

THE HOMESTEAD MILL

Newsletter



August 2008



The Executive Board is pleased to provide news on the following highlights.

RADON

After extensive due diligence by the Board and Barkan Management Company, a radon mitigation system was installed in May in the basement of 15 Higgins. We recently had a test taken and we are pleased to report that the Radon levels were below the EPA standard of 4.0 Pci/l. The reading was 3.7. We will continue to monitor the system with quarterly periodic testing.

UPCOMING / ONGOING PROJECTS

- ❖ The lines and numbers in the parking lot have been successfully repainted
- ❖ The Courtyard at building 15 is currently being repaired and renovated
- ❖ The outside and inside wall at the main entrance of bldg. 15 is currently being repaired and renovated
- ❖ Beginning research is underway for possible solar and alternative energy sources so that Homestead mill can possibly go "Green" in the future
- ❖ All the drains on the property as well as the lines connected to them have been checked and cleared a follow up report was sent, as requested, to the town of Smithfield
- ❖ Multiple items pertaining to painting are under way through out the property
- ❖ RISE Engineering will soon be performing energy saving updates to previously scheduled units and the common area.



FITNESS CENTER

Fitness Center repairs and renovations have been completed. The Board is pleased with the new equipment, television, and overall improvements. We hope the community enjoys their new exercise area. Please take advantage of the new facility throughout the calendar year.

PROPERTY WEBSITE

The new website has proven a successful resource. You can visit the site, purchase gear, post an ad, or read current property news by going to the following link:

WWW.CONDOSATHOMESTEADMILL.COM

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Special thanks to Lenny Rachlow and Gina Bartolomucci for their hard work installing plants and flowers throughout the property.

GREEN LIVING

In an effort to work together to save money while helping the environment, below we've listed a few simple ways residents can work together to "green" The Homestead.

- 1) Turn your thermostat down five degrees in the winter and up five degrees in the summer
- 2) Wash clothes in cold or warm water rather than in hot
- 3) Unplug all electrical devices, when not in use
- 4) Run dishwashers only on a full load
- 5) Defrost meat and other food in the refrigerator overnight rather than firing up the microwave
- 6) Go to the Website:
<http://www.ecocycle.org/junkmail/index.cfm> for information on stopping junk mail delivery

Below are other online resources that can help you stay abreast of green news:

www.healthyhouseinstitute.com

www.treehugger.com

www.thegreenguide.com

GRILLING SEASON

The grills at the property are in full swing this season. We hope you enjoy this added pleasure of these warm months; please remember to pickup after any uses.

GUEST PARKING REMINDER

With friends and family visiting The Homestead please keep in mind that guest parking spaces are restricted for guests of the property only. If a guest is staying longer than 48 hours, their vehicle must be registered with the management company.