

# COMMUNITY CHAT - THE VILLAS AT APPLE CREEK NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Summer Parade of Homes**  
 Aug. 13–Aug. 21  
 Please excuse the additional traffic through the community as we showcase our new Abbey and Canterbury models located across from the Clubhouse.
- Pig Roast**  
 Thursday, August 25  
 5:30–7:30 pm  
 Join us in the Clubhouse for our always popular summer event, the Pig Roast.
- Spam-o-Rama**  
 Saturday, August 27  
 5:30 pm–??  
 This private event (open only to homeowners) is an annual favorite. Bring your best Spam recipe and come ready for a fun time!

## THE COURTYARD COLLECTION...

Since they were introduced last fall, interest and demand for the four new floor plans in the Courtyard Collection has continued to grow. Our first two Courtyard Collection homes closed earlier this year and four more are scheduled to close this fall. The Colonnade model was very well received which resulted in new sales with more in the works!

The four Courtyard Collection homes—Aboretta, Bramante, Colonnade, and Ducal—range in size from 1187–1857 sq. ft. and all offer an open concept, split-

bedroom, modern design.

The focal point of each of these homes is a large, private courtyard patio. Homeowners can use that space as a garden oasis, a BBQ gathering spot, a place for morning coffee or somewhere to just take in some fresh air. However they choose to use it, Courtyard Homeowners will surely enjoy this outdoor living space!

Each floor plan has its own layout and unique benefits, so whether someone is looking for a cozy home at an affordable price or a luxurious



**The Bramante—Part of the exciting new Courtyard Collection of floor plans being offered at The Villas at Apple Creek.**

home with top-of-the-line amenities, they will find it in the Courtyard Collection! Stay tuned for the unveiling of our first Aboretta and Ducal homes later this year!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST HOMEOWNERS!

We've had a lot of new faces join our community over the last few months. Welcome to all of our new homeowners! We asked each to tell us something they enjoy about their new home:

*Carole and Dan*—"There is always something going on and we have met the greatest neighbors!"

*Sheila*—"NO SNOW SHOVELING!!!!!!"

*Sharon and Lydia*—Lydia likes, "looking out my window and seeing the pond. I like to look for toads on the pond rocks."

*Ron and Judy*—"Community events and freedom from maintenance."

*Mike and Jan*—"The wonderful neighbors and not having to

shovel snow!"

*Gary and Carla*—"Our great location and the cooperative staff."

*Jim and Sue*—"No outside work and the pond views."

*John and Rita*—"How welcoming, friendly and helpful everyone in the community has been."

*George and Jean*—"The people are like an extended family."

*Bob and Dorothy*—"We are loving our new lifestyle and enjoying our new Villa friends!"

*Scott*—"Welcome to the community!"

*Al and Pat*—"The friendliness of the people and the community feeling."

*Susan and Mike*—"After moving to Apple Creek in March of 2011 we've experienced a fresh new

lifestyle. What is making this work is truly the homeowner and management commitment to a friendly and carefree culture. You will feel like family because this is a lifestyle of neighborly fellowship."

*Karen*—"I love the exercise room. I use it everyday!"

*Georganne*—"I have not had time to fully spread my wings in the community. However, what short flight I have taken, all is good!"

*Doug and Terry*—"I feel like I've been dropped into paradise!"

*Cheryl*—"Everybody has been so welcoming and I'm truly enjoying life at the Villas."

## TWO NEW GROUPS ADDED TO THE SOCIAL CALENDAR



Homeowners discuss issues during a meeting of The Villas at Apple Creek Men's Club.

Two new homeowner groups have recently formed, adding to the array of social activities available in our community. Now, in addition to Game Day on Monday afternoons, Crafting Group on Wednesday mornings and Social Hour on alternating Thursday evenings, homeowners at The Villas at Apple Creek can enjoy the fun of Bunko Club and Men's Club.

