



# Monmouth Way

## “The Right Way”

The Community Newsletter for Owners & Residents

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### A little something to think about...

*“Autumn is the time of year when Mother Nature says, “Look how easy, how healthy and how beautiful letting go can be.”*

~Toni Sorenson

### Your Board - Our Mission

It is our mission as Board of Directors to do our very best to serve the residents of Monmouth Way so that we may all continue to enjoy the peace, tranquility, safety and beauty of our neighborhood and homes.

Maureen Noonan, *President*  
Gaither Espey, *Vice President*  
Kim Kohinke, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Jacqueline Bigelow  
Julie Keene



We as a Board, will always make ourselves available to meet with you if you have any issues you would like to present to us in person.

Please contact Kelly at Edgewater if you would like to schedule time at an upcoming board meeting and advise her of what issue(s) you would like to address. Your meeting time would take place just prior to the BOD meeting in executive session.

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## Annual Meeting - December 14th

Please mark your calendars!

Our Annual Meeting will take place on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**.

More information will be forthcoming, including ballots for the election of board members.

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## Outside Water Shut-Off

Reminder for all 1<sup>st</sup> floor condos - please remember to shut off the spigots for outside water access, **by November 1st - or sooner** if there is a possibility of temperatures falling below freezing level (32 degrees).

For questions please contact Edgewater Management.

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## Fireplace Safety Tips

- Be sure the flue is open before lighting your fire to help ensure the fireplace will vent properly. Do not close your damper until you are sure the fire is out.
- When starting a fire, only use a match or commercial firelighter. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Glass doors of a fireplace should be kept open while burning a fire. This allows the fire to receive enough air for complete combustion and to help reduce creosote build-up in the chimney.
- Metal mesh screens should remain closed whenever your fireplace is in use to help keep embers in the fireplace.
- Only use dry wood in your fireplace. Wet wood can increase creosote buildup, which can lead to chimney fires.
- Do not burn plastic because it can release toxic chemicals and cause damage to your chimney or fireplace.
- Never burn a Christmas tree in your fireplace as the sparks from the burning needles can increase the risk for a chimney fire. Also, do not burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper or trash in your fireplace.
- Never leave a fire in a fireplace unattended. Before leaving the house or going to bed, you should make certain to fully extinguish the fire.
- Allow ashes to cool completely before disposing of them - ashes can take several days to cool completely. Never empty ashes directly into a trash can.
- **Most Important Tip: Be sure your fireplace has been inspected and certified for the season.**

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## Neighborhood Concerns - Who to Call

Some residents have asked who they should contact if they see something that concerns them. Below are examples and contact info to help direct you:

- If you witness or believe someone may be involved in an illegal activity of a criminal nature - you must call the police:
  - \* Call 911
  - \* Call Saratoga County Sheriff's Dept. at (518) 885-6761
  - \* Call NY State Police at (518) 383-5124
- For issues with dogs (not on leash, not picking up waste) please contact the Town of Halfmoon - Animal Control at:
  - \* <https://www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov/animal-control/pages/complaints>

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## Utility Room Access

If you, or a contractor you hired, need access to the building's utility room please contact our management company and provide them with the reason - as well as how many days' notice. A minimum of 24 hours of notice is needed.

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## Guidelines for Pets - “& Their Owners”

Please be mindful of your neighbors and always follow the rules for responsible pet ownership. Don't allow your furry friend to become a community nuisance:

- Never leave your dogs unattended outside.
- Always try to use the outer perimeters of our grounds when your dog needs to relieve him/herself.
- And always clean up after your dog - charges to an owner will occur for damage to lawns, shrubs and vegetation.
- Leash and License.

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## Noise Levels

There are continuing to be issues with some residents exceeding certain noise and sound levels coming from their units.

**Please be mindful** that we live in a multi-unit residential building community - not individual single family homes. Very loud and excessive sounds (such as music, remodeling, etc.) can easily travel through walls and floors and

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negatively affect other occupants in the building and even adjacent buildings.

And as a reminder, it is part of our Declaration, Article XIII, Section 13.06, that “No unit owner shall make or permit any disturbing noises...that will interfere with the rights, comforts, or convenience of the unit owners.

*Please be respectful of your neighbors.*

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## Dumpster “Do’s & Don’ts!”

- When disposing of personal property, such as furniture, it **MUST be placed INSIDE of the dumpster**, and NOT on the side or behind it. Please also make sure to break down large boxes before placing in recycling bins.
- Please remember to close the dumpster door after disposing of your trash.
- Please understand - our garbage disposal company will not do this for you. Their trucks will only dispose of the contents that are contained inside of the dumpster. For large items, you may contact **County Waste** directly for pick-up and disposal.  
Tel: (518) 877-7007 or (888) 549-2783

**Important note for contractors hired for remodeling:** Please inform them that any large debris items must be removed by them & not placed in dumpsters. This has been a major problem recently - dumpsters have been overflowing and filled beyond capacity with debris - leaving other residents with no place in the dumpster for their trash. Please be respectful of this for your neighbor and our community’s sake.

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## Changes to the Exterior of Your Condo (Important Reminder)

- ANY exterior changes made to your condo (such as new deck doors and storm doors) **MUST have prior approval** and a request must be submitted to our property management company for review before purchasing. (See attached form.) The Board is currently working on a list of approved models to help you with this process.
- To uphold the value of our properties, it is imperative that the exteriors of our condos/buildings have a cohesive appearance.

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## BECAUSE YOU ASKED...

- **PODS/Self Storage Containers:** Yes - you need to contact our management company before delivery of the container. There are size limits and areas of placement limitations. Management will need to know the intended length of stay before approval can be made.
- **Selling Your Condo:** Yes - you need to inform our management company 30 days prior. This is per our By-Laws - Article 10.01B

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- **New Tenants to Your Unit if Renting:** Yes - you need to contact management and provide them with all required information (lease, renters name and contact info, vehicle info, etc.)
- **Getting a New Pet:** Yes - you need to contact management prior to getting a new pet. **This requirement is per our By-Laws - Section 13.03.**
- And yes - **all dogs must be licensed** by the Town of Halfmoon.

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## Financials - Delinquencies

The following units are significantly in arrears in unpaid assessments:

- Unit 132, April LaBounty
- Unit 203, Maureen Campagna Scerra

These arrears burden the rest of the homeowners who ultimately end up picking up the tab for delinquencies. Please know that the Board and Management team are working diligently through all legal means to achieve a resolution.

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## On the Lighter Side...Apple Pie Punch

*The perfect drink for fall/Thanksgiving*

### Ingredients

- 1 apple chopped or sliced
- 1 quart apple cider
- 2 cups pear nectar
- 24 ounces ginger ale
- Apple Pie Vodka – if you can't find this – use caramel vodka instead

### Instructions

Combine apple cider, pear nectar, vodka and ginger ale. Stir well. Place apple slices inside pitcher.

Pour over ice and serve.



**Happy Thanksgiving!**