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## Message from the President

A brief note, to let you know that we have been successful in negotiating, and obtaining a confirmation from our carpet supplier, that we will be receiving a brand new carpet and its complete installation at no cost to the Association. Installation will begin in a few weeks, and take one week per floor. The design will remain the same. Floors with multiple units undergoing construction may be delayed for this installation. Damaged thresholds and other prior injury to hallway components will also be repaired before installation may occur on a particular floor.

Upon our property managers return from summer vacation, we will be completing the budget process, and attending to the details of preparing the budget for 2013. In the meantime our Treasurer, David Kwiat is hard at work on the overall financial picture, and will provide further information for action by the membership and the Board in due course.

A Board meeting is planned for August 28th at 7 PM. Stay in the loop by attending.

Regards,

Ralph



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# Kids on the Net

More and more children are becoming computer literate and they are spending more time on the Internet. There is a world of information and activities for kids on the Net. But there can also be dangers. Remember these rules for online safety for your children.

Use the computer with your children. As they learn to use the Internet, it is helpful to have an adult present to guide the way. Don't be intimidated if your kids know more than you do about the technology. They still need you to keep an eye on them.

Instruct your children on safe Internet conduct. They should never give out personal information to anyone without your permission. This includes their address, phone number, parents' work address or phone number, or the name and location of their school. They should never agree to meet anyone in person that they have corresponded with online.

Never allow them to send their picture to anyone they don't know online. They should never share passwords with anyone.

Tell your children that if they ever feel uncomfortable or unsure about anything they read or see on the Internet, they should talk with you. They should not respond to offensive or dangerous e-mail, chat requests, or other communications. Contact the authorities if you feel that any contact your child has had is dangerous or inappropriate.

Consider using filtering tools. These block out offensive sites on the Internet. Examples of these are [www.CyberPatrol.com](http://www.CyberPatrol.com), [www.NetNanny.com](http://www.NetNanny.com), and [www.SafetySurf.com](http://www.SafetySurf.com).



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## Watermelon Goodies

### Watermelon Popsicles

- 3 cups watermelon juice
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup water

To prepare watermelon juice, cut watermelon into cubes and rub through a strainer to remove seeds. In small saucepan mix together sugar and water; simmer 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in watermelon juice and lemon juice. Turn into 2 ice trays. Freeze until very mushy and insert a popsicle stick in each cube. Freeze. Makes about 36 small popsicles.

### Watermelon Pie I

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk

- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 cups watermelon balls
- 4 oz. container refrigerated non-dairy whipped topping, thawed 1 9-inch graham cracker crust

Fold together milk and topping. Add lime juice. Fold in watermelon balls, reserving about 5 balls for a garnish. Pour into graham cracker crust. Place remaining watermelon balls on pie to garnish. Chill for 2 or more hours before serving.

### Watermelon Pie II

- 12 oz. refrigerated non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- 3 oz. watermelon gelatin powder
- 1/4 cup water

- 2 cups watermelon balls
  - 1 9-inch graham cracker crust
- Combine whipped topping, watermelon gelatin powder, and water. Fold in the watermelon balls. Spoon into crust. Chill for 2 hours.

### Strawberry Watermelon Slush

- 1 pt fresh strawberries
- 2 cups watermelon, seeded & cubed
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 cup ice cubes

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## Hurricane Trivia

- Hurricanes were first named by people living in the West Indies. The name chosen was based on which saint's day it was when the storm hit.
- Around the end of the 19th century, an Australian meteorologist began giving women's names to tropical storms and hurricanes.
- It wasn't until 1953 that the U.S. National Weather Service started using women's names for storms. In 1979, men's names were added.
- A list of names is put together that includes names beginning with every letter of the alphabet except Q, U, and Z.
- Today, the World Meteorological Organization uses six lists in rotation, reusing the same list every six years. If a hurricane is particularly deadly or costly, the name is retired and a new name is chosen.



## Dog Days of Summer

Most people have heard of the "dog days of summer." But do you really know what the phrase means? In general, it refers to the time between early July and early September when the weather is hot and muggy, leading to a period of stagnation or inactivity on the part of some people.

In ancient times, people were very interested in studying the constellations. A pair of these, called Canis Major and Canis Minor, were considered to look like dogs in the sky. Because the brightest star in these constellations, called Sirius, was so bright, the ancient Romans thought that it gave off heat, like the sun. In late summer, Sirius rises and sets with the sun, leading the Romans to believe that the hot days were due to the extra heat Sirius was giving off during the day. Thus they began to call these days the "dog days." As the constellations have gradually drifted in their positions in the sky, the timing of the "dog days" has changed to earlier in the summer, from the beginning of July to the end of August.



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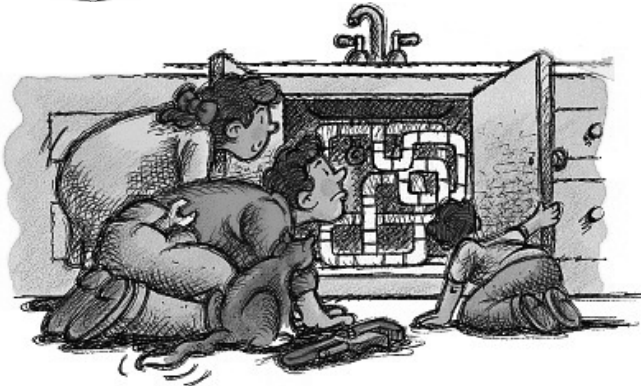
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