Bunko is a wildly popular game of luck, played with dice, 12–16 friends and lots of laughs. Bunko Club takes place in the clubhouse on the third Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm. The 16-person roster is full, but subs are always needed! If you would like to get involved, please

contact Pat Ulrey at [pulrey@new.rr.com](mailto:pulrey@new.rr.com).

The Men's Club is a time for the men of the community to get together and talk about everything from current events to community affairs to nostalgic reminiscing. Men's Club meetings take place in the clubhouse every Tuesday morning, starting at 9:30 am. No advanced notice is necessary to participate, but the group does go out for breakfast on occasion, so it's a good idea to check ahead if you plan to join. Ron Colling, one regular attendee at the Club's meetings, has offered to serve as a contact person for anyone interested in more information about the Men's Club. He can be reached at (920) 574-2326.

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOMEOWNERS

Over the past few years, The Villas at Apple Creek has become firmly established as the most successful condominium community in the Fox Valley. While the architecture, floor plans, location and setting all make this a great place to live, it's the homeowners that truly make this a special place to call home. Time and time again, we've heard from new and prospective buyers how exceptionally kind, welcoming and friendly all the homeowners are. We've heard how

homeowners have invited people in off the street or sidewalk to see their home. Some of our homeowners tell everyone that will listen, how much they enjoy living here.

So, for taking the time to talk with prospective homeowners; for telling friends, family and others about what a great place this is to live; and for doing so much to help make this community successful and a great place to live... Thank You.

Sincerely,

Your friends at Apple Tree



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From left— Nancy, Pat, Kathy and Liz present Hero Capes to Children's Hospital.

For children suffering from traumatic accidents or illnesses, spending time in a hospital can be a scary experience. This is why a group of homeowners from The Villas at Apple Creek came up with Hero Capes, "superhero" capes made from children's character fabric, which the group donates to Children's Hospital in Neenah.

Homeowner Pat talks about the Hero Capes,

## HERO CAPES

"Thanks to private donations and a generous gift from Walmart, our group is able to get the materials we need to sew these capes. We typically bring 20–30 capes to Children's Hospital at a time. The nurses have told us how much fun the kids have with the capes. The capes are also used to help frightened children feel more secure and powerful during their examinations. Hero capes bring inspiration to the children, who in turn bring inspiration to us!"

## CONSTRUCTION CORNER

By Arthur Ladish

The duplex near the NW corner of the community was completed early this year and we were fortunate to get the lawn and landscaping in just before the summer heat arrived. Since then, almost all of the construction activity has been in Phase 2, with Building 36 - our first Courtyard Collection fourplex - and Building 34 - a Canterbury/Canterbury duplex overlooking the ponds - going up over the past couple months. The landscaping for Buildings 28 and 32 also went in this summer, along with the lawns around those buildings and some of the Phase 2 ponds, but we'll need a reprieve from the summer heat before the lawns really start to come in. Unfortunately, weeds grow

well regardless of the heat, so they'll be problematic until the lawns take hold and choke them out.

With contracts on all six homes in Buildings 36 and 34, we are preparing to start a Colonnade/Aboreta duplex at Building 30 in the next couple weeks. We are looking at starting an Abbey/Canterbury fourplex at building 35 after that. We also plan to add the columns, railing and lights to the faux bridge yet this year. Hope you are all enjoying the summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the Pig Roast. Please call if you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction activity.

## WATER SAVING TIPS

By Pfefferle Management

With the summer heat upon us and much of the country facing drought conditions (we're lucky we aren't!), now is a good time to pass on ideas for conserving water in the home. Responsible water usage is not only important for the environment; it helps keep your HOA fees low!

Here are a few easy tips for conserving water:

- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two and

you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk and save water every time.
- If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle, cutting down on the number of glasses you have to wash.

## SALES SCOOP

By Jessica Allen

2011 has been a fairly busy year in the sales office here at The Villas at Apple Creek. Our community continues to be popular with people seeking the carefree, easy-going lifestyle of condominium living, so we have seen more buyers recently than many other types of housing. Many of our existing homes sold this year and just as many new construction homes are scheduled to close this fall!

