

MEET THE DINNER LADIES

A big thank you is due to Elaine Thresher and Judy Donati with help from Carolyn Besser for those delicious monthly dinners so many residents of WLHA enjoy. The three plan the dinners and often prepare them.

Occasionally, the dinners are catered. Menus have ranged from pork roast to hot dogs and chili. Cost is nominal and the ladies ask that reservations be made with Elaine a few days before the dinner. They are also responsible for arranging the twice-monthly continental breakfasts held in the clubhouse on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Help is always welcome. Call one of the women to offer help or stay after and help with the clean-up.



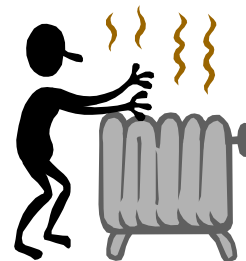
A Few Cold Weather Tips

- ❖ Keep the thermostat no lower than 65 degrees to avoid frozen pipes. Do this even when you are away from home.
- ❖ Open cabinet doors to help warm pipes. On super cold nights, allow a small stream of water to run throughout the night.
- ❖ Disconnect outdoor water hoses.
- ❖ Keep furnace filters clean.
- ❖ If you plan to be gone for even a short trip, remember to shut off the water.
- ❖ When snow is predicted, please try to keep cars in the garage so the snow plow can clear the driveways. Snow is plowed if there is an accumulation of two inches or more.

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ WINTER HEATING BILLS

Although there is not much that can be done to lower the price of natural gas this winter, there are some things you can do to save on the cost of your gas bill. Some helpful suggestions from Willow Lake Residents to control rising heating bills this winter include:

- Keeping your thermostat between 69 and 70 degrees
- Adding insulation.
- Keeping the garage door closed and the door between the garage and laundry room closed.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to about 120 degrees.
- Change furnace filters regularly.
- Have your furnace inspected annually.
- Operate kitchen and bath vents minimally. Vents exhaust heated air along with moisture.



The gate will be closed at 8:30 pm in the evening, and opened at 5:30 am in the mornings.



NEIGHBORHOOD RECIPES

Lois McClurg's Banana Nut Dessert



On cold, blustery, winter days, an old-fashioned dessert hits the spot.

Combine 2 Cups brown sugar, 8 Tablespoons flour and a Dash of salt.

Beat 4 egg yolks with a little milk.

Combine with sugar and flour mixture.

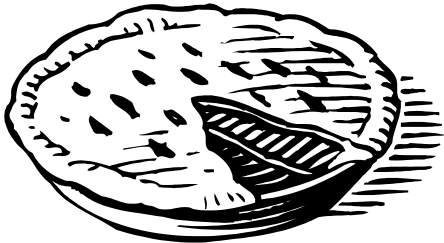
Add 3 Cups milk and 1 stick butter.

Pour mixture into sauce pan and bring to a boil and cook until thick, stirring constantly.

Add: 1 Teaspoon vanilla and let cool

When cool, add 2 sliced and quartered bananas and 2 Cups crushed peanuts or pecans. (Use a rolling pin to crush nuts).

This filling is also great for butterscotch pie.
Makes two 9 inch pies.



New Folks Under the Willow

Some of new neighbors include:

- Martha Stephenson
- Dolores Anderson

Welcome to the neighborhood...



Association Representation

Your homeowner representatives continue to meet twice monthly. Feel free to attend any of the board's meetings, normally held the 2nd Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and the 4th Thursday at 7 p.m. You may also check with Pam in the developer's office or one of the homeowner representatives listed below to confirm time / date.

Your Homeowner Association Representatives

Ray Brassart

Dick Hall

Dick Conaway

Dave Lyon

Wanda Concannon

Pam Jefferson

Jack Donati

Communication Team

Jack Donati collects information for the bimonthly newsletter. Call him to contribute important or fun information we all need to know.

Melissa Voss takes the newsletter information that you give Jack, combines it with notes from Association meetings and produces and distributes the newsletter.

Elaine Thresher maintains clubhouse bookings. Make your reservations early to guarantee date and time.

Jack and Judy Donati get clubhouse reservations from Elaine then publish and deliver the monthly calendar.

You can help. Send information to Jack or Melissa and offer to lend a hand regularly or occasionally.