



## December 2023 Somers Point Newsletter

As we approach the Christmas season so often our thoughts go back to Christmas long ago. Did you have a wish list for Christmas when you were young? Did you always get what you wished for? Most parents tried to full fill those wishes, but if they weren't able to, there was always a gift. You may not have been happy, but it was what they could do for you, and later did that wish really matter? Christmas is full or should be full of Love, the gift we got or give doesn't make love, it is given with love. Love came into the world that first Christmas and is still here. So, think about that wish you had and never got, does it really matter now? But the love you felt then or now is still here, so may your Christmas be filled with Love as the greatest gift.

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We had another wonderful Thanksgiving meal didn't we. 30 were served, and the gals did a great job preparing it. Many thanks

to those who helped serve and clean up, a big Thank you to Eric and Tracy Hevelene of American Senior Benefits for contributing to the cost of our Thanksgiving meal, it was very thoughtful of them. Thank you Eric.

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A special thank you to the many residents who have done so much for us this year. It is hard to name them and not miss some one, meals prepared and served, hosting events at the club house, bringing Bingo and Birthday treats, cleaning up after events and so much more. So many hands and thoughtful people have made it all happen. Thank you all also for the help you have been to me, and the many kind complements you have given me. It is real joy to serve as your President, with all your support. Thanks also to Virginia and Mae who have supported me at this. Rachel

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December is always a busy month for everyone. Nothing special has been planned here at Somers Point,

but on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Bingo day, we are asking those who attend to bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies, for tasting and sharing, memories can go along way with favorite cookies. Even if you aren't a regular Bingo player make it a special day and join us.

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Our thanks goes out to Fremont Housing Agency also for the improvements they've made at the club house this year with new round tables and covers, sound boards, and the recycling service. It is greatly appreciated.

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With the new year will come some new and some of the same things that will take many hands. It has been decided, rather than have residents sign up to clean monthly at the club house, we will all help following any events. Those who use the club house for personal family use will still be expected to leave the club house as they found it, we did get a new vacuum this year to make it easier, and cleaning supplies are provided. Please do your part. Also remember that if you wish to use the club house, there is a calendar on the bulletin

board to reserve your date and time, please be sure to include your phone number when you sign up just in case you need to be contacted. As we only have one key to the club, and you need to be in at a special time other than the 8-5 when it is open, you can make arrangements with either Virginia or Rachel.

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We will continue with our monthly meals provided by residents who are willing and able to do so. There will be a \$4.00 per person charge, and always a sign-up sheet to be able to know how many to plan for. April and October will be the usual Potluck meals. Funds accumulated from these meals will go toward our catered Thanksgiving meal. Please consider taking part if you are able. It is a fun time for all.

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It has been a practice to have a guest speaker occasionally at our meals, if you know of any one whom you think would be of interest to us, let Rachel or Virginia know. We will continue to have Tuesday afternoon card playing, Wednesday morning coffee klatch, Thursday Bible Study, and of course Bingo on Fridays, it is

still planned to start playing Hand and Foot. If you have ideas for other activities please share them. The "Fair" in September was special, there are always games and puzzles in the new cabinet that would help create a "game" day. Thinking "out of the box" is good.

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A special thank you to Lanora P.'s son Pat who graciously decorated the club house for this Holiday season. It is really an eye catcher.

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We have been very fortunate to have had Dugan Mortuary as our business partner, by providing funds toward our Bingo prizes and meal expenses. However, Dugan has closed, and the business was sold to Mosers Mortuary. At this time, it is unknown if they will agree to be our partner, we will be working on finding someone, and are also open to suggestions. If you see a former Dugan Staff member, be sure to thank them for their support, we enjoyed having Marshelle and Jolene join us for our Thanksgiving dinner.

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With the coming of winter will also be the removal of snow, the service

that comes here, has many places to work in a short time, so please be patient, we may not be first, but we do need to do our part at keeping our walks clear of items that may cause blowing the snow very difficult for them. Please be considerate of them. Also, remember that on very snowy and icy days, the club house may be opened late or not at all, we hope you will be cautious about being out on those days.

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This month we send our Sympathy to the family of Ivy Z. one of our residents who passed away earlier in November.

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Get well wishes go out to Linda R. after her fall, Sheryl B. following surgery as well as Betty H. We are glad to have Fran M. back home again too. Best wishes to all.

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Our December birthdays are:

- Sharon G. -----4<sup>th</sup>
- Woody W.-----6<sup>th</sup>
- Debby W.-----9<sup>th</sup>
- Barb C.-----10<sup>th</sup>
- Rod T.-----10<sup>th</sup>
- Bev S.-----14<sup>th</sup>

Rachel J.-----16<sup>th</sup>  
 Steve K.-----22<sup>nd</sup>

Treasure's Report

Beginning Balance January 2023  
 Dues-----\$252.69  
 Dues paid in '23-----\$190.00  
 Expenses----- \$347.09  
 Balance-----\$95.60  
 Meal Fund beginning-----\$38.60  
 Income-----\$980.00  
 Expenses-----\$417.62  
 Balance-----\$600.98  
 Bingo beginning-----\$334.79  
 Income-----\$1427,72  
 Expenses----- \$1319.27  
 Balance----- \$443.24  
 Memorial Fund-----\$100.00  
 Balance on hand-----\$1239.82

The very generous incomes have been because of our partnership with Dugan Mortuary, and our gift from Eric & Tracy at American Senior Benefits. We thank them.

Expenses from the dues were paper products, cleaning supplies and the new vacuum for the club house.

Mae B. Treasurer

*Thought for the Month*

*A Part of kindness*

*Consists of loving*

*People more than*

*They deserve.*

*Joseph Joubert*

*Merry Christmas*



**WORK ORDERS AND EMERGENCIES**

**Call the Fremont Housing Agency Office - Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at 402-727-4848 to put in a WORK ORDER with Amanda (Housing Specialist).**

**For after-hour & weekend -- Maintenance Emergencies ONLY!**

Call - Ed (Maintenance Director) 402-720-1264 – *wait 15 minutes*, if you haven't heard back from Ed then, call Rita (Executive Director) at 402-720-9643.