep the property values up, as well as make it a pleasant place to live.

Each resident can do their part, particularly during these changing times. Be thoughtful of your neighbors. We are all in this together. Little considerations go a long way. Follow the rules and regulations. They aren't meant as a punishment but rather a way to keep the community nice. If you don't have a copy, call the office – they will be happy to provide one. Just do the commonsense things.

Most importantly, be considerate when parking. This is one of the issues we get the most complaints about. If you live in an area where the parking is limited, and there are only enough spots along the curb in front of a building for one car per unit to park (and in some areas there are not even that many spots), do your part – only park one car there, **as the rules state**. For example, in the vicinity of buildings 20, 22, and 24, there are 31 combined spots in front of the 3 buildings, for 36 units. In the vicinity of buildings 26, 28 and 30, there are 33 spots. If you are a single occupant and have more than one car, park the extras in the overflow parking, not in front of the building next to you. If you have more than one occupant and car in your unit, work it out and park only one at a time along the curb. If you are flaunting the parking rules, whether you have started to do it recently or you have been doing it for years, now is the time to stop! You know who you are, and your neighbors certainly know who you are. Please help reduce the stress of your neighbors who can never seem to access a spot along the curb. We could all use a little less stress.

Make sure the light by your door works. Put your garbage in the dumpster/recycle bin and close the door. Flatten your cardboard cartons and cut or fold them so they fit in the bin, leaving room for other residents to put their recyclables. If you have a dog, pick up after it. If you see a problem, like a parking lot light out or a tree damaged in a storm, call the office and report it – don't assume someone knows about it. Only store approved items on your balcony or patio and keep it neat. Be sure to get approval from the association before you install new windows, doors, or fences, so you don't find out later you installed the wrong thing and have to replace it. If you decide to install hardwood floors, and you live upstairs, think about your downstairs neighbors and put down some carpet runners in high traffic areas. Replace your hot water heater before it bursts – this has happened quite frequently lately, and while the association has insurance (and hopefully you do too), we all know that the cost of insurance goes up the more claims you have, and the community (through the monthly fee) bears that cost. Same with the washer hoses. And remember that a failure in your unit can cause damage in the unit next to or below you. Keep noise to a minimum. You might not realize how that throbbing baseline from your stereo late at night can keep your neighbor from sleeping. Get involved.

Come to the Annual Meeting in the spring. Voice your compliments as well as your complaints.

And remember that old adage – **Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right**. Just think! Do your part! Do the right, considerate thing and start a trend, and encourage your neighbors to do the same. And continue to do so. Your neighbors will thank you, and it will make your community a more pleasant place to live for everyone.

Beacon Hill Board members