We were also recently presented with a wonderful problem to have when all four of our model homes sold and closed more quickly than we were able to build replacements. Our available Canterbury at 2424 Tuscan Way served us well as a temporary model, but we are very excited to introduce the new Abbey and Canterbury models located at 2324 and 2320 Sienna Way, respectively, opening in early August.

We also said good-bye to our short lived Colonnade model located in Building 1. We were not surprised when this gorgeous home sold quickly. Construction of a new Colonnade model is scheduled to begin soon, along with an available Aboreta, in the duplex building on the corner of Milestone and Sienna Way.

Finally, our Chateau model has found its lucky owners, which means we have only one remaining Chateau in the community! For now, Apple Tree plans to leave that Chateau as a "shell" home, just waiting for the right person to come along and finish it off!

We sincerely appreciate the support of our homeowners in spreading the word about this great place to live.

## WHICH HOMEOWNER...?

"Which Homeowner...?" is a new trivia feature in Community Chat. In each issue, a homeowner trivia question will be asked. If you think you know the answer, let Karen or Jessica in the clubhouse know and if you are correct, your name will be entered into an end-of-the-year drawing for a \$25 gift card to an area restaurant!

Without further ado...

**Which homeowner performs for area school children as a science-loving alter ego named Professor Gizmo?**

## NEWS NOTES

- Find us and "fan" us on Facebook to see fun community photos and stay up-to-date on what's happening!
- If anyone is willing to help by washing the clubhouse dishrags, dirty ones will be kept in a bag underneath the sink. If you see some in the bag and have extra room in a load, please grab some and toss them in the washer!
- There is free Wi-Fi internet connection in the clubhouse. Ask Jessica or Jason if you'd like help connecting.

*If you have anything you would like included in next issue's News Notes, send an email to [Jessica@appletree-homes.com](mailto:Jessica@appletree-homes.com).*

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Welcome to The Villas at Apple Creek—a community like no other! This thoughtfully planned, carefully executed community features beautifully designed European Country style single-story condominium homes, a warm neighborhood atmosphere and a impressive landscape.

We offer six open-concept floor plans with 2 or 3 bedrooms, each featuring cathedral ceilings, spacious master suites, fireplaces, and large storage rooms.

Finally, have the home and lifestyle you deserve at  
**The Villas at Apple Creek!**



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*Apple Tree, LLC has several beautiful homes available throughout our community. Whether you prefer a private location with a view of the nature around you, a place close to the action, or something in between, we have a spot for you!*

*We have a variety of floor plans available for immediate occupancy and several more available that are just waiting for a personal touch with the selection of such things as flooring, cabinets, countertops. These homes can be finished and ready in approximately 8 weeks.*

*If someone you know might be interested in one of these homes, call Jessica in the sales office at (920) 730-8010.*

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## AVAILABLE HOMES

<p><b>2120 Milestone Drive</b> Canterbury \$234,900 <i>1.5 acre natural wetland pond in your front yard!</i></p>	<p><b>2424 Tuscany Way</b> Canterbury \$264,900 <i>Luxury upgrades throughout!</i></p>	<p><b>2405 Sienna Way</b> Abbey \$209,900 <i>Waiting for your finishing touches!</i></p>
<p><b>2210 Tuscany Way</b> Canterbury \$254,900 <i>Lots of surrounding green space and gorgeous interior!</i></p>	<p><b>2325 Tuscany Way</b> Chateau \$189,900 <i>Last available two-story Chateau in the community.</i></p>	<p><b>2401 Sienna Way</b> Canterbury \$222,900 <i>Large storage room and deep garage!</i></p>
<p><b>2217 Tuscany Way</b> Canterbury \$239,900 <i>Just steps from the clubhouse!</i></p>	<p><b>2320 Sienna Way</b> Canterbury \$255,000 <i>Model parade home with a Fountain/pond view!</i></p>	<p><b>2324 Sienna Way</b> Abbey \$221,663 <i>Maple Cabinets, plush carpeting, and comfortable sunroom!</i></p>

**For more information about our community, visit us online at:**

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