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Some of the shells that wash up on the beach were once very beautiful. We don't know what kind of journey they had to take to get them in their fragile condition. The same is true for people. Be kind." ~Linda Gifford

# **GREETINGS FROM EDGEWATER!**

- The next Board of Managers meeting will be Saturday, October 23rd in the Association Office. \*\*Please note the change of location for this month's meeting.
- Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the family of Ken Gollmann, who passed away recently.
- Safe travels to all of our "snow birds" who are making their way back to warmer climates. See you in the spring!!

## From the Social and Recreation Committee:

Autumn has arrived, here along the shores of Lake Erie, and we are enjoying the brilliant sunshine that accents all the fall colors of this time of year. The fragrance of grapes is in the air with harvesting in full swing, as well.

Here, at Edgewater, we are looking forward to another Pot Luck Dinner in the Lake Side Lounge, on Wednesday, October 27th. Social time will begin at 5:30pm, followed by the buffet dinner at 6pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a favorite dish to pass, along with your own table service and a beverage of your choice.

The Recreation & Social Committee will, also, be hosting a Lia Sophia Jewelry Party on Wednesday, November 10th, 2010, at 6pm in the Lake Side Lounge. Come and see how beautiful this jewelry is and start your Christmas shopping for your loved ones. This is a fundraiser for your Rec & Soc committee to continue in its efforts to make improvements in our common social areas, as well as, offer social functions to all homeowners. Everyone is invited to come and bring a friend or two with you to this event. Jewelry can also be ordered online during the month of November. More on that in early November.

We appreciate & thank you for your support!!!!

# **Indoor Water Conservation Tips**

You can reduce your water consumption by 20-40 percent without purchasing expensive equipment. Reducing water use can mean substantial savings on water, sewage and energy bills. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water:

#### Kitchen

Avoid the garbage disposal. It uses a lot of unnecessary water and can lead to problems with septic systems. Start a compost pile instead!

Run automatic dishwashers only with a full load.

When washing dishes in the sink, use one side of the sink or a large bowl for rinsing, rather than running water.

Keep a container of water in the refrigerator for cold drinks. If you have to run your tap while waiting for cold water, collect running water in pitcher for later use.

#### Bathroom

Conventional toilets use about five to seven gallons of water per flush. Water used for each flush can be reduced by placing two half-gallon plastic bottles filled with water in the tank.

Install a low-flow aerator on your showerhead and sink. These devises can be purchased at a hardware store and are easy to install. They reduce flow to approximately three gallons per minute instead of the usual five to 10 in a shower.

Turn off tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Take shorter showers. During droughts, turn off water while soaping up.

Remember, when you use less water, you are also using less energy, leading to even greater savings. Visit www.auduboninternational.org for more conservation tips.

### **Outdoor Water Conservation Tips**

Even though we use water every day, it's easy to take it for granted. Just imagine how you would function without clean water. It's everyone's responsibility to conserve and protect water resources. The decisions and actions you make today truly affect our water resources for the future. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water in the great outdoors:

Get a rain gauge to measure rainfall. One inch of rain per week is generally sufficient for lawns and gardens. Supplement only when rainfall is inadequate.

Use mulch around landscape plantings. Mulch will help eliminate weeds and hold moisture in the soil.

Select hardy plants that don't need much water. Native plants that are well adapted to your climate and soils will survive well without supplemental watering.

Water during the cool part of the day to avoid rapid evaporation.

Raise the mowing heights on your lawn mower. This promotes healthier grass that can better survive dry periods.

When watering is necessary, water slowly and thoroughly. If you notice puddles or runoff, turn water off and wait for water to soak in. Also be sure your sprinkler puts water where you need it—not on driveways or sidewalks.

Wash cars efficiently. First give the car a quick rinse, and then turn the water off. Wash one section of the car at a time and rinse that section quickly. Turn the water off each time.